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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MAY 3RD,  
1928, AT 11 a.m.

- PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray and subsequently Lady Gladstone (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, E.W. Morton George, Captain L.H. Green, J.E. Harris, Major J.W. Hills, R.S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, J. de V. Loder, L.R. Lumley, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, W.T. Pritchard, Charles Roberts, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, H.F. Shaw, the Hon. Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.
102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Professor Philip Baker, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lt. Com. Kenworthy, Mrs. Layton, Miss Constance Smith, Raymond Unwin, H.D. Watson and Lord Queenborough.
103. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on April 19th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.
104. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 30th April, 1928, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £1,354.6s.0d.  
The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on 30th April, 1927, was £2,775.2s.3d.
105. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SIX. The Committee considered the Chairman's Report of the Committee of Six, and after discussion it was
- RESOLVED: "That subject to the substitution of the word 'reminder' for the word 'warning' in the last paragraph of section 3(c), the Report be approved."
- The Vice-Chairman reported that he had recently interviewed the Foreign Secretary who had expressed the view that the Prime Minister would be willing to receive a deputation from the League of Nations Union. It had been suggested that this deputation should not be open to the Press but that a record should be kept of the proceedings in order that a published statement of the Government's attitude towards the Union could be put before the members of the Union.
- It was further reported that Mr. Hudson and Mr. Lumley had seen the Foreign Secretary and it was
- RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Lumley for their action in this matter."
- It was also
- RESOLVED: "That the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Committee of Six and especially to Professor Gilbert Murray for bringing an arduous task to a successful conclusion."
- The Committee then considered a memorandum on the relations of the Executive Committee to the officials of the Union, submitted by the Committee of Six. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the memorandum be approved, amended as attached."

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106. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated April 26th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (33) Recognition of Branches; (34) Public Meetings; (35) France and the Kellogg Proposals; (36) Lord Grey on the Kellogg Proposals; (37) Model Treaty for the Pacific Settlement of all Disputes between League Members; (38) L.N.U. Birthday Meeting; (39) Ratification of Conventions; (40) Plays and Pageants; (41) Branch Resolutions; (42) Whitsun Holidays; (43) Committee of Six.

On Minute 38 - L.N.U. Birthday Meeting. It was reported that the Queen's Hall had been booked for this meeting for the evening of October 18th, 1928.

On Minute 39 - Ratification of Conventions. It was suggested that the Sub-Committee to consider the ratification of Conventions (See Minute 21 of the Management Committee of February 23rd, 1928) should meet at an early date.

- (b) RELIGIONS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 16, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 18th 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (12) Minutes of Literature Sub-Committee; (13) New Member; (14) Co-optations to General Council; (15) New Corporate Members; (16) Public Meeting; (17) Appeal for Signature.

On Minute 16 - Public Meeting - The Committee considered that this Minute could not be clearly understood and it was therefore

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be referred back to the Religions and Ethics Committee for further consideration."

- (c) INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated April 19th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (48) Mr. Samuel Gleave; (49) Notts. Federal Council Industrial Committee; (50) World Economic Conference; (51) Composition of Committee; (52) Lord Burnham; (53) Washington Hours Convention; (54) Frison Labour; (55) Conference on Migration and Accident Prevention; (56) Hague Conference and Ninth Annual Meeting of General Council; (57) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (58) Prague Economic Conference; (59) Affiliation; (60) I.L.O. Conference - L.N.U. Party; (61) Co-operative Congress; (62) Trades Union Congress; (63) London Regional Federation; (64) Sixth Boeke Int. Conf; (65) Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society.

On Minute 66 - Date of next meeting. It was suggested that if possible the next meeting of the Industrial Advisory Committee should be held before May 17th, in order that any resolutions which that Committee might desire to submit to the Hague Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, could be drawn up and submitted to the Executive Committee before May 21st.

"to the substitution of G.L. Hopkins's name for the words 'a rep. of the British Legion'"  
(see Min. 112.)

- (d) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 37, the epitome of the Minutes of the Committee dated April 23rd, 1928, was approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (38) Survey of the Union's Publicity; (39) Pamphlets and Leaflets.

- (e) OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the substitution of Mr. Rennie Smith's name for the words "a representative of the N.C.F.W." in the first paragraph of Minute 43(d), and to the inclusion of the names of Lady Violet Bonham Carter and of Miss Currey in the second paragraph of the same minute, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 25th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (39) France and the Kellogg Proposals; (41) Subventions to Peace Societies; (42) Howard League; (43) Plenary Congress at the Hague; (44) Staff of International Federation; (45) Overseas Report; (46) Co-optations to General Council; (47) London International Assembly; (48) Arbitration Conference.

- (f) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 46, which was approved and adopted, consideration of the Minutes of the Committee dated April 25th, 1928, was deferred.
- (g) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Consideration of the Minutes of the Committee dated April 26th, 1928, was deferred.
- (h) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE. Consideration of the Minutes of the Committee dated April 24th, 1928, was deferred.
- (i) FINANCE COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minutes 27, 29, 30, 31 and 33 (which read, not as circulated, but as follows:-

"Lord Queenborough stated that he did not propose to ask the Committee to consider Colonel Fisher's letter (Minute 24 of March 28th) as there was no member of the Finance Committee present besides himself and Dr. Maxwell Garnett".)

consideration of which was deferred until after the next meeting of the Committee, the Minutes of the Committee dated May 1st were approved and adopted; and the resolution in Minute 27 was approved and adopted in the following form:

"To adopt the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account and subsidiary accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1927."

The approved minutes included (28) Financial Statement; (32) Staff; (34) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

In connection with the appointment of Mr. Macartney (Minute No. 32) Dr. Garnett stated that he understood from Mr. Eppstein that if Mr. Wilson were appointed, as proposed by the Committee of Six, and gave at least half his time as a writer in the Press section, that appointment, together with the appointment of Mr. Macartney at £500 a year (£250 Intelligence and £250 Publicity) would sufficiently meet the need for a £200 a year writer referred to in Minute 2(ii) of the Office Committee of March 13th and in section 10(a) of the Publicity "Survey" and the need for additional press service on behalf of arbitration, security and disarmament which would, as far as possible, be paid for out of funds specially subscribed for that purpose.

- (j) OFFICE COMMITTEE. With the exception of Minute 24 (Publicity Committee's Terms of Reference) and Minute 25 (Executive and Management Committees), the Minutes of the Committee dated April 26th and May 1st were approved and adopted.

[ These Minutes included (23) 10s.0d. Membership;  
(26) Staff. ]

107. POSTAL BALLOT. The provisional result of the Postal Ballot was communicated to the Committee. The suggestion that this result be checked by scrutineers to be appointed by the Committee, was not adopted.

108. MR. KELLOGG'S PROPOSALS. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union desires to express its gratitude to His Majesty's Government for the Statement made in the House of Commons on the 30th April by Sir Austen Chamberlain warmly welcoming the proposals of the United States Government that a further joint effort should be made to safeguard the peace of the world, and saying that His Majesty's Government did not doubt that this Franco-American initiative can be brought to a successful issue. The Committee are confident that in making this statement the Government will have the great mass of British opinion behind them."

(b) "That copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and to Lord Cushendun."

109. AUSTRIAN TYROL. Lord Cecil reported that he had received correspondence concerning the alleged oppression exercised by Italy in the Austrian Tyrol. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman or Secretary be asked to make unofficial inquiries at the Foreign Office with regard to this matter."

110. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held on Thursday, May 10th, to consider business adjourned from this meeting."

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CONFIDENTIALRELATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE  
OFFICIALS OF THE UNION.

It is thought that the relative positions of the Executive Committee and of the officials of the Union require closer definition and it is therefore proposed that:-

1. The Chairmen should be responsible to the Executive Committee for carrying out its directions. Where he thinks it desirable he may, with the assent of the Committee, charge some other member with this duty in particular cases (See para.4 below).
2. It should be the duty of the Secretary of the Union to see that the decisions of the Executive Committee, as set out in the Minutes, are carried into effect by the appropriate Committee or officials, and he should be responsible to the Chairman for the performance of this duty. If there is any doubt as to what the decision was, or if it is incomplete, he should take the directions of the Chairman or Reporter as hereafter described.
- X 3. The Secretary of the Union with such clerical assistance as he may require should, and the heads of Departments may, be present at the meetings of the Executive and Management Committees. They should be there to give information if it is asked for but in no case to take part in the debate. Should the Secretary of the Union feel that some point is being overlooked he may, if he thinks it necessary, communicate privately with the Chairman either in writing or sotto-voce. The danger lest the Secretary of the Union should be regarded as responsible for the policy of the Union is unfair to him and otherwise objectionable.
4. With regard to other Committees, some member of each, who is also a Member of the Executive Committee, hereafter referred to as the Reporter, should be asked by his Committee to give any necessary explanation of their recommendations to the Management or Executive Committee as the case may be. The Reporter should, ordinarily, be given the duty of seeing that these decisions, when confirmed by the Executive Committee, are carried into effect as indicated in Paragraphs 1 and 2.
5. Where the Reporter is not also the Chairman of his Committee the latter, even if he is not a member of the Executive Committee, may attend that body's meeting while it is discussing his Committee's proceedings and may speak but not vote.
6. The first duty of the Secretary of the Union is the management of the office. He should also act as Secretary of the Executive Committee. He may, if he thinks necessary but not otherwise, attend meetings of other Committees as well as the official appointed to act as Secretary. The Secretary of the Union should not, however, nor should any other whole-time official, be a member of any of those Committees, nor should they take part in the discussions unless asked to do so.
7. Any Committee may ask for the temporary attendance of any official in order to give them information on any special points.

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8. The Minutes of the Executive Committee and of all other Committees should be drafted by the Secretary of each Committee and should be settled by the Chairman of each Committee after consultation with any other member if he thinks fit.
9. Each Committee shall decide its own quorum, which shall never be less than three.
10. In case of any doubt or difficulty the Chairman of the Executive Committee should decide subject to the control of the Executive Committee.
11. The Office Committee is asked to consider the whole question of the responsibility for Literature issued by the Union, including the Branch Letter, Speakers' Notes and Pamphlets.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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PRESENT: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Lord Cecil, Mr. Hudson, Mrs. Layton, Dr. Delisle Eurns. (Later Mr. Salmon took the place of Dr. Delisle Eurns and Mr. Worsley that of Mrs. Layton).

After a frank and informal interchange of views on the whole subject referred to them, and after consultation with the Secretary, Mr. Eppstein and Mr. Arnold Forster, the Committee agree on the following statements of principle:-

1. There is no suggestion that the Union should change its policy, as laid down by the General Council, nor abate its energies. It should, however, be careful not to neglect its general educational campaign about the work of the League as a whole.
2. The Union has often before differed on particular points of policy from the Government of the day. It has, indeed, had difficulties at times with all parties. However, by remembering its national and non-partisan character, by always stating its views in studiously unprovocative language and avoiding any attack on those who take other views, it has hitherto weathered its troubles successfully. Its present differences from the Conservative Government about the extension of Arbitration are not in themselves peculiarly large or deep, but are in danger of being exaggerated owing to special and temporary circumstances. For example, the fact that our President has resigned from the Government and that the majority of the Union presumably agrees with its President; the approach of a General Election; the inevitable prospect that the Opposition parties will use both Lord Cecil's resignation and parts of the Union's literature as elements in their attack on the Government. Consequently the Committee feel that, while the actual conduct of the Union and its principal speakers has been both careful and correct, the utmost care must be taken to prevent the spread of a false impression that the Union is acting in the interests of any political party — a course which would be abhorrent to the Executive and scarcely compatible with the terms of our Charter.
3. The Committee therefore recommend:
  - (a) That the work hitherto done by the "Disarmament Campaign Committee" be hereafter carried out in the way suggested in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 below.
  - (b) That full opportunity be given in the Union's publications for the statement of the views differing from ours on points at issue between us and the Government: e.g. that a discussion on the Optional Clause and similar points be arranged in HEADWAY; that the Union put the newly published volume of Sir Austen Chamberlain's speeches on its special list of books; that the Prime Minister be asked to receive a deputation from the Union, and that any speech that he or the Foreign Secretary may make to the Deputation be given the fullest publicity in Union channels.
  - (c) That a letter be composed, to be sent regularly to Chairmen and Speakers of meetings and speakers not familiar with the Union's methods, reminding them that the Union has received a Royal Charter as a non-party organisation, and urging upon them the necessity of expounding the Union policy in a positive and

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constructive way while abstaining from any such criticism of other policies as might possibly have the appearance of a party attack. ~~It~~  
(It is suggested that this ~~action~~ might take two forms: a statement on the cover of Speakers' Notes, and a common form letter to Speakers and Chairmen.)

4. In considering what would be the best organization for carrying on that part of the work of the League of Nations Union which concerns International Arbitration, Security and Disarmament, the Committee desire to place on record their great appreciation of the work done by Mr. Arnold Forster and his assistants in this connection. Mr. Forster's ability, devotion and fairness of mind are beyond praise and it is a matter of great regret that the term for which he agreed to serve the Union should have come to an end. The Committee gratefully acknowledge Mr. Forster's offer to place his skill and knowledge at the disposal of the Union for literary work and feel sure that this offer will be gladly accepted by the Executive Committee. They also hope that the valuable services of Mr. Wilson will continue to be available to the Union as suggested later.
5. With the departure of Mr. Arnold Forster his department will come to an end, and the Committee do not think it necessary at present that a successor to him should be appointed. They also think that the word "campaign" should be dropped. The Committee are, however, of opinion that the International Disarmament Campaign Committee should not be abolished but that its name should be changed to that of the International Arbitration, Security and Disarmament Committee, and that one or two additional members should be appointed to it. Its function should be to advise the Executive Committee on those subjects and supervise the public presentation of the Union policy thereon as set out in the Council resolutions. Since its work will involve close co-operation with the Publicity Committee it is thought that it would be convenient that the Secretary of that Committee, Mr. Epstein, should also be the Secretary of the I.A.S.D. Committee so as to prevent overlapping and to secure the fullest energy and efficiency in explaining and recommending the Union's policy to the country.
6. Miss Tynan and Mr. Stainton should continue to discharge their present duties and as the work develops it may be necessary to increase further the staff of the Publicity department. In the meantime Mr. Wilson should be transferred to it.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, CROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MAY 10TH,  
1928, AT 11 a.m. B

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Captain W. Appleby, Rt. Hon. G. M. Barnes, C. Delisle Burns, Lord Cecil, L. J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Vice-Admiral S. R. Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, E. W. Morton George, Lady Gladstone, Captain L. E. Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, R. S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Lt. Com. Kenworthy, L. R. Lumley, Captain H. Macmillan, Sir Walter Napier, W. T. Fritchard, Mrs. Walter Runciman, W. J. Salmon, Henry Vivian, H. D. Watson, Herbert Worsley and L. M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

111. APCOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Professor Philip Baker, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Major Hills, Miss Constance Smith and Mr. Raymond Unwin.

112. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 106(e), the Minutes of the meeting held on May 3rd, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

Minute 106(e) - Overseas Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'and to the substitution of Colonel Crosfield's name for the words 'a representative of the British Legion'" be inserted after the words 'the N.C.F.W.' in line three of this Minute."

On Minute 107 - Postal Ballot inquiries were made concerning the cost of carrying out the Ballot. The Secretary undertook to report the approximate figure at the next meeting."

113. KELLOGG PROPOSALS. It was reported that inquiries had been received from Branches concerning the desirability of co-operating with other bodies, in particular the Anglo-American Women's Campaign, in organising or assisting in meetings in support of the Kellogg Proposals.

The Chairman said that it seemed desirable for the Union vigorously to support the proposals on its own initiative and by co-operating with other bodies. He did not think that any differences of policy would become apparent between the organisations thus engaged.

After considerable discussion, on the motion of Mr. Henry Vivian, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman and Lord Cecil be asked to draw up a statement on the Kellogg Proposals for inclusion in the next issue of SPEAKERS' NOTES."

114. MEMORANDUM OF THE RELATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE OFFICIALS OF THE UNION. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'and Intelligence memoranda' be added to paragraph 11."

115. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending 7th May, 1928, shewed a Bank Balance to date amounting to £1,544.9s.1d.

The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on 7th May, 1927, was £2,255.4s.9d.



It was then

RESOLVED: "That the cordial congratulations of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Lord Queenborough on one of the most satisfactory financial years yet experienced by the League of Nations Union."

116. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 216, 217 and 220 of May 1st, 1928, the Minutes of the Committee dated April 24th, and May 1st, 1928, were approved and adopted.

✓ These Minutes included (208) Finance; (209) Publicity; (210) Forms of Undertaking; (211) Lantern Slides; (212) Arbitration Conference; (213) Resolution for Federation of League of Nations Societies; (214) Non-Combatants in War; (215) Joint Meetings with the World Alliance; (216) Minutes (Joint Meetings with W.A.); (217) Resolutions for International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (218) Finance; (219) Publicity; (220) Forms of Undertaking; (221) Lantern Slides; (222) Festival of Youth; (223) Concrete Proposals for International Disarmament; (224) Tyne District Council; (225) Women's Peace Council; (226) British Airships; (227) H.M. Government and Mr. Kellogg's Proposals. ✓

Minute 216 (Minutes) Joint Meetings with World Alliance. It was

RESOLVED: "That the I.A.S.D. Committee be asked to redraft this Minute and that it be sent to the Christian Organisations Committee for their observations."

Minute 217 - Resolutions for International Federation of League of Nations Societies. It was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'provided always that it is made clear in the negotiations that there is nothing in the proposed treaty inconsistent with the obligations of the Covenant' be omitted from the fourth paragraph of Resolution 'B'."

Minute 220 - Forms of Undertaking. It was

RESOLVED: "That the I.A.S.D. Committee be asked to reconsider the statement in this Minute concerning membership resulting from Forms of Undertaking."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the warmest thanks of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Mr. W. Arnold-Forster for his valuable services to the Union in connection with the International Disarmament Campaign."

(b) TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated April 25th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (51) Letter to Dr. Scott Lidgett; (52) Prostitution in Federated Malay States; (53) Chairman's Report on Federation Meeting; (54) Secretary's Report on Recent Meeting in Geneva; (55) Information for Delegation re work for the suppression of the Traffic; (56) Speakers' Notes; (57) Addition to Paragraph to Resolution concerning "Souteneur".

Sir Arthur Haworth said that he had attended a Free Trade Hall meeting in memory of Mrs. Josephine Butler in Manchester at which the Bishop of Manchester, Dame Rachel Crowley and Mr. Studdert Kennedy spoke. References to the work of the League of Nations for the suppression of the traffic in women and children had been enthusiastically received.

Lady Gladstone reported that she had attended the Josephine Butler Memorial Service at Westminster Abbey on behalf of the League of Nations Union.

- (c) CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated April 25th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (45) Junior Membership Scheme; (47) Arrangements for following up Albert Hall Meeting; (48) London Regional Federation; (49) Church Congress for 1928; (50) Wesley Guilds and Corporate Membership; (51) Christian Endeavour Societies and Corporate Membership; (52) Resolution of Free Church Council; (53) Sunday School Lessons; (54) Applications for Corporate Membership; (55) Co-optations to General Council.

- (d) EDUCATION COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated April 26th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (34) Co-optation of Education Representatives to the Council; (35) List of Meetings; (36) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (37) War Film Questionnaire for Children; (38) Officers' Training Corps in Schools and Colleges; (39) Books and Pamphlets for Teachers and Children; (40) Schoolboys' Own Exhibition; (41) Reception to Overseas Teachers; (42) Miss Henson; (43) Visit of British Educationists to Poland.

- (e) LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated April 27th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (4) Concrete Proposals for International Disarmament.

- (f) FINANCE COMMITTEE. Consideration of Minutes 27, 29, 30 and 31 of May 1st, 1928, was deferred.

- (g) PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Minute 37 - Functions and Procedure of the Publicity Committee. The Committee accepted this Minute for Reference only in considering Minute 24 of the Office Committee of May 1st, 1928.

- (h) OFFICE COMMITTEE. (May 1st 1928)

Minute 24 - Publicity Committee's Terms of Reference. This Minute was approved and adopted.

See Min. 124 ←

Minute 25 - Executive and Management Committees.  
After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That subject to further consideration of the words in brackets the amended plan be approved as follows:-

- I The League of Nations Union has grown so much in size and importance that some adjustment of work is necessary. A distinction should be made between questions of routine and questions of policy.
- II The Executive Committee should undertake policy. The Management Committee should undertake routine.
- III ~~The~~ Executive Committee should meet on the second and fourth Thursdays. The Chairman should have power to call special meetings whenever he thought it advisable, and, in particular, should always do so at the request of any substantial number of members of the Executive. Its business should be:-
  - (a) Its own Minutes
  - (b) Management Committee's Minutes. In examining these, the Executive should refrain from raising questions other than those of policy and no questions should be raised on the Management Committee's minutes except after prior notice in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Union.
  - (c) Questions of policy.
  - (d) Urgent minutes of other committees.
- IV ~~The~~ Management Committee should consist of all the members of the Executive. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive should be Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex officio of the Management Committee also.
- V The Management Committee should meet on Thursdays when the Executive does not meet. Its business would be:-
  - (a) Report from Executive and matters arising out of its own minutes.
  - (b) Reports of Sub-Committees. In dealing with those Reports the Management Committee should consider any point brought before it by the Reporter and any point specifically raised by any member of the Committee but should not go through the Minutes of the Sub-Committee paragraph by paragraph.
  - (c) The management of the Union including questions raised by the Branches, but excluding questions of policy.

117. RESOLUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL. Consideration of the Resolutions to be submitted to the Ninth Annual Meeting of the General Council was deferred.
118. INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS, WARSAW. It was reported that the Union had been invited to send delegates to the 26th International Peace Congress to be held at Warsaw, 25th-29th June, 1928. It was
- RESOLVED: "That consideration of this invitation be deferred till the next meeting of the Committee."
119. CO-OPTATION OF MEMBERS TO THE I.A.S.D.COMMITTEE. It was
- RESOLVED: "That Mr.R.S.Hudson and Mr.L.R.Lumley be invited to become members of the I.A.S.D. Committee."
120. HANLEY AND MARYLEBONE EYE-ELECTIONS. Consideration of the report of Marylebone Eye-Election was deferred at the request of Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe.
- The Committee considered the report of the Hanley Eye-Election and in view of its unsatisfactory nature suggested that steps should be taken to improve the Union's organisation in this district.
- Mr. R.S.Hudson suggested that, particularly during a General Election, legal difficulties might be encountered in connection with League of Nations Union meetings attended by Parliamentary candidates of the three Parties. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the Union's Honorary Solicitor be consulted about this matter."
121. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest the Resolutions from the Camberwell Green Branch, Wembley Branch, Hazel Grove Branch and Wanstead Branch.
122. PROCEDURE UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE COVENANT. It was suggested that this document be submitted to the Hague Plenary Congress. It was
- RESOLVED: "That consideration of this suggestion be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MAY 17TH,  
1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, J.H. Harris, R.S.Hudson, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Lt.Com. J.M.Kenworthy, J. de V.Loder, L.R.Lumley, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, F.G.Penman, W.T. Pritchard, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, H.F.Shaw, Raymond Unwin, H.D.Watson, The Hon.Mrs.Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

123. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Professor Baker, Captain W. Appleby, L.J.Cadbury, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Miss Constance Smith and Sir Willoughby Dickinson.
124. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 116(h)25, the Minutes of the meeting held on May 10th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

Minute 116(h)25 - Executive and Management Committees.  
After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the plan for the division of work between the Executive and Management Committees be approved as follows:-

- I The League of Nations Union has grown so much in size and importance that some adjustment of work is necessary. A distinction should be made between questions of routine and questions of policy.
- II The Executive Committee should undertake policy. The Management Committee should undertake routine.
- III The Executive Committee should meet on the second and fourth Thursdays experimentally for six months. The Chairman should have power to call special meetings whenever he thought it advisable, and, in particular, should always do so at the request of any substantial number of members of the Executive. Its business should be:-
- (a) Its own Minutes;
- See Min. 152* (b) Management Committee's Minutes. In examining these, the Executive should refrain as far as possible from raising questions other than those of policy and no questions should in any case be raised on the Management Committee's minutes except after prior notice in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Union.
- (c) Questions of policy.
- (d) Urgent minutes of other committees.
- IV The Management Committee should consist of all the members of the Executive. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive should be Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex officio of the Management Committee also.
- V The Management Committee should meet on Thursdays when the Executive does not meet. Its business would be:-

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- (a) Report from Executive and matters arising out of its own minutes.
- (b) Reports of Sub-Committees. In dealing with those Reports the Management Committee should consider any point brought before it by the Reporter and any point specifically raised by any member of the Committee but should not go through the Minutes of the Sub-Committee paragraph by paragraph.
- (c) The management of the Union including questions raised by the Branches, but excluding questions of policy."

The proposals of the Vice-Chairman to the effect that the Management Committee should consist of fifteen persons and that the Executive Committee should meet once a month were carefully considered but not adopted.

On Minute 112 (106(e)) Overseas Committee it was reported that Colonel Crossfield was unable to attend the Hague Plenary Congress as one of the Union's delegates and that he had nominated Mr. J.R. Griffin to attend in his place. It was

RESOLVED: "That this nomination be accepted."

On Minute 116(b) - Traffic in Women and Children Committee Mr J.R. Harris drew attention to the fact that a Conference of voluntary societies for the suppression of the traffic in women and children was to be held in Geneva in September, 1928. It was

RESOLVED: "That particulars of this Conference be submitted to the appropriate sub-committee of the Union for consideration."

125. CHINA AND JAPAN. The Committee noted with approval the Union's Interim Statement, issued 12.5.28., on "China's Appeal to the League."

126. PENAL REFORM. The Committee reconsidered the following Minute (36) of the Overseas Committee of 28.3.28:-

"That Miss Eaton be informed that as a resolution had already been passed on the subject at the XIth Plenary Congress at Berlin in 1927, the Union regretted that it could not see its way to raise the matter again at The Hague."

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be approved but that the Union's delegation to The Hague Plenary Congress be asked to ascertain whether the Canadian delegation or a delegation from any other country would be willing to take up the question of Penal Reform as a matter of international importance, and to urge their Government to get the matter raised at the next meeting of the Assembly."

127. LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND THE SCHOOLS. The Committee approved the following resolution for submission to The Hague Plenary Congress:-

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"This Plenary Congress

Calls upon the national societies to reconsider the various resolutions which have been adopted by past Plenary Congresses on the subject of the League of Nations and the schools and to submit a report as to the extent to which these resolutions have so far been carried into effect in the respective countries."

128. PROCEDURE UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE COVENANT. The Committee approved the following resolutions for submission to the Hague Plenary Congress:-

"This Plenary Congress

Commends to the favourable consideration of the national societies the proposals contained in the annexed paper concerning "Procedure\*" in cases brought before the Assembly of the League of Nations under Article 19 of the Covenant".

[\*Circulated to the Executive Committee 5.12.27.]

129. BRITISH AND AMERICAN WOMEN'S CRUSADE. The Chairman read a letter from Miss K.D. Courtney of the Women's International League. On the motion of the Chairman and seconded by Lord Cecil, it was

RESOLVED: "That the League of Nations Union should co-operate with the British-American Women's Crusade in supporting the Kellogg Proposals."

Lord Cecil then read the draft of a statement on the Kellogg Proposals for inclusion in Speakers' Notes and transmission to Branches, which was approved by the Committee.

130. DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER OF LABOUR. On the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Henley be invited to accompany the Union's deputation to the Minister of Labour."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
At 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH,  
1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Professor Philip Baker, Lady Violet Bonham-  
Carter, L.J.Cadbury, Lord Henry Bentinck,  
Lord Cecil, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral  
Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, E.W.Morton George,  
Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth,  
R.S.Hudson, Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, Rt.  
Hon.Leif Jones, J. de V.Loder, L.R.Lumley,  
Lord Lytton, Captain H.Macmillan, Sir Walter  
Napier, R.G.Penman, W.T.Pritchard, Charles  
Roberts, W.J.Salmon, E.D.Watson, the Hon.  
Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch  
together with the Deputy Secretary.

131. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Colonel David Carnegie, Lady Gledstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lt.Com.Kenworthy, Major F.W.Hills, Miss Constance Smith, H.F.Shaw, Raymond Unwin and Henry Vivian.
132. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendments to Minute 124 (166h,25 III(b)) and (116b), and decision upon Minute 129, the Minutes of the meeting held on May 17th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 124(116h,25,III(b)) - Executive and Management Committees, it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph III(b) of the plan for the division of work between the Executive and Management Committees should read as follows:

'Management Committee's Minutes. In examining these, no questions, other than those of policy, should in any case be raised except after prior notice in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Union.' "

On Minute 124(116b) - Traffic in Women and Children Committee, it was reported that this was not a correct record, that the preamble to the Minute should read:-  
"Mr. J.H.Harris drew attention to the fact that a Conference of voluntary societies to discuss industrial employment of juveniles, was to be held in Geneva in September, 1928."

On Minute 129 - British-American Women's Crusade, it was reported that Branches of the Union would probably be holding joint meetings with the British-American Women's Crusade in support of the Kellogg Proposals. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the Resolution on the Agenda paper for the General Council, submitted by the Keyworth Branch, and suggested that this was the type of resolution which should be proposed at such meetings. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That no resolutions proposed by the British-American Women's Crusade, for submission to meetings in the organisation of which Branches of the Union might be involved, should be drawn up without the assistance and final approval of the Executive Committee of the Union."



133. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S MINUTES. The Committee considered Minutes of the meetings of the Management Committee held on May 17th and 24th, 1928. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 46c, these Minutes were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (45) Reports of Committees; (46) Annual Meeting of General Council (a) Resolutions - (b) Draft Annual Report - (c) Officers and Members of the Council; (47) International Peace Congress, Warsaw; (48) Marylebone Eye-Election; (51) Financial Statement; (52) Reports of Committees; (53) Publicity for Arbitration Conference; (54) Recognition of Branches; (55) Report of Public Meetings; (56) Annual Meeting of the General Council; (57) Branch Resolutions.

Minute 46c - Officers and Members of the Council. On the motion of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED: "That the President of the Welsh National Council of the League of Nations Union (Sir Harry Reichel), the President of the London Regional Federation (The Rev. Canon F.L. Donaldson), the President of the County Federal Councils of the League of Nations Union (His Grace the Duke of Devonshire (Derbyshire), the Rt. Hon. the Lord Lambourne (Essex), Sir Arthur Grey Hazlerigg (Leicester), the Most Hon. the Marquess of Exeter (Northants), His Grace the Duke of Portland (Nottinghamshire), the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Cobham (Worcestershire), the Rev. Elvet Lewis, Mr. H.N. Gladstone and Mrs. Peter Hughes-Griffiths, be invited to become members of the Council under Eye-Law 6(iii), together with Mr. A.R. Rhys Pryce and the Rev. Gwilym Davies under Eye-Law 6(iv)."

On Minute 52(a)23(a)&(b), it was reported that Professor Delisle Burns had expressed himself willing to serve on the Library Committee but that he would prefer to act as Deputy Reporter rather than Reporter. It was also reported that Admiral Drury-Lowe was willing to serve on the Library Committee. It was then

RESOLVED: "That Admiral Drury-Lowe be asked to act as Reporter for the Library Committee and Professor Delisle Burns as Deputy Reporter."

4. QUESTIONS OF POLICY SUBMITTED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

- (a) The Committee considered Minutes 70 (Prison Labour), 74 (Washington Hours Convention - Deputation), 75 (Twelfth Plenary Congress - The Hague July 2nd), 78(b) (Washington Hours Convention Resolution for General Council) of the meeting of the Industrial Advisory Committee held on May 17th, 1928.

Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 74, 75 and 78(b), these Minutes were approved and adopted.

On Minute 74 - Washington Hours Convention - Deputation, it was

RESOLVED: (i) "That arrangements for the deputation be pressed forward and that a formal letter be written to the Minister of Labour asking for a date on which the deputation could be received."

(ii) "That Captain Loder be asked to discuss this matter with the Minister of Labour."

Lord Lytton reported that his motion, concerning the Washington Hours Convention, was still on the Paper in the House of Lords and that he would bring it forward if, and when, the Executive Committee thought fit.

It seemed desirable that either the deputation to the Minister of Labour or a Debate in the House of Lords should take place before the meetings of the XIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies on July 2nd.

Minute 75 - XIIth Plenary Congress of the Hague - Washington Hours Convention. It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be not adopted but that the Union's delegation to The Hague be granted liberty of action in this matter and that they be recommended merely to re-affirm the Executive Committee's disapproval of the proposal for revision."

On Minute 78(b) - General Council, June 20th-23rd, Washington Hours Convention Resolution, it was

RESOLVED: "That a Resolution re-affirming the Executive Committee's disapproval of revision be proposed at the General Council Meeting."

- (b) The Committee considered and approved Minutes 54 (Howard League) and 57 (Communications from the League and the I.L.O) of the meeting of the Overseas Committee held on May 23rd, 1928.
- (c) The Committee considered Resolutions for the General Council on the Austrian Tyrol (Executive Committee) and Parliamentary Candidates (Liverpool and Merseyside District). On the motion of Captain Loder and seconded by Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: "That the Resolution on the Austrian Tyrol be amended to read as follows:-

'In view of the assurance given by the Representatives of the Italian Government on the faith of which the Allied and Associated Powers assigned the South Tyrol to Italy, and of the recommendation unanimously passed by the Third Assembly, that the nations not bound by the Minority Treaties should observe toward their alien minorities at least as high a standard of justice and toleration as is required by the Treaties; the General Council of the League of Nations Union respectfully desires to represent to His Majesty's Government the disquiet which is felt at the persistent reports that these assurances and recommendations are not being fulfilled in respect of the alien minority in the Alto Adige"

The Committee noted with interest the Liverpool and Merseyside District's resolution on Parliamentary Candidates together with an amendment proposed by the Essex Federal Council. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Liverpool and Merseyside District be asked to withdraw this resolution in view of the fact that it is the practice of the Union to set up a special committee before each General Election for the purpose of circularising all Branches and urging them to do everything possible to ensure the return of only those candidates who are in active sympathy with the League of Nations."

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(d) The Committee noted with interest Resolutions from the Oxford Branch and the Society of Friends, Norwich Branch and the County Hall (London) Branch.

135. DEPUTATION TO PRIME MINISTER. It was reported that the Chairman had written to the Prime Minister with a view to fixing a date, preferably in the last week of June, for the Union's deputation. No answer had yet been received.
136. COMMUNICATION FROM THE WORLD ALLIANCE. It was reported that a communication had been received from the World Alliance asking the Union to circulate resolutions, passed by the British Council of the World Alliance on the Outlawry of War, to Corporate Members of the Union. It was

RESOLVED: "That this Resolution be not circulated to Corporate Members but that it be printed, if possible, in the next issue of HEADWAY."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 14TH, 1928, AT 12 NOON.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir W.H. Dickinson, Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, E.W. Morton George, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Lt. Com. Kenworthy, L.R. Lumley, Sir Walter Napier, F.G. Fenman, W.T. Ditchard, W.J. Salmon, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

137. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered in behalf of Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, L.J. Cadbury, Captain L.H. Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Lord Queenborough, H.F. Shaw, Henry Vivian, H.D. Watson and Raymond Unwin.

138. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 132(129) and 134(74)(1) and (2), the Minutes of the meeting held on June 7th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 132(129) - British-American Women's Crusade, it was recommended that the terms of this Minute should apply to resolutions which might be proposed at the Conference on Anglo-American Relations, arranged by the National Council for Prevention of War, on July 5th, as well as to meetings held in connection with the British-American Women's Crusade. It was

RESOLVED: "That this recommendation be adopted."

On Minute 134 (74) (1) and (2) - Washington Hours Convention - Deputation, it was reported that the Minister of Labour had consented to receive a deputation from the Union at 2.30 p.m. on June 19th. Several members of the deputation stated that this date would be most inconvenient for them and it was therefore

RESOLVED: "That attempts be made to change the date of the deputation, if possible, postponing it until after the International Labour Conference."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That Lord Henry Bentinck be asked to join this deputation."

On Minute 135 - Deputation to Prime Minister, it was reported that the Prime Minister, together with the Foreign Secretary, had agreed to receive a deputation from the Executive Committee of the Union on Tuesday, June 26th, 1928, at 5 p.m.

139. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. The Minutes of the Committee held on June 7th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

140. QUESTIONS OF POLICY SUBMITTED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

(a) State Sovereignty and the League of Nations. The Committee considered Minute 51 of the Revision of the Covenant Committee dated June 12th, 1928, it was

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RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegate to the Federation's special Sub-Committee on State Sovereignty and the League of Nations be asked to inform the special Sub-Committee that he has no instructions from the Executive Committee of the Union, but that - except in regard to sub-paragraph 4 of the draft resolutions proposed at Brussels with which sub-paragraph the Union was in full agreement - the Union desires that any report which might be formulated upon the sub-committee and considered by the Plenary Congress at The Hague should be referred to the constituent societies for their observations and be reconsidered, in the light of these observations, by the Thirteenth Plenary Congress before being adopted."

- (b) Report of Committee on Ratification of Conventions. Subject to certain verbal alterations the Committee approved and adopted the Report of the Committee on the Ratification of Conventions. It was

RESOLVED: "That copies of the Report be sent to The Hague for the information of delegates to the XIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation."

P.M.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

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5.7.28.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH,  
1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Henry Bentinck, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, J.H.Harris, Sir Charles Hothouse, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Mrs. W.T.Layton, Lord Queenborough, W.J.Salmon, Miss Constance Smith together with the Secretary.

141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Captain W. Appleby, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, Miss Ruth Fry, Lt.Com.J.M.Kenworthy, Lord Lytton, Lady Selborne, Henry Vivian and Lady Gladstone.
142. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on June 14th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 136 - British-American Women's Crusade.  
Letters were reported from Miss Fry and Miss Courtney.

143. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. The Minutes of the Management Committee held on June 14th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

On Minute 73(70) - Mr.Henry Vivian, it was reported that Mr. Henry Vivian's health had greatly improved.

144. CO-OPTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the following 15 persons be co-opted to the Executive Committee:-

E.W.Morton George	Charles Roberts
Capt.L.H.Green	A.L.Shepherd,M.P.
Lady Hall	W.J.Salmon
Rt.S.Hudson,M.P.	H.D.Watson
J. de V.Loder,M.P.	The Hon.Mrs.Wilson-Fox
L.R.Dumley,M.P.	Herbert Worsley
Capt. H.Macmillan,M.P.	L.M.Wynch
Sir Walter Napier	

It was further

RESOLVED: "That Alderman Ben Turner, J.P. be invited to become a member of the Executive Committee."

Consideration of further co-optations was adjourned till the next meeting of the Committee.

145. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered resolutions adopted by the Ninth Annual Meeting of the General Council.

A.UNION AFFAIRS.

5. Postal Ballot. Sir Charles Hothouse gave notice that, at the next meeting of the Committee, he would move that the result of the Postal Ballot for 1929 be published.

6. Finance. The Chairman reported that the proposal that the Council should authorise the Executive Committee to urge Branches to lend to Headquarters, free of interest, until October, any balances they might have and were not likely to require in the meanwhile, had been unanimously adopted and that delegates attending the Council Meeting had made provisional promises of £1,200 on loan to Headquarters.

9. Provision of Speakers. It was pointed out that more speakers, expert in particular League subjects, were needed, as it was becoming increasingly difficult to interest audiences in general addresses on the League. *See Min. 83*

11. Expenses of Members of the Executive Committee. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that this resolution had been incorrectly recorded and that the last four lines should read:-

"...and therefore directs the Executive Committee to inquire into the proposal that the following rate of expenses per member should be permissible as a charge against Headquarters' funds....."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be submitted to the Office Committee for consideration and report." #

13(a). League of Nations Celebration. It was

RESOLVED: "That this Resolution be submitted to the Office Committee for consideration and report."

13(b). League of Nations Sunday. It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be submitted to the Office Committee, the Christian Organisations Committee and the Religions and Ethics Committee for consideration and report."

14. League of Nations Prayer. It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be submitted to the Christian Organisations Committee and the Religions and Ethics Committee for consideration and report."

15. Parliamentary Candidates. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this resolution be deferred till the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

16. Armistice Day. It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be reported to the Education Committee."

B. LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

1. Outlawry of War. The Committee expressed approval of this resolution and, at the request of Mrs. Layton, also considered the following resolution drawn up by the British-American Women's Crusade:-

'This meeting of the members of the British-American Women's Crusade welcomes the general support accorded by H.M. Government to the proposal made by the United States of America for a multi-lateral treaty between the principal Powers of the World, open to signature by all nations for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy in favour of the pacific settlement of international disputes.

This meeting, however, urges upon the Government that the proposed treaty be accepted without reservations, seeing that it is clear that it would in no way conflict with our obligations under the Covenant of the League and the Locarno Treaty. It believes that such acceptance would clear the way both for the general reduction of armaments and for the extension of all-inclusive pacific settlement."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution be approved for submission to joint meetings which might be organised by the Branches of the League of Nations Union and the British-American Women's Crusade."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That Mrs. W.T. Layton, Miss K.D. Courtney and the Hon. Mrs. Wilson-Fox be asked to attend meetings of the Council of the British-American Women's Crusade, and to keep the Executive Committee informed of the progress of that movement."

3. South Tyrol. It was

RESOLVED: "That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister and to other political leaders"

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegation to the Hague be asked to bring this resolution to the notice of the XIIIth Plenary Congress of the Federation."

4. League Secretariat. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to consider how best to approach Lord Cushendun and Sir Austen Chamberlain privately on this matter."

C. INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

1. Washington Hours Convention. It was

RESOLVED: "That this Resolution be submitted to the Industrial Advisory Committee for consideration and report."



146. MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe said that it would be desirable if in future as many members of the Executive Committee as possible would make efforts to attend the annual meeting of the General Council.

Lord Cecil suggested that it might be more convenient to hold the annual meeting of the Council in London and the December meeting in the provinces or, alternatively, to hold the annual meeting in London in December and the half-yearly business meeting in the provinces in June.

Professor Baker suggested that it would be advisable to fix a regular date for the annual meeting of the Council. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That these suggestions be referred to the Office Committee for consideration and report."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That Lady Selborne be asked to submit any observations she might care to make on this subject."

147. DEPUTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER. The Chairman reported that the deputation to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had taken place on Tuesday, June 26th, and gave a brief resume of the proceedings. It was reported that a summary of the proceedings would be issued to the Press as soon as possible and that Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech would be published in HEADWAY.
148. RESOLUTION FROM THE NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS. The Committee noted with interest the resolution from the National Union of Teachers, and it was
- RESOLVED: "That this resolution be acknowledged with thanks."
149. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest resolutions from the Bradford District Council and the East Kent Branches.
150. MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION. The Chairman read a letter from the Harrogate Branch in which it was suggested that letters should be sent to M. Briand and Herr Stresemann, expressing the congratulations of the Union on their recovery from illness and appreciation of the work which they are doing for international peace. It was
- RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be not adopted but that it be submitted to the XIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies."
151. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was reported that, owing to meetings of the Hague Plenary Congress, there would not be a meeting of the Management Committee on Thursday, July 5th, and that the next meeting of the Executive Committee would be held on Thursday, July 12th, 1928.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

C.13  
18.7.28.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
JULY 12TH, 1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Professor Baker, Captain W.Appleby, C.Delisle Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, Rt.Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, E.W.Morton George, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S.Hudson, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Mrs. W.T.Layton, Capt. H.Macmillan, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Queenborough, Mrs.Walter Runciman, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, H.D.Watson, The Hon.Mrs.Wilson-Fox, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

152. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of the Chairman, L.F.Cadbury, J. de V.Loder, L.R.Lumley, Charles Roberts, Ben Turner and Henry Vivian.

153. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 144, 145(II), 145(C.1) and amendment to 145(9), the Minutes of the meeting held on June 28th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 144 - Co-optations to the Committee, it was reported that Alderman Ben Turner had accepted the invitation to serve on the Executive Committee.

It was further reported that there were four more vacancies which could be filled by co-optations.

After considerable discussion, in the course of which Lady Selborne suggested that the four places should be filled by a postal ballot of the Executive Committee and Sir Willoughby Dickinson suggested that a special Committee of Selection should be given power to fill the vacancies, it was

RESOLVED: "That a Selection Committee, consisting of Lady Gladstone, Professor Delisle Burns and the Vice-Chairman be appointed to consider the names already discussed by the Committee and other names which members of the Executive may send to the Secretary of the Union; and that this Selection Committee recommend three persons to the Executive Committee for co-optation at their next meeting."

On Minute 145(9) - Provision of Speakers, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'as it was becoming increasingly difficult to interest audiences in general addresses on the League' be omitted."

On Minute 145(11) - Expenses of Members of the Executive Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution adopted by the General Council concerning the expenses of Council Representatives should be submitted to the Office Committee for consideration and report together with the resolution of the Council concerning the expenses of members of the Executive Committee."

On Minute 145(B.4) - League Secretariat, it was reported that the Chairman was drawing up a paper on this subject and after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Vice-Chairman be asked to communicate with the Chairman on this matter and in the event of the Chairman being unable to proceed further on account of his absence from London, that the Vice-Chairman be asked to approach Lord Cushendun and Sir Austen Chamberlain privately in this connection."

The following resolution on this subject, passed by the XIIth Plenary Congress of the Federation at The Hague, was then reported to the Committee:-

"The Plenary Congress considers that the permanent officers of the League of Nations, and in particular the members of the Secretariat, should in fact be recruited in accordance with the provisions of the Covenant under the sole responsibility of the Secretary-General with the approval of the Council; and that no national Government should interfere with the stability or independence of the position, or the rights to promotion, of any officer of the Secretariat."

On Minute 145(C.1) Washington Hours Convention, the Vice-Chairman reported that the Union's deputation had visited the Minister of Labour on Tuesday, July 10th, and that Lord Lytton, Lord Cecil, Captain Green and Mr. Poulton had delivered excellent speeches; but that the reply of the Minister of Labour could not be considered satisfactory. It was

RESOLVED: "That in view of the unsatisfactory result of the Union's deputation to the Minister of Labour, Lord Lytton be asked to proceed with his motion on the Washington Hours Convention in the House of Lords."

On Minute 150 - Message of Congratulation, it was reported that the XIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies had decided to send letters to M. Briand and Herr Stresemann.

154. COUNCIL RESOLUTION - PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be circulated to Branches together with an explanatory covering letter to be drafted by Lady Gladstone and the Vice-Chairman."

155. DISPLACEMENT OF ARMAMENT WORKERS. Colonel Carnegie drew attention to the following resolution of the East Kent Branches:-

"That this meeting of the representatives of the East Kent Branches of the League of Nations Union considers that unremitting efforts should be made by the Executive Committee of the Union to secure that the problem of displacement of workers in the course of reduction of armaments has the continuous attention of the Government until some satisfactory and effective solution is ultimately found; that a copy of this resolution be sent to all branches of the Union in Kent and in those areas where armaments work is done, with the suggestion that a resolution on this subject be sent to their Members of Parliament."

It was suggested that this resolution should be submitted to the Limitation of Armaments Committee for consideration and report.

The Vice-Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to two pamphlets on this subject which had recently been published by the Union. Colonel Carnegie said that he would read the pamphlets and bring the matter up again if he thought it necessary.

156. REPORT OF THE HAGUE CONGRESS. Subject to some slight verbal alterations the Committee approved and adopted the report of the Hague Congress, 1928. Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported that the meeting of the Federation had been large and representative. On the motion of Sir Walter Napier and seconded by Admiral Drury-Lowe, it was

RESOLVED: "That a message of appreciation and gratitude for hospitality received be sent from the Union to the Dutch League of Nations Society."

It was reported that the Burgomaster of Rotterdam, who would have received the delegates to the Federation's Congress had he been well enough to do so, had since died. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's sympathy be conveyed to the municipal authorities of Rotterdam."

157. REPORT OF THE FEDERATION'S DEPUTATION TO THE OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE I.L.O. The Committee approved and adopted this report.

158. RATIFICATION OF CONVENTIONS. The Executive Committee, at its meeting on June 14th (Minute 140(b)) having approved the Report of the Sub-Committee on the Ratification of Conventions without deciding how to give effect to the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Vice-Chairman be asked to see Mr. Selby and to discuss with him the best way of bringing these recommendations to the notice of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs."

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## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

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21.7.28.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1.  
ON THURSDAY, JULY 12TH, 1928, AT 1.35 p.m.

159. I.A.S.D. COMMITTEE Minute No. 21(c). The Committee considered the following minute of the I.A.S.D. Committee dated 28.6.28:-

"Finances for autumn activities. Lord Cecil explained that he had been sending a number of appeal letters but that these were not meeting with a sufficient response. He therefore proposed, after consultation with Dr. Garnett and Colonel Fisher, that a temporary officer should be appointed to visit a selected number of persons to whom such appeals should be addressed."

and also the following resolutions:-

- (a) "That Mr. Henry Brinton be invited to act as assistant to Colonel Fisher for the collection of funds under Colonel Fisher's direction from July 1st until July 12th, at a salary of £3 a week.
- (b) that the Management Committee on July 12th be asked to endorse this arrangement and to appoint Mr. Brinton as assistant to Colonel Fisher from July 12th for a period not exceeding three months, at the above salary."

After considerable discussion, on the motion of Lord Cecil, it was

RESOLVED: "That the above recommendations of the I.A.S.D. Committee be approved subject to the confirmation of the Finance Committee of the appointment of Mr. Brinton."

It was agreed that the Executive Committee's approval of the above recommendations was valid only so long as the salary of Mr. Brinton was paid from the I.A.S.D. fund and not from the general fund of the Union.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JULY 26TH,  
1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills and subsequently Lady Gladstone  
in the Chair, Mrs. Alderton, Captain W.Appleby,  
C.Delisle Burns, Miss K.D.Courtney, Sir Willoughby  
Dickinson, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry,  
E.W.Horton George, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall,  
J.E.Harris, L.R.Lumley, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter  
Napier, Lord Queensborough, Mrs.Walter Runciman,  
W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith,  
H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch together  
with the Secretary.

160. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of the Chairman,  
Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Colonel David Carnegie, L.J.Cadbury,  
Sir Arthur Haworth, Lt.Col.J.M.Kenworthy, Charles Roberts,  
Ben Turner, Henry Vivian and Mrs.Wilson-Fox.
161. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting and the special meeting  
held on July 12th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 153 (145(B.4)) - League Secretariat - and  
Minute 158 - Ratification of Conventions, the Vice-  
Chairman reported that he had been unable to see Sir  
Austen Chamberlain on these matters but that he hoped  
to do so before the end of the Parliamentary Session.

On Minute 153 (145(C.1)) - Washington Hours Convention,  
Major Hills read a letter from Lord Lytton to the Secre-  
tary, stating that he (Lord Lytton) did not feel disposed  
to proceed with his motion as drafted on the Order Paper  
in the House of Lords as his two interviews with the  
Minister of Labour had convinced him of the difficulties  
of ratifying unconditionally the Washington Hours Con-  
vention. He was disappointed with the statement of the  
Minister of Labour to the Union's deputation and thought  
there were several other courses which the Government  
could reasonably be expected to take. He would like to  
discuss these matters with those members of the Executive  
Committee who were chiefly interested.

It was then arranged that Lord Lytton should talk  
over the subject of his letter with specially interested  
members of the Executive.

162. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. Subject to the following  
decisions on Minutes 82(1) 52(2) and 83, the Minutes of the  
meetings held on July 12th and 19th, 1928, were approved and  
adopted.

On Minute 82(1)52(2) - Superannuation Scheme, Captain  
Green, having given written notice to the Vice-Chairman,  
criticised sections 8 and 9 of the scheme which had  
been circulated with the minutes of the Management  
Committee. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That Captain Green be asked to submit  
in writing his objections to the scheme  
*provisionally* recommended by the Office, Finance and  
Management Committees.

(b) "That the Finance Committee, with Captain  
Green added for this purpose, be asked  
to report upon Captain Green's objections."

(See Min. 119)

On Minute 83 - Recognition of Branches, the Secretary reported that a letter had been received from Bolton stating that the Bolton District views with disfavour the Executive Committee's suggestion that they should again confer with the Manchester District Council before their application for the recognition of a separate Bolton District was finally agreed to. It was then

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be invited to consult Sir Arthur Haworth direct on this matter and that subject to his approval the recognition of the Bolton District Council be authorised forthwith."

163. REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON CO-OPTIONS. The Committee considered and approved the report of the sub-committee on Co-optations (this report recommended the co-optation of Mr. A.W. Claremont, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Dr. C.W. Kimmins and Sir John Power, Bt. M.P.)

164. EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES (Minute 62 of the Office Committee). The Committee considered the following Minute of the Office Committee of 17.7.28:-

"Consideration was given to the following proposals made by the Macclesfield Branch and the Tyne District and the resolution thereon of the General Council:-

Macclesfield Proposal. "That the General Council calls the attention of the Executive Committee to the casual and in many cases undemocratic methods of choosing Branch Representatives to Council Meetings, and requests the Executive to formulate a scheme levying the Branches towards a central fund for the payment of Council Representatives, or, alternatively, instructing Branches to pay representatives' expenses on a basis of pooling the fares. It asks that the scheme shall be circulated to Branches for discussion, and then put before the meeting of the Council in December next."

Tyne Proposal. "The General Council of the League of Nations Union, whilst recognising that service on Official Committees is regarded as voluntary and unpaid and any allowances that may be payable in respect of attendance at meetings, whether on account of travelling, subsistence, or compensation for lost time, are intended only to reimburse to members amounts actually expended or lost, and are in no sense a payment for services rendered, is of opinion that many ardent workers for the Union are prevented from seeking election on the National Executive Committee by virtue of the personal expenses entailed, and, therefore, resolves that the following rates of expenses per member should be permissible as a charge against Headquarters funds:-  
Third-class return railway fare from place of residence to place of meeting."

Resolution of General Council.

"That the Executive Committee be directed to inquire into the proposals and to report to the next meeting of the Council."

It was resolved: (1) That the Executive Committee advise the Council against accepting the Tyne proposal on the following grounds:

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- (a) That ardent workers for the Union who are prevented from seeking election to the national Executive are generally excluded from doing so because they have to earn their livings and cannot afford the time necessary to attend the Committee's meetings:
  - (b) That to defray the travelling expenses of members of the Executive would go but a very little way towards removing this principal obstacle; and
  - (c) That the cost of repaying third-class return railway fares to the present members of the Executive and Management Committees might cost £700 a year and, with a different personnel, might be very much greater still.
- (2) The Executive Committee advise the General Council against accepting the Macclesfield proposal on the following grounds:-
- (a) That a central fund sufficient to pay the travelling expenses and subsistence allowances of Council members might amount to as much as £20,000 in one year, or, say, one shilling per paying member, a levy which Branches evidently could not afford to meet:
  - (b) That an instruction to Branches to pay representatives' expenses on the basis of pooling the fares would mean an indeterminate liability upon Branches sending representatives and might, therefore, deter many Branches from being represented at future meetings of the Council."

After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That with the addition at the end of paragraph 1(c) of the following words:-

'meetings of the Executive Committee accounting for half of the sum estimated,'

the above recommendation be approved and adopted for submission to the General Council."

165. MR. NORIKATSU YASUMA AND MRS. J.D.HANNAN. The Vice-Chairman on behalf of the Executive Committee extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Norikatsu Yasuma, one of the Secretaries of the League of Nations Association of Japan, and to Mrs. J.D.Hannan, a member of the Executive Committee of the New Zealand League of Nations Society and wife of the Hon. J.D.Hannan, a former Attorney General and Minister of Education in New Zealand.

166. LORD BALFOUR. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the Vice-Chairman be asked to write to Lord Balfour on the occasion of his 80th Birthday, conveying to him the sincere greetings of the League of Nations Union."



The Vice-Chairman, expressing his willingness to undertake this task, paid a tribute to the immense work for the League of Nations which had been done by Lord Balfour. He said that the League of Nations, as constituted to-day, owed a great debt of gratitude to the inspiration and energy of Lord Balfour.

167. LONDON REGIONAL FEDERATION - FESTIVAL OF YOUTH. The Secretary reported to the Committee a letter he had received from the London Regional Federation in connection with a proposal to hold a Festival of Youth at the Crystal Palace in 1929.

Mr. Morton George explained to the Committee that a Festival of Youth had been held in 1927 and in 1928 and that in each case a financial deficit had been experienced. The London Regional Federation wished to know to what extent Headquarters was prepared to co-operate financially or otherwise in holding a Festival of Youth in 1929. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Union should not organise a Festival of Youth on a national scale in 1929;

(b) That the Education Committee be asked to consider and report upon the question whether, and if so under what conditions, a national Festival of Youth should be organised in pursuance of the aims of the Union in 1930."

168. REFUGEE SECTION. The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Mr. H.D. Watson drawing his attention to the fact that the I.L.O. were somewhat disturbed about the proposal that the British Government were in favour of closing down the Refugee Department. It had been suggested that the Union might do something to dissuade the British Delegation to the League Assembly from supporting such action.

The Vice-Chairman referred to the two minutes of the Executive Committee (Minute 104 of May 5th, 1927, and minute 113 of May 19th, 1927) and said that in 1927 he had been asked to see the Minister of Labour on this same subject and that the Minister had intimated that no proposal to close down the Refugee Department was contemplated.

Mr. Harris then pointed out that the situation in regard to this matter had recently changed; the work of the Refugee Department had been transferred to the I.L.O. and he now understood that it was to be re-transferred to the League of Nations. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Vice-Chairman, Mr. J.H. Harris and Mr. H.D. Watson be asked to see Major Walter Elliott on this matter."

169. INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (Lady Hall reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 97, the Minutes of the meeting held on July 19th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (85) Composition of Committee; (96) Eleventh International Labour Conference - L.N.U. Party; (97) Washington Hours Convention; (98) Twelfth Plenary Congress of the Federation; (99) Prague Conference; (100) Labour Organisation Sub-Committee; (101) Annual Conference; (102) Co-operative Societies; (103) Scottish National Industrial Advisory Committee; (104) Eleventh International Labour Conference; (105) Blairgowrie and Rattray Branch; (106) Alderman Ben Turner.

On Minute 97 - Washington Hours Convention. It was

RESOLVED: (a) That the Minister of Labour be invited to submit particulars as soon as possible of the statements in the Union's pamphlet on the Washington Hours Convention which he had challenged."

(b) That the Minister of Labour be asked whether he had any objection to the publication of the Union's report (S.C.2320 - 16.7.28. as circulated to members of the Executive Committee) of the recent deputation as an agreed statement."

170. THE REV. C.H.S. MATTHEWS. It was reported that the Rev. C.H.S. Matthews had recently completed his campaign for the Union. He had addressed eighty-three meetings in as many days, and his campaign had achieved a notable success.

It was further reported that the increase in the membership of the Union for the four weeks ending July 21st was greater by 1400 than for the corresponding period in 1927. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to write to the Rev. C.H.S. Matthews expressing the cordial thanks of the Executive Committee for his valuable work."

171. LORD JELlicoe. Admiral Drury-Lowe reported a conversation which he had recently had with Lord Jellicoe. He further reported the following resolution which had been passed at the Annual Conference of the British Legion:-

"That this Conference requests that the whole-hearted support of the British Legion be given to the League of Nations Union in its endeavours to promote a world peace, and further advocates the use of Legion machinery on all possible occasions to assist in bringing about the desired result of settling all international disputes by arbitration, thus endeavouring to bring to a practical consummation one of the main principles on which the British Legion is founded, i.e. to secure Peace and Goodwill on earth."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the attention of the Editor of HEADWAY be drawn to this resolution with a view to its appearing in the next number."

172. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 9 new Branches, 2 Junior Branches, 12 Corporate Members, 3 Corporate Associates be formally recognised and that the Union's seal be affixed to the Certificates:-

BRANCHES: Bryncreg, Merioneths Sir Feirionydd; Caistor, Lines; Hatfield Wash, Middlesex; Goring and Streatley, Oxons and Berks; Great Ayton, Yorks; Highworth, Wilts; Midsomer Norton, Som; Ponkey - Mount Pleasant Baptist, Denbighs; Tarbert, Scotland.  
JUNIOR BRANCHES: Cotteridge Girls' School, Birmingham; Chepstow, St. Maur College; CORPORATE MEMBERS: South Side F.U. Congregational Church, Glasgow; Reading Ladies' Club; The Wesleyan Church, Saltergate, Chesterfield; Maldon and Heybridge Co-operative Society, Essex; Kearsley Congregational Church;

The Presbyterian Church of England, Clapton; Dulwich Grove Young Peoples Society of C. Endeavour; The West London Synagogue; Holy Trinity Church, East Finchley; Bridgewater Branch of the N.U.T.; Lonsdale Street Primitive Methodist Church, Stoke-on-Trent; St. John's Church, Upper St. Leonards. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: York Y.W.C.A. Club; Tansor Women's Institute, Northants; Chapmore End and Towell Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 2,710 branches, 607 Junior Branches, 2,679 Corporate Members, 444 Corporate Associates and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 713,177 of which 213,400 have paid a subscription in 1928.

173. PASSING OF PAMPHLETS FOR PRESS. It was reported that on the only occasion on which the standard procedure adopted by the Management Committee for passing Union pamphlets for the press (Minute 52(c) of May 24th confirming Minute 23(d) of Office Committee of May 22nd) had been proposed to the Executive for use in a particular case, the Executive Committee (minute 74(c) Management Committee 14.6.28.) had adopted a different procedure. The Executive decided to alter the standard procedure with a view to avoiding delay, and it was

RESOLVED: "That before a pamphlet is printed off, proofs be submitted to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Chairman of the initiating Committee or their nominees for their approval and that unless an unfavourable report be received from any one of them within one week (or within a fortnight during August and September) the pamphlet be published forthwith."

Lady Hall drew the attention of the Committee to a pamphlet recently published on DISARMAMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT and recommended that an acknowledgment to Professor J.H. Jones, who had contributed largely to the compilation of the pamphlet, be made in any further edition of this pamphlet.

174. FOUNDATION MEMBERS' LITERATURE. Mr. Harris drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that in some quarters it was thought that the Union supplied too much literature to Foundation Members and Branch Secretaries. Lord Lytton suggested that the procedure adopted with Parliamentary papers might also be adopted by the Union. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Harris be asked to put down a resolution on this subject on the agenda of a subsequent meeting of the Executive with a view to the resolution being submitted to the General Council."

175. BRITISH DELEGATION TO THE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY. Mr. Harris drew the attention of the Committee to Sir Austen Chamberlain's answer to Mr. Pethick Lawrence's recent question in the House of Commons concerning the British Delegation to the League Assembly. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the attention of the Editor of HEADWAY be drawn to Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement."

(b) "That this matter be raised again in the Executive Committee in the event of a change of Government."

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176. PAST MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Vice-Chairman be asked to write letters of appreciation to all those persons who had been members of the Executive during the past year and who were not included on the present Committee."

177. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held on Thursday, October 11th, 1928."

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11TH,  
1928, AT 11.40 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor  
Philip Baker, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel  
David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney,  
Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe,  
Mrs. E. Uggdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone,  
J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones,  
Commander J.M. Kenworthy, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Lord  
Lytton, Charles Roberts, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne,  
H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.  
Wynch together with the Secretary.

178. *Major Hills* APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Captain  
L.H. Green, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power,  
Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Walter Runciman and Miss Constance  
Smith.
179. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes  
161(153(145 C.1.)) and 162(97), and amendment to Minute  
162(82(1)52(2)), the Minutes of the meeting held on July 20th  
1928 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 161(153(145 C.1.)) - Washington Hours  
Convention, the attention of the Committee was  
drawn to the unsatisfactory situation with regard  
to the Washington Hours Convention and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee welcomes the proposal  
of Lord Lytton to put down a motion on  
the Order Paper in the House of Lords  
at the earliest opportunity."

It was agreed that Lord Lytton's motion should  
deal with the two following points:-

- (a) "That the Government should state clearly the  
exact revisions of the Washington Hours Con-  
vention desired by them.
- (b) "That the Government should draft and publish  
a Bill which would make the Washington Hours  
Convention which they were prepared to ratify  
applicable, having regard to existing industrial  
agreements."

On Minute 162(82(1)52(2)) - Superannuation Scheme, the  
Chairman reported a letter from Captain Green concerning  
the Pension Scheme, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Section (a) of this Minute should read:-

'That Captain Green be asked to submit  
in writing his objections to the scheme  
provisionally recommended by the Office,  
Finance and Management Committees.' "

On Minute 162(83) - Recognition of Branches, Sir Arthur  
Haworth reported that the Bolton District Council was  
no longer desirous of breaking away from the Manchester  
District. Sir Arthur further reported that the Bolton  
District Council had now a new Secretary.

On Minute 166 - Lord Balfour - the Vice-Chairman read to the Committee the following letter from Lord Balfour:-

"Dear Major Hills,

Your letter of August 13th has, through various accidents, remained too long unanswered. Please, however, permit me, even at this somewhat late date, to express my gratification at the very kind words in which you express my early connection with the League of Nations. Though I cannot but feel that you have given far too flattering an account of my services, they were at least given whole-heartedly; and your letter has given me much pleasure.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) BALFOUR."

On Minute 168 - Refugee Section, Mr. J.H.Harris reported that he had received a letter from the British Delegation to the League Assembly with regard to the question of the closing down of the Refugee Department. He anticipated that no financial assistance for refugees would be forthcoming from the British Treasury.

On Minute 169(97) - Washington Hours Convention. The correspondence with the Minister of Labour concerning the Union's pamphlet on the Washington Hours Convention and the report of the Union's Deputation to the Minister of Labour was reported to the Committee. It was noted that no progress had been made.

Lord Cecil expressed the view that a strong letter should be written to the Minister of Labour expressing the Union's deep dissatisfaction at the treatment it had received at the hands of that Ministry. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a sub-committee consisting of Lord Cecil, Lord Lytton, Major J.W.Hills and Professor Murray be appointed to take any action they consider necessary in this matter."

180. THE LATE MR. SHERMAN. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee records its high appreciation of the valuable service that Mr. Sherman rendered to the cause of peace, especially in the prominent part he took in introducing the teaching and the aims and work of the League of Nations into the schools of this country; and expresses its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Sherman and her family."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee endorses the Office Committee's decision in regard to a Sherman Memorial Fund (see Office Committee Minute 75 of 27.3.28.)"

181. ALBERT HALL MEETING. It was reported that the arrangements for the Albert Hall Meeting were proceeding satisfactorily. The Chairman then informed the Committee that Sir Eric Drummond was coming from Geneva in order to attend the meeting. Subject to the approval of the Prime Minister it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That Sir Eric Drummond be asked to make a short statement after the Prime Minister's speech, and

(b) "That Lord Cecil be asked to second Mr. Clynes' vote of thanks to the Prime Minister."

Mr. J.H. Harris drew the attention of the Committee to the urgency of following up the meeting with an appeal.

182. NINTH ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. The Chairman suggested that it would be expedient for the Executive Committee to draw up a full statement of policy in regard to recent League of Nations developments, to be brought forward at the next meeting of the General Council. He further suggested that this statement of policy should take the form of a series of "League of Nations Principles."

After discussion, on the motion of Lord Cecil, the following resolution was carried unanimously:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union deplores the want of progress that has been made towards the reduction of armaments by international agreement, urges the Government to pursue this object with increased vigour and trusts that it will not permit its avowed policy towards this great international reform to be obstructed by departmental considerations."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution be sent to H.M. Government."

Professor Baker drew the attention of the Committee to several other matters arising out of the recent meetings of the Council and Assembly, notably the "General Act" and the League Budget. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a special meeting of the Executive Committee should be held on Thursday, October 18th, for the discussion of these matters."

Consideration of a resolution, moved by Miss Ruth Fry, was referred to the special meeting of the Executive Committee.

183. RATIFICATION OF CONVENTIONS. The Secretary read to the Committee some correspondence which had recently passed between the Vice-Chairman and Mr. Selby concerning procedure in regard to ratification of conventions and other matters. After discussion it was

RESOLVED "that this correspondence be sent to any member of the Executive Committee who may ask for it."

184. COMMUNICATION FROM SIR HUGH JEUDWINE. The Secretary read to the Committee a letter he had received from Sir Hugh Jeudwine in which he took exception to some of the Union's Disarmament posters.

Mr. Wynch reported that he had seen Sir Hugh Jeudwine concerning these posters. It was agreed that the matter should be left in the hands of Mr. Wynch.

185. BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION. The Chairman read to the Committee the following extract from a letter which he had received

from the Boy Scouts' Association:-

"....My Committee have decided that Scouts as such should not be connected with the League of Nations Union, nor attend its demonstrations in uniform. On the other hand, what an individual boy in his private capacity and not in uniform may do, is of course not a matter for direction by my Committee."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to take up this matter."

186. COMMUNICATION FROM THE HAMPSHIRE AND I.O.W. TRADES COUNCILS AND LABOUR PARTIES. The Secretary read to the committee the following resolution from the above body:-

"That this Conference of the Hampshire and I.O.W. Federation of Trades Councils and Labour Parties urges the League of Nations Union to recommend to local Branches the need for adequate Labour representation on their Committees."

It was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be written to the Hampshire and I.O.W. Federation informing them that every possible step is being taken to ensure equitable Party representation on League of Nations Union Committees, both local and national."

187. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION - MEETING OF ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AT PRAGUE. Consideration of the report of the Federation meetings at Prague was deferred till the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

188. LORD ALLENBY. It was

RESOLVED: "That at the next annual meeting of the General Council Lord Allenby be nominated for election as a member of the Council."

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 18TH, 1928, ON THE RISING  
OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, C. Delisle Burns, Lord Cecil, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, J.H. Harris, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Lord Lytton, Lord Queenborough, W.J. Salmon, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Lynch together with the Secretary.

189. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss K.D. Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, L.R. Lumley, Captain H. Macmillan, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Miss Constance Smith and H.D. Watson.
190. DRAFT MEMORANDUM ON POLICY. The Committee considered a draft memorandum on policy paragraph by paragraph. After considerable discussion, during which many suggestions were made for the amendment of the text, it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Chairman, Lord Cecil and Professor Baker, who drafted the memorandum, be asked to revise it in the light of the discussion which had taken place.

- (b) That the memorandum, thus revised, be considered by the Executive Committee at its next meeting."

An alternative reading of paragraph (2), suggested by Mrs. Layton, was considered by the Committee but not adopted.

Lord Cecil laid emphasis on the need for brevity and suggested that eventually the memorandum might be divided into two parts, one of which might be published and submitted to the General Council.

191. RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY MISS RUTH FRY. A resolution proposed by Miss Ruth Fry and seconded by Professor Baker was finally adopted in the following form:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union believing that the present time is of critical importance for the future of international Peace, in consequence of the recent signature of the Pact of Paris for the Renunciation of War, and the receipt of the U.S. note giving an opening for renewed discussions of disarmament,

Appeals to His Majesty's Government to give a strong lead in the direction of World Peace, by demonstrating in every way possible their belief in the vital importance of the renunciation of war so enthusiastically accepted by the nation, and in particular, by a cordial response to the expressed willingness of the Government of the U.S. to use its best efforts to obtain a basis of further naval limitation."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution be communicated to His Majesty's Government and to the Press."

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER  
25TH, 1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Philip Baker, C. De Lisle Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss K. D. Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L. E. Green, Lady Hall, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Major J. W. Hills, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Dr. C. W. Kimmins, Mrs. W. T. Layton, L. R. Lumley, Lord Lytton, Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Alderman Ben Turner, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L. M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

192. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, L. J. Cadbury, J. H. Harris, Commander J. M. Kenworthy, J. de V. Loder, Sir Walter Napier, Captain H. Macmillan, W. J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, H. D. Watson and Sir John Power.
193. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on October 11th, and of the special meeting held on October 18th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 179 (161, 153, 145 (C.1.)) - Washington Hours Convention, Lord Lytton reported that he had asked for his motion on the Washington Hours Convention to be put on the Order Paper in the House of Lords on the first free Wednesday. As this date proved somewhat inconvenient he proposed that his motion should be considered on the third Wednesday, following the opening of Parliament.

On Minute 181 - Albert Hall Meeting, the Chairman reported that Sir Eric Drummond preferred not to make a statement at the Albert Hall Meeting, but that he hoped one of the other speakers would mention the great interest which the League is taking in the meeting.

On Minute 185 - Boy Scouts' Association, Lord Lytton stated that he was to see Sir Robert Baden-Powell concerning Scouts in India, and if the Committee desired it, he would take the opportunity of discussing with him the relations between the Union and the Boy Scouts Association. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Lytton be asked to discuss the attitude of the Boy Scouts' Association towards the League of Nations Union expressed in the following letter:-

'My Committee have decided that Scouts as such should not be connected with the League of Nations Union, nor attend its demonstrations in uniform. On the other hand, what an individual boy in his private capacity and not in uniform may do, is of course not a matter for direction by my Committee'."

194. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. The Minutes of the meetings held on October 11th and 18th, 1928, were approved and adopted.
195. I. A. S. D. COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the following question of policy submitted by the Management Committee:-

Minute 38. Finances (11.10.28.) The Committee were reminded that since the meeting of June 28th when it was reported that £800 was still required to continue the activities of the Committee till the end of the year, further liabilities amounting to approximately £100 had been incurred by the Committee. Receipts since June 28th amounted to £600 — a prospective deficit of £300. Against this, however, there was £400 due during the next six years from Major David Davies which of course could be discounted when desired. The Committee noted that the rent, etc., of the offices at 13, Grosvenor Crescent, was included in the £900. It was also noted that although these offices provided accommodation in excess of the Committee's requirements and for greater convenience were actually occupied by other members of the staff, they had to be rented for the Committee because there was not sufficient space available at No.15 to provide the accommodation required by the Committee.

Lord Cecil estimated that £5,000 the sum needed to carry on the branch of the Union's work with which this Committee was concerned for two years and gave it as his opinion that such a sum could be raised. It was

RESOLVED: "That the lease of the ground floor of No.13 Grosvenor Crescent be continued for a further period of two years."

It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute be deferred until further particulars regarding the funds for the I.A.S.D. Committee are available."

196. FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee, dated October 17th, 1928, were considered as urgent and, subject to the following decisions on Minute 60 and 61, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (58) Financial Statement; (59) Council's Vote for 1929; (60) Superannuation; (61) Budget for 1929; (62) Staff; (63) Effective Membership; (64) Passing of Cheques for Payment; (65) Colonel Fisher.

On Minute 60 - Superannuation. On the motion of Captain L.H.Green, and seconded by Lady Gladstone, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Clause (9) dealing with forfeiture for misconduct, be omitted from the scheme."

- (2) "That money receivable by the Union as commission on premiums, together with the sum of £100 a year, out of the general fund of the Union, be used to make provision in respect of the past services of members of the present staff of the Union."

On Minute 61 - Budget for 1929. After comparing the amounts proposed with those actually spent in 1927, and after taking into consideration the proposals of the Office Committee to increase certain items and to bring the total to £36,000; and further, to allow the vacant position of Secretary of the Education Committee to be advertised at £600 a year, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the expenditure in 1929 be £36,000 as set forth below:-

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Administration	2,110
Intelligence	1,535
Library	380
Publicity	1,745
Public Meetings	1,645
Branches and General	1,765
Overseas	580
Parliamentary	475
Educational Organisation	1,110
Industrial Organisations	770
Religious Organisations	565
Women's Organisations	535
Welcome	585
Clerical Services	3,965
Accounts	1,130
Stationery	810
Postages, etc.	1,450
Office Maintenance	2,865
Insurances	280
Audit, Bank and Legal Charges	165
Travelling Expenses not charged to other accounts	150
Regional Representatives and Offices	7,000
Speakers (General)	1,635
Speakers (Industrial Organisations)	600
Universities and Colleges	600
International Federation of League of Nations Societies	450
Superannuation	500
Contingencies	600
	£36,000

(ii) "That the General Council at the December Meeting be asked to authorise the issue of an Appeal in 1929 on the understanding that the Appeal shall not be sent to members of Branches or Districts who "contract out" in the manner set forth in the General Council's resolution governing the Appeal of February 1st, 1924."

197. CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE. The following urgent minute dated 17.10.28. was approved and adopted:-

"95(b) Consideration of provisional rewriting of Rule 5 and revised corporate membership forms. It was resolved:-

'That the rewriting of Rule 5 as stated in Minute 85 and 91 be approved.'

Revised corporate membership forms, in accordance with the rewriting of Rule 5, for (1) Anglican Churches, (2) Free Churches, (3) Catholic Churches, were placed before the Committee and considered by them. It was resolved:-

'That the revised forms be approved.' "

198. DRAFT MEMORANDUM ON POLICY. The Committee resumed consideration of the draft memorandum on policy as revised by the drafting sub-committee (See Minute 190 of 18.10.28.) After considerable discussion, it was

RESOLVED: "That further consideration of the revised memorandum on policy be referred to a special meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Thursday, November 1st on the rising of the Management Committee which shall be called for 10.45 a.m."

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199. PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL. It was

RESOLVED: "That the draft Preliminary Agenda for the December meeting of the General Council be approved as amended by the above decisions in Minute 196 regarding finance."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the General Council, at its next Annual Meeting, be recommended to elect Annie Viscountess Cowdray a Vice-President of the Union."

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 1ST  
NOVEMBER, 1928, AT 12.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Baker, Mrs. Alderton, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Major J.W. Hills, Mrs. W.T. Layton, L.R. Lumley, Lord Lytton, Captain H. Macmillan, Sir John Power, Lord Queenborough, Charles Roberts, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

200. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Sir Arthur Haworth, Captain L.E. Green, Lt. Com. the Hon. J.M. Kenworthy, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Mrs. Walter Runciman and Henry Vivian.
201. DRAFT MEMORANDUM ON POLICY. The Committee considered the second revised draft memorandum on Policy, clause by clause, and after considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Memorandum on Policy (attached) be adopted as amended.

- (b) "That the Chairman be asked to submit the resolutions, contained in this memorandum, to the next meeting of the General Council on behalf of the Executive Committee."

An amendment to paragraph (1) of this memorandum, proposed by Miss K.D. Courtney was, by leave, withdrawn.

202. RESOLUTIONS ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH AT THE ALBERT HALL ON OCTOBER 28TH, SUBMITTED BY MISS K.D. COURTNEY, ON BEHALF OF THE LONDON REGIONAL FEDERATION'S SPEAKERS' CONFERENCE.  
Miss K.D. Courtney moved the two following resolutions:-

- (a) The League of Nations Union notes with the utmost satisfaction that the Prime Minister, speaking of naval armaments at the Albert Hall on October 28th, said "We have no intention of building in competition with the U.S.A."

The Union assures him of its wholehearted support in this matter and trusts that the statement will be incorporated in the reply of H.M. Government to Mr. Kellogg's note of September 28th.

- (b) The League of Nations Union notes with the utmost satisfaction the following pronouncement made by the Prime Minister at the Albert Hall on October 28th; "I must contradict the idea that has gained currency in some quarters but for which there is no shadow of foundation, that we have to some extent abandoned our position of impartiality and consideration which we assumed at the time of the Locarno Pact. That is not so. We have no new engagements; there is no change in the orientation of our policy. Our interests and our inclinations alike prompt us to preserve and even strengthen the cordiality of our relations with Germany as well as with France."

The Union trusts that H.M. Government will do its utmost to give practical effect in its foreign policy to this expression of goodwill.

Lord Cecil expressed the Executive Committee's appreciation of the Prime Minister's speech and suggested that the two points mentioned in the above resolutions should be referred to the Publicity Committee in order that the best means of giving publicity to the points mentioned might be considered. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be adopted."

203. QUESTIONS OF POLICY SUBMITTED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

(a) I.A.S.D. COMMITTEE MINUTES 47 and 49. The Committee considered the following minutes of the I.A.S.D. Committee of 25.10.28:-

47. MEMORIAL FOR SIGNATURE. The memorial previously adopted (see Minute 39(c) of 11.10.28.) was redrafted. It was resolved:-

- (a) That subject to the usual approval of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, the memorial be printed.
- (b) That it be not used for general circulation but distributed at each conference to the persons attending, when its contents should be explained by speakers.
- (c) That each Conference be free to discuss and amend, if desired, the text of the Memorial, and that the document as adopted by the Conference be then open for signature.

49. NAVAL DISARMAMENT. Having heard a communication from Admiral Drury-Lowe it was resolved:-

That speakers and writers when required to deal with the situation arising from the failure of the Franco-British naval compromise be advised to give the following opinion, supplementing it if necessary from the memorandum "Some Concrete Proposals" No. S.C. 2295, of 8.6.1928.

- A. The first essential is an agreement between Great Britain and the United States concerning naval strength.
- B. The basis of such an agreement should be complete numerical parity between the two countries for the purposes of limiting ships of all categories.
- C. The aim should be to secure limitation by category rather than limitation by total tonnage. But the essential is to secure agreement even if the inferior form of limitation has to be accepted.
- D. In conversations with France regarding reduction of military armaments, the aim should be rather to encourage a further reduction of the period of service than to secure a reduction in numbers.

It was

RESOLVED: "That Minute 47 be approved."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That Minute 49 (A) be approved in the following form:-

"The first essential is an agreement between Great Britain and the United States concerning naval strength and meanwhile we welcome the declaration of the Prime Minister that we have no intention of building ships in competition with the United States!"

Consideration of Sections B, C and D of this Minute w-s deferred.

- (b) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTE 304 (DISARMAMENT). The Committee considered the following resolution contained in Minute 304 of the Women's Advisory Council of 24.10.28.:-

"The Women's Advisory Council notes with profound regret and alarm the continued postponement of the World Disarmament Conference and, observing that the cause of this postponement is stated to be the failure of the Naval and Military experts to reach agreement, the Council urges upon His Majesty's Government the paramount necessity of over-ruling the departmental reluctance of the fighting services by insisting firmly upon the execution of the policy approved both by themselves and by the nation, viz: the limitation and reduction of armaments by international agreement, and by sending to the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference representatives empowered to submit definite proposals for substantial reductions of British Armaments."

(This resolution was adopted by 19 to 6)

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee, while noting with interest and appreciation this resolution of the Women's Advisory Council, would draw their attention to the statement of policy recently adopted by the Executive Committee and would suggest that in view of this statement of policy this resolution might not be necessary".

See Min. 205 (b)  
5.11.28.

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*International*  
A MEMORANDUM ON POLICY  
FOR  
SUBMISSION TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF  
NATIONS UNION ON DECEMBER 7TH, 1928.

S.G.2462  
S.11.28.

The signature of the Pact of Paris for the renunciation of war following upon the Covenant of the League of Nations has made a fundamental change in the character of international relationships, the full consequences of which are as yet hardly appreciated in any country. Now that war has been definitely renounced as an instrument of national policy by all the principal nations of the world, the fear of war and the preparation for war should no longer be the dominating considerations in foreign policy. A study of the Science of Peace becomes the first business of every nation. That country which can the most rapidly appreciate the change and adjust its policy to the altered circumstances will be the first to reap the fruits of the new era.

The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union desire to emphasize the following points of the Union's policy which, in their opinion, the signing of the Pact of Paris has rendered both more urgent and easier of attainment.

1. The improvement of the machinery for the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

The renunciation of war as a means of settling international disputes renders imperative the task of providing alternative methods. The "Optional Clause" which commits the signatories to judicial settlement of all international questions of a legal character should, in the first place, be signed forthwith. The second step will be the framing of a satisfactory general and all-inclusive Arbitration Treaty, and with this object the General Act approved by the Ninth Assembly of the League of Nations should be carefully studied.

2. The avoidance of all alliances or engagements express or implied to give armed assistance to any country against another, except in accordance with the principles of the Covenant.

This again is an inevitable consequence of the renunciation of war, and no international agreements should henceforth be undertaken except for the purpose of ensuring and guaranteeing the peaceful settlement of disputes, in accordance with provisions similar to those contained in Article 16 of the Covenant or the Treaties of Locarno.

3. The limitation and reduction by international agreement of armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety.

The Paris Pact for the renunciation of war has made the case for the reduction of armaments more overwhelming than ever. Every effort should therefore be made to bring the labours of the Preparatory Commission to a successful issue. No State should be called upon to bear a burden of armaments which has long been intolerable and is now unnecessary. Two essential conditions of progress in disarmament are an immediate understanding with the United States and a determination not to allow this question to be dominated by technical considerations. (It is assumed that the Anglo-French naval compromise has now been dropped.)

4. The elaboration of the machinery required to make Article 19 of the Covenant practically effective.

In view of the dangers attaching to an international system which does not provide for its own modification and development, it is important that some detailed scheme should be framed to enable the Assembly effectively "to advise the reconsideration by Members of the League of treaties which have become inapplicable and the consideration of international conditions whose continuance might endanger the peace of the world."

5. The withdrawal from Germany of foreign troops the presence of which in that country constitutes a growing obstacle to international understanding and goodwill.

6. The general adoption and application of the recommendations of the International Economic Conference, with a view to the early removal of barriers to international trade.

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In addition to the above, the following items of the policy of the League of Nations Union should also receive the attention of Branches.

7. The Washington Eight Hours Convention.

In order that the 8-hour day Convention, drawn up in pursuance of the Treaty of Versailles, may be ratified without further delay, the Government should state what changes it desires in the original draft and lay a bill before Parliament providing for the establishment of an 8-hour day under conditions suitable to the industries of this country and consistent with the principles of that Convention.

8. Intellectual Co-operation.

Considering the warm support given by the whole of the Assembly and especially by all the British Dominions to the work of the Committee of Intellectual Co-operation and the fact that many of the nations of Europe are now contributing to the funds of that Committee while others are only waiting for the action of Great Britain, the British Government should contribute its quota to the work of Intellectual Co-operation.

9. The Budget of the League.

Since support of the League has been declared by the present Foreign Secretary to be the keystone of British Foreign Policy, the growing activities of the League should not be unduly restricted by financial considerations.

10. The League Secretariat.

The independent status and international character of the Secretariat of the League of Nations should be resolutely upheld, and in the new regulations to be drawn up in accordance with the decision of the Ninth Assembly it should be made clear that, while special consideration may from time to time make desirable a particular appointment from outside, all higher posts are open to, and should normally be filled by, existing members of the Secretariat.

11. Armenian Refugees.

The debt of honour which we owe to the Armenian nation should be in part discharged by our joining other members of the League in financing proper schemes for Armenian re-settlement.

12. Minorities.

The delicate and difficult question of the protection of Minorities under the Peace Treaties requires constant supervision and the time has now arrived for reconsidering the present machinery.

13. Ratification of the Arms Traffic Convention.

As the continued uncontrolled Traffic in Arms is a danger to world peace and as it is necessary for fourteen Powers to ratify the Convention signed at Geneva on June 17th, 1925, in order to make it effective, and as only France, Venezuela, Lithuania and Norway have ratified the Convention, the attention of the Government is again called to the urgency of securing the effective ratification of the Convention.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 8TH  
NOVEMBER, 1928, AT 11 a.m. B

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Baker, Lord Cecil, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, J. de V. Loder, L.R. Lumley, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Lord Ruseborough, W.J. Salmon, Lady Selborne, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

204. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss K.D. Courtney, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Major J.W. Hills, Miss Constance Smith, Alderman Ben Turner and Lieut-Commander the Hon. J.M. Kenworthy.
205. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 201 and 203(a)49, the Minutes of the meeting held on October 25th, and of the special meeting held on November 1st, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 201 - Draft Memorandum on Policy, it was

RESOLVED: "That the title of this memorandum should be 'A memorandum on International Policy' (for submission to the General Council of the Union on December 7th, 1928)"

On Minute 203 - Questions of Policy submitted by the Management Committee.

(a) I.A.S.D. Committee Minute 49 (Naval Disarmament).  
After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That this recommendation be adopted in the following amended form:-

"That speakers and writers when required to deal with the situation arising from the failure of the Franco-British naval conversations be advised to give the following opinion, supplementing it if necessary from the memorandum "Some Concrete Proposals" NO.S.G.2295 of 8.6.1928.

- A. The first essential is an agreement between Great Britain and the United States concerning naval strength and meanwhile we welcome the declaration of the Prime Minister that we have no intention of building ships in competition with the United States.
- B. The basis of such an agreement should be complete parity between the two countries for the purposes of limiting ships of all categories.
- C. The aim should be to secure limitation by category rather than limitation by total tonnage. But the essential is to secure agreement even if the inferior form of limitation has to be accepted.
- D. In conversations with conscriptionist countries regarding reduction of military armaments, the aim should be to encourage a further reduction of the period of service so as to reduce armies to a militia basis."

(b) "That Sections A and D of this recommendation be included in the next issue of SPEAKERS NOTES, and Sections B and C be used only in reply to specific inquiries."

(b) Women's Advisory Council Minute 304 (Disarmament).  
It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in this Minute should read:-

'That the Executive Committee, while noting with interest and appreciation this resolution of the Women's Advisory Council, would draw their attention to the statement of policy recently adopted by the Executive Committee and would suggest that this statement might now take the place of the resolution in question'."

206. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. Subject to the following report on Minute 111(a) 43 and amendment to Minute 111(b), the Minutes of the meeting held on November 1st, 1928, were approved and adopted.

On Minute 111(a) 43. Library Committee - Smoking in the Library. Mrs. Dugdale having protested in writing to the Secretary of the Union against the use of the word 'rule' in this Minute, it was agreed that Mrs. Dugdale's protest be placed on record.

On Minute 111(b). Welcome Committee. Lady Gladstone stated that the Welcome Committee, like other Committees, did not contemplate incurring expenditure outside the Budget except with the previous sanction of the Finance Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'and provided that no expenditure be incurred outside the Budget under any of these Minutes except with the previous sanction of the Finance Committee' be deleted."

On Minute 115 - Albert Hall Meeting, the Chairman reported that he had received a cordial letter of good wishes from the Hungarian Society for Foreign Affairs and for the League of Nations.

On this Minute it was also suggested that the printed programme of any future meeting should contain a notice that the meeting will end with the singing of 'God Save the King.'

207. GENERAL ELECTION - APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the question of the appointment of a sub-committee to deal with matters concerning the General Election. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. C. Delisle Burns, Lord Cecil, Mr. R. S. Hudson and Rt. Hon. Leif Jones be asked to serve on this sub-committee."

In this connection the Committee also considered the following proposal by Lord Cecil:-

"Now that the Executive Committee has accepted the Memorandum on Policy (See Min. 201.1/11/28) it remains to be decided what shall be done with it. Its approval by the General Council has to be moved. After this has been obtained, what is to be the next step?"

It is suggested that

- (a) The Branches be asked to arrange that in each constituency electors should send certain articles of the Memorandum (e.g. 1,2,3 and 7) to the sitting Member and prospective candidates with a request for information on their attitude with regard to each of these articles. The other articles might, if desired locally, be sent for information.
- (b) The whole Memorandum be sent to the Prime Minister Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George, with an intimation that we should be glad to receive any comments or criticisms, and that we propose to publish anything they may be good enough to send us.

RESOLVED: "That this proposal be referred to the above-mentioned sub-committee for consideration and report."

208. BRITISH-AMERICAN WOMEN'S CRUSADE. Consideration of letters from the British-American Women's Crusade was deferred until the next meeting of the Executive Committee at which Miss Courtney could be present.
209. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES - REPORT OF PRAGUE MEETINGS. Sir Willoughby Dickinson presented to the Committee the report of the International Federation's meeting at Prague. It was

RESOLVED: "That the report be approved."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the cordial thanks of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Sir Willoughby Dickinson for his service on the Executive Committee of the International Federation, both as President and as Vice-President of the Federation."

210. APPOINTMENT OF UNION'S (1928-9) REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's representatives on the Joint Committee during the past year be re-appointed."

211. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CAMBRIDGE TOWN BRANCH - COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. The Committee considered the communication from the Cambridge Town Branch in which it was suggested that the texts of all resolutions passed at the General Council should be printed in full in the ensuing number of HEADWAY. It was pointed out that an account of the proceedings of the Council Meeting was given in HEADWAY, although all the resolutions might not be printed in full. It was therefore agreed that the proposal of the Cambridge Town Branch should not be adopted.

212. RESOLUTION FROM THE LONDON REGIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee received with interest a resolution concerning the Pact of Paris for the renunciation of war, submitted by the Council of the London Regional Federation.

213. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Sunderland, Bath, Wembley, Hither Green and Battle Branches and the Slad Women's Institute. It was

RESOLVED: "That the attention of the Bath Branch be called to the Memorandum on International Policy recently adopted by the Committee."

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214. SHERMAN MEMORIAL FUND. It was

RESOLVED: "That the private committee appointed to collect and administer the Sherman Memorial Fund, be invited to refer any questions in connection with the Fund, to the Office and Finance Committees if they so desired."

215. REVISION OF THE COVENANT COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That Professor J.L. Brierly (Chichele Professor of International Law at Oxford University) be invited to serve on Lord Phillimore's (Revision of the Covenant) Committee."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND,  
1928, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Professor Baker,  
Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, Sir Willoughby  
Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Mrs. E.  
Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry, J.H.Harris, Sir Charles  
Hobhouse, R.S.Hudson, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Dr.C.W.  
Kimmins, Mrs. W.T.Layton, J.de V.Loder, L.R.Lumley,  
Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Mrs. Walter  
Runciman, J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, The Hon.Mrs.  
Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together  
with the Secretary.

216. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Colonel  
David Carnegie, A.W.Claremont, L.J.Cadbury, C.Delisle Burns,  
Captain L.H.Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lord Lytton, Professor  
Gilbert Murray, Lord Queenborough, Miss Constance Smith,  
Lady Gladstone and Lt.Com.the Hon.J.M.Kenworthy.
217. DEATH OF LADY GREY. The Vice-Chairman informed the Committee  
that a Memorial Service for Lady Grey was to be held at  
12.15 p.m. at St. Margaret's, Westminster. He suggested  
therefore that the Committee should adjourn at 11.55 a.m.

Lord Cecil moved, and the Vice-Chairman seconded the  
following resolution:-

"That the deepest sympathy of the Executive  
Committee be conveyed to Lord Grey in his  
terrible bereavement and that Professor Murray  
be asked to communicate this message to Lord  
Grey."

218. SHERMAN MEMORIAL FUND. At the request of the Vice-Chairman  
the Secretary explained that questions in connection with  
the Sherman Memorial Fund had (in accordance with Minute 214  
of the Executive Committee 1.11.28.) been referred to the  
Office and Finance Committees. These Committees had recom-  
mended that the Union, as such, should not subscribe to  
the fund. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee endorses the  
recommendations of the Office and Finance  
Committees."

It was further reported that a private appeal letter  
had been issued to members of the Executive Committee and to  
the staff of the Union and that it would shortly be issued  
generally.

219. COMMITTEE DE CO-OPERATION EUROPEENNE. The Chairman reported  
that a letter had been received from M.Emile Borel, in which  
he said that if the Committee de Co-operation Europeenne  
could not be certain of English co-operation there would be  
a danger that their movement would be misinterpreted by the  
English Press. He hoped that after Dr.Garnett returned from  
Congress it would be possible to consider the constitution  
of an English Committee for European Co-operation.

Lord Cecil reported that he had received two letters  
from Mr.Rennie Smith, M.P., in which he said that he was to  
attend the Congress on behalf of the National Council for  
Prevention of War, and that he felt that the attitude taken  
up by the Union in regard to this matter would prove a set-  
back to the Committee de Co-operation Europeenne.

220. LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION AND O.T.C.'s. Lord Cecil read to the Committee a letter he had received from Dr. Cary Gilson (Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference) concerning the Union's attitude to the O.T.C. Dr. Gilson stated that the Headmasters' Conference would receive with relief an assurance that an attack on the O.T.C. would not be pressed by the Union.

It was reported that the whole question of O.T.C.'s and Cadet Corps was being considered by the Education Committee of the Union and that a report had been drawn up by a sub-committee of the Education Committee. This report had not yet been finally approved by the Education Committee whose Chairman, however, stated that he anticipated it would be adopted at the next meeting. It was then

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be requested to reply to Dr. Cary Gilson pointing out that the Union has never intended to make any attack on the O.T.C."

221. FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES. Mr. Leif Jones reported orally upon the following Minutes of the Finance Committee of 21.11.28:- 66 (Lord Queenborough), 68 (Budget for 1929), 70 (Foundation Membership), 72 (No. 13 Grosvenor Crescent), 74 (Club for Unemployed), 75 (Appeals Staff). It was then

RESOLVED: "That a letter of condolence, wishing him a speedy recovery be sent to Lord Queenborough, and that Sir John Mann be asked to move the Financial resolutions at the Council Meeting on December 7th. (Minute 66 - Lord Queenborough); That Minute 68 (Budget for 1929) be considered at the next meeting of this Committee as well as at the forthcoming meeting of the Management Committee;  
That Lord Cecil be asked to issue an appeal to members whose present annual subscriptions are 3s.6d. or more but less than £1, to mark the tenth anniversary of the Union by becoming Foundation Members, and that such an appeal be sent out in the December number of HEADWAY accompanied by a Bankers' Order. (Minute 70 - Foundation Membership).  
That Minute 72 be taken according to regular procedure.  
That Miss Gunn be thanked for her suggestion concerning a club for unemployed and that the Executive's opinion that the Union's funds should not be used for this particular purpose be explained to her. (Minute 74 - Club for Unemployed).  
That Minute 75 (Appeals Staff) be taken according to regular procedure."

222. BRITISH-AMERICAN WOMEN'S CRUSADE. Consideration of communications from the British-American Women's Crusade was adjourned.

223. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS - RESOLUTION. The Committee considered a resolution passed at a meeting held by the National Association of Merchants and Manufacturers on November 14th, urging on Governments the necessity for the carrying out of the recommendations of the World Economic Conference with the least possible delay. It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be acknowledged with thanks and that the attention of the National Association of Merchants and Manufacturers be drawn to Section A.6 of the Memorandum on International Policy to be submitted to the General Council on December 7th."

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224. SOUTHBEND-ON-SEA ROTARY CLUB. The Committee noted with interest a resolution concerning Calendar reform.

225. COMMUNICATION FROM MR. PEMBERTON BILLING. It was reported that a communication had been received from Mr. Pemberton Billing offering seats at the Strand Theatre for his play HIGH TREASON at reduced prices for members of the League of Nations Union. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Pemberton Billing be thanked for his letter and informed that its contents had been communicated to the Executive Committee."

226. SPEAKERS' LIST. It was reported that it had not been possible to include a Report on Speakers in the Executive Committee's "Report on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting" included in the Preliminary Agenda for the General Council, seeing that the revised list of speakers had only just been completed and was to be submitted to the next meeting of the Office Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Office Committee be empowered to authorise the multiplication of the revised Speakers' List so that it may be ready for use as intended by the Committee before the Council meets in December."

It was also

RESOLVED: "That the list be finally revised be submitted to the Management Committee."

227. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on November 8th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

228. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 124, the Minutes of the meeting held on November 15th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

On Minute 124 - General Election - it was

RESOLVED: "That the findings of the sub-committee which had been appointed to deal with matters concerning the General Election be approved for inclusion in the Agenda Paper for the General Council and that Resolutions (a) and (b) (See blue paper annexed to Preliminary Agenda distributed 15.11.28.) be moved on behalf of the Executive Committee."

229. BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION. The Vice-Chairman read to the Committee a letter from Lord Lytton concerning his interview with Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Sir Alfred Pickford and the Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association. It was

RESOLVED: (a) That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Lord Lytton for his action in this matter.

(b) That Lord Lytton be asked to ascertain whether Sir Robert Baden-Powell, in view of this interview, would be willing to accept a further invitation to become a Vice-President of the Union.

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In this connection it was reported that the Bristol District Council had decided to co-operate with the Boy Scouts in that part of the country in holding a "Jamboree" on one or two days immediately following the Liverpool gathering. This "Jamboree" was to be devoted to the relation between the Boy Scouts and the League of Nations and would, it was hoped, be attended by several foreign scouts from the Liverpool meeting. A private person had promised to guarantee the cost up to a limit of £100, within which it was intended to keep the expenditure.

The Committee adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER  
13TH, 1928. AT 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Professor Noel Baker, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, E.W.Morton George, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Lt.Com.the Hon.J.M.Kenworthy, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Mrs. W.T.Layton, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, H.D.Watson, the Hon.Mrs.Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley together with the Secretary.

230. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of C.Delisle Burns, L.J.Cadbury, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Miss Ruth Fry, Major J.W.Hills, W.J.Salmon, Alderman Ben Turner, L.M.Wynch and Henry Vivian.

231. MINUTES. Subject to the following amendment to Minute 220 and Report on Minute 229, the Minutes of the meeting held on November 22nd, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 220 - League of Nations Union and O.T.C.  
It was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'made' be substituted for the words 'intend to make' in the resolution of this Minute.

On Minute 229 - Boy Scouts Association. Lord Lytton referred to his recent interview with Sir Robert Baden-Powell. It was then reported that a letter had been received from the Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association in which he said:-

"I regret that our letter of the 28th July should have caused any uneasiness or misapprehension. The position of the Boy Scouts Association with regard to the League of Nations Union is no way altered and remains as it was in 1921. In other words, if the Association cannot, for reasons well understood, participate in the activities of the League of Nations Union they are in every sense sympathetic to the ideals of the Union. My Committee would be indeed sorry if it was believed otherwise."

It was reported that at a recent meeting of Youth Movements convened by the World Alliance a representative of the Boy Scouts Association had made an attack on the League of Nations Union. The Chairman of this meeting, the Bishop of Ripon, had dissociated himself from the remarks of the representative of the Boy Scouts Association. In Free Church circles the attitude of the Boy Scouts Association to the League of Nations was reported to be causing some concern and it had even been said that some of the Churches might find it necessary to give up their Scout Troops unless there was a change in the policy on the part of the Scout Movement.

In reply to a letter from Dr.Garnett the Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association stated that his Committee was shortly considering the position of the Boy Scouts Association in connection with the League of Nations Union.

On Lord Lytton's suggestion it was agreed that the Boy Scouts Association be informed that members of the Union's Executive Committee, including Lord Lytton, would be glad to attend the meeting of the Boy Scouts Association's Committee and to explain the aims and work of the League of Nations Union.

232. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. The Minutes of the Committee dated November 29th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

233. DIVISION OF WORK BETWEEN THE MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES. It was reported that the Scheme at present in operation had been approved on 17th May, 1928, for an experimental period of six months. It was

RESOLVED: "That this period be extended to nine months and that the Office Committee be asked to report on the working of this Scheme."

234. COMITE FEDERAL DE CO-OPERATION EUROPEENNE. The Committee considered the Secretary's Report on the meetings of the Congress on European Co-operation, held in Paris on 24th November. After discussion, on the motion of Professor Noel Baker it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That this Report, except the last paragraph, be approved and adopted."

(b) "That M. Borel be informed that until the Union has consulted the Federation at Brussels in February it cannot reply to his invitation to form a British Committee for European Co-operation."

(c) "That the Overseas Committee together with Lord Cecil and Professor Noel Baker be asked to consider and report upon the policy which the Union's delegates should recommend to the Federation and its constituent societies at Brussels; and that the Overseas Committee be empowered, if necessary, to invite M. Borel and Professor Ruyssen to meet them in London."

235. MINUTES INVOLVING QUESTIONS OF POLICY SUBMITTED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

(a) The Committee considered the following minute of the Mandates Committee dated November 28th, 1928:-

"RESOLUTION FOR THE FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. The Committee decided that the International Federation of League of Nations Societies might with advantage study the subject of Mandates. With this object, the Committee passed the following resolutions:-

'The Mandates Committee requests the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union to add the following resolutions on Mandates to the Agenda of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies:-

(1) That in view of the general acceptance of the Covenant principle of 'trusteeship' by all States Members of the League, all States with colonial possessions, protectorates or spheres of influence should send to the League for the information of the Permanent Mandates Commission, annual public reports on administration of those possessions of the same character as the reports of the Mandatories.

- (ii) That any area which in future is transferred from the administration of one Colonial Power to that of another or is otherwise acquired, should be governed under mandate of the League. " "

It was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be approved subject to the deletion of the word 'States' in line 2 of Resolution (i)."

- (b) The Committee considered the following resolution of the Minorities Committee dated December 6th, 1928:-

"To ask the Executive Committee to request the British Government to bring before the Council of the League of Nations the following resolution:-

'Considering the great and continued uneasiness in Europe arising out of the fact that insufficient satisfaction has been given to the just claims of Minorities,

Considering the importance of obtaining a definite settlement of a problem which has become a real danger for the peace of the world,

The Council of the League of Nations is requested to be good enough to institute a general inquiry into the purpose, the operation and the results of the minorities treaties, so that States Members of the League may be in a position to estimate to what extent the purpose of those treaties has been realised and, if necessary, to resume examination of the problem which it was the purpose of the treaties to solve.' "

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution be approved subject to the substitution of the word 'allegations' for the word 'fact' in line 2."

The Committee considered the following Minute of the Minorities Committee dated December 6th, 1928:-

"CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF STATELESS PERSONS.

The Committee noted with much satisfaction the official communication made by the British Government on December 31st, 1926, in answer to the questionnaire issued by the Committee of Experts for the Progressive Codification of International Law, that they "consider that the questions which arise in connection with dual nationality and statelessness are subjects whose regulation by international agreement it might be desirable to attempt" (League of Nations Document C.196.M.70 1927.v.p.144), and unanimously adopted the following resolution:-

'To ask the Executive Committee to request the British Government to take such steps as may be effective to solve the pressing problem of statelessness arising in many states out of interpretations of the nationality provisions of the treaties entered into at the close of the World War.' "

It was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be approved and that the resolution be sent to H.M. Government with a covering letter suggesting that the Union would be prepared, if desired, to suggest possible methods of solving this problem."

- (c) The Committee considered a statement on the League of Nations Union and O.T.C. and Cadet Corps, drawn up and approved by the Education Committee (see Minute 110 of Education Committee 6.12.28.) it was

RESOLVED: "That this statement be approved and adopted."

- (d) The Committee considered and approved the recommendation of the Joint Meeting of the Office and Education Committees approved by the Management Committee 13.12.28. that Mr. Charles Wilfred Judd, B.A. be appointed Secretary to the Education Committee.

236. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BRITISH-AMERICAN WOMEN'S CRUSADE. Miss Courtney reported that in view of the fact that the General Council of the Union had approved the Memorandum on International Policy, she wished to withdraw the communications from the British-American Women's Crusade.

It was pointed out that the notepaper of the British-American Women's Crusade bore the name of the League of Nations Union as a co-operating body, and after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the British-American Women's Crusade be asked to submit to the Secretary of the Union any documents concerning policy which they proposed to issue on paper bearing the name of the League of Nations Union."

At this stage of the proceedings Lady Gladstone took the Chair.

237. BUDGET FOR 1929 (Minute 68 of the Finance Committee 21.11.28.) The Committee considered Minute 68 of the Finance Committee of November 21st, 1928, concerning the Executive Committee's action in regard to the Budget for 1929. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"The Executive Committee deeply regret that, owing to peculiar circumstances, they felt obliged to make certain changes in the Budget with the assent merely of those members of the Finance Committee who happened to be present, but without any special meeting of the whole Committee.

They fully recognise the undesirability of such a proceeding and will see that it does not recur. If owing to any special emergency the Executive should again wish to make changes in the Budget proposed by the Finance Committee, they will call an Emergency Meeting of that Committee before printing contrary proposals."

238. ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. (Minute 76 - Publicity Committee 20.11.28.) The Committee considered and approved the following Minute of the Publicity Committee:-



"The Committee were of opinion that the main question of policy upon which the Union's speakers and writers should concentrate in view of present tendencies in the Press, was the necessity of overcoming the existing ill-feeling between this country and the United States. With this in view and the knowledge of the discrepancy between declared national policy upon the Paris Pact and the data upon which the War Office and Admiralty appear to base their estimates and plans, it was resolved:-

'That so soon as the Pact of Paris has been ratified by the American Senate, a definite proposal should be put forward in articles and addresses by the Union's writers and speakers, that a Cabinet instruction should be given to Government departments, making it clear that the policy of the country must in all respects conform to the sincere renunciation of war and in particular to the principle that naval rivalry with the United States is in no circumstances to be contemplated.'

The Committee advised certain methods of publicity concerning other clauses of the Memorandum."

239. RATIFICATION OF CONVENTIONS. The Committee received a list of League and I.L.O. Conventions.
240. RESOLUTION OF THE LONDON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. The Committee noted with interest resolutions on the Pact of Paris for the renunciation of war and the Reduction of Armaments passed by the London Teachers' Association.
241. RESOLUTION FROM THE COUNCIL FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. The Committee noted a resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the above-mentioned Council.
- In this connection it was pointed out that women were not adequately represented on the list of Union Vice-Presidents. After discussion it was
- RESOLVED: "That the women's Advisory Council be asked to suggest to the Executive Committee some suitable names for addition to the list of the Union's Vice-Presidents."
242. CALENDAR REFORM - RESOLUTION. Consideration of a resolution on this subject was adjourned.
243. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest resolutions from Hoylake and West Kirby, Perranporth and Warrington Branches.
244. VOTE OF THANKS. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to convey the sincere thanks of the Executive Committee to the speakers at the Disarmament Conference on December 5th and 6th, 1928."
245. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Management and Executive Committees be held on Thursday, December 20th, and then adjourn until January 24th."

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20.12.28

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1928, (on the rising of the Management Committee.)

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Professor Noel Baker, L.J.Cadbury, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, L.R.Lumley, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Selborne, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

246. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of C.Delisle Burns, Colonel David Carnegie, A.W.Claremont, Captain L.H.Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W.Hills, Lt.Col.the Hon. J.M.Kenworthy, Professor Gilbert Murray, Sir John Power, W.J.Salmon, Miss Constance Smith, Henry Vivian and H.D. Watson.
247. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on Minute 231 and Decision on Minute 235(b), the Minutes of the meeting held on December 13th, 1928, were approved as circulated.

On Minute 231(229) - Boy Scouts Association. The Secretary reported that he had recently been in communication with the Boy Scouts Association and had informed the Secretary of that Association that members of the Union's Executive Committee, including Lord Lytton, would be glad to attend the meeting of the Committee of the Boy Scouts Association, when the relations of that Association and the League of Nations Union were discussed.

It was ascertained that the Committee of the Boy Scouts Association had already considered the question but had adjourned the matter. It was suggested that some of the Union's Executive Committee should meet some members of the Committee of the Boy Scouts Association in order to discuss the relation of that Association to the League of Nations Union.

On Minute 235(e) (Resolution on the question of Stateless Persons). On the motion of Sir Walter Napier it was

RESOLVED: "That reference to the forthcoming Conference on the Codification of International Law be made in the covering letter to the Government which was to accompany this Resolution."

248. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 13th, 1928, were approved and adopted. It was

RESOLVED: "That the approval of the Executive Committee for purposes of action be given also to the Minutes of the Management Committee held on December 20th, 1928."

249. QUESTIONS OF POLICY SUBMITTED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

(a) REVISION OF THE COVENANT COMMITTEE. (Sir Walter Napier reported). The Committee considered and approved the following Minutes of the above Committee dated December 12th, 1928:- Minute 54 (Procedure under Article 19), 55 (Politico Juridico Antinomy), 56 (National Laws and International Obligations); 57 (Codification of International Law) circulated 17.12.28.

On Minute 55, it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the resolution on Section (2) be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

(b) That the Committee reaffirms the resolution on this subject contained in Minute 51 Resolution 5 of the Revision of the Covenant Committee dated June 12th, approved by the Executive Committee on June 14th, 1928."

(\*) WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. (Lady Gladstone reported).

(i) The Committee considered Minute 316 (Minimum-Wage Fixing Machinery Convention) circulated 17.12.28. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be referred back to the Women's Advisory Council with the suggestion that a joint meeting should be arranged between some members of the Industrial Advisory Committee to discuss this matter and report to the Executive Committee."

(ii) The Committee considered and approved Minute 317 (Sale of Intoxicants in Palestine) circulated 17.12.28. It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in this Minute, together with a covering letter from the Chairman be sent to Mr. Amery and Mr. Ormsby Gore."

(c) I. A. S. D. COMMITTEE. (Lord Cecil reported). The Committee adjourned consideration of Minute 72(70) (National Initiative on Disarmament) and of Mr. Hudson's comments on the same subject (see Minute 142 of the Management Committee dated 20.12.28.)

(d) ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

(i) The Committee adjourned consideration of Minute 20 (Economic Policies which Endanger the Peace of the World) circulated 20.12.28.

(ii) Subject to the following decision the Committee approved Minute 21 (South Wales and the World Economic Conference) circulated 20.12.28:-

RESOLVED: "That the second paragraph of the Resolution in this Minute be deleted and that the words "The World Economic Conference" be substituted for the words "That conference" in line 1 of paragraph 3."

250. CONVENTION FOR THE REPATRIATION OF PROSTITUTES. Lady Gladstone reported that the Traffic in Women and Children Committee, held on 19.12.28, had requested the Executive Committee to instruct the Union's delegate who was to attend the British National Committee of the International Bureau for the Suppression of the traffic in women and children,

to be held on January 14th, 1929, concerning the Union's attitude towards the proposals for a Convention for the compulsory repatriation of prostitutes. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee authorises their delegate, if she thinks fit, to approve in principle a Convention for the compulsory repatriation of prostitutes who have offended against the law, but not to express any opinion with regard to specific proposals until they have been further considered by the Committee."

251. RESIGNATION. The Committee noted with great regret that Captain T. Appleby had resigned his membership of the Executive Committee.
252. CALENDAR REFORM. The Committee considered and approved the following resolution:-

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

CONSIDERING that the XIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies at their meeting held at The Hague in July 1928 passed the following resolution:-

XIIth Plenary Congress,

Considering that the existing calendar is a source of trouble in commercial, industrial, scientific, educational and religious quarters and involves serious loss of time and money,

Considering that the adoption of a simple practical calendar would be of indisputable moral and material advantage to future generations,

Invites League of Nations Societies to urge the Governments of their respective countries to take immediate steps to expedite the convening by the League of Nations of an International Conference entrusted with proposing specific measures for the reform of the calendar.

and

CONSIDERING that in its Report which was noted with satisfaction by the Ninth Assembly of the League of Nations, the Advisory and Technical Committee for Communications and Transit requested that National Committees for the reform of the Calendar, competent to study the report drawn up by the Committee and to outline the state of national opinion on the subject, should be formed in as many countries as possible, and

CONSIDERING that a strong and representative National Committee has already been constituted for this purpose in the U.S.A.

RESPECTFULLY INVITES His Majesty's Government to take steps for the establishment in Great Britain of a National Committee to consider and report upon the Calendar's defects and proposed simplification.

253. PUBLICATION OF MINUTES OF LEAGUE COMMITTEES. Lord Cecil read to the Committee a letter from the Foreign Office in which it was stated that the Council of the League of Nations had decided that the Minutes of the following League Committees should continue to be printed:-

Health Committee  
Opium and Dangerous Drugs (Advisory Committee)  
Communications and Transit (Advisory and Technical Committee)  
Manufacture of Arms (Special Commission)  
Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference.  
Arbitration and Security Committee.

254. DISPUTE BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY. Professor Noel Baker suggested that seeing that it was not certain that the dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay was settled a sub-committee should be appointed which should be empowered to make, on behalf of the Executive Committee, a statement of constructive proposals should the need arise during the Committee's recess. It was

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RESOLVED: "That Lord/ce be authorised to take such action on behalf of the Executive Committee in this matter as may be necessary."

G.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 24TH, 1929, (on the rising of the  
Management Committee.)

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Noel Baker, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, L.J.Cadbury, Miss K.D.Courtney, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Mrs. E.Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, J.H.Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S.Hudson, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Mrs. W.T.Layton, J.de V.Loder, L.R.Lumley, Sir Walter Napier, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Norman Angell, Rt.Hon.G.W.Barnes, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss Ruth Fry, Major J.W.Hills, Lt.Com.the Hon.J.M.Kenworthy, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Captain H.Macmillan, Sir John Power, Charles Roberts, W.J.Salmon, A.L.Shepherd, Miss Constance Smith and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
2. GREAT BRITAIN AND THE REFUGEE COMMISSION. Mr.J.H.Harris said he understood that H.M.Government had withdrawn its name from the list of Governments which were to form an advisory commission to assist Dr.Nansen in refugee work. He submitted that the League of Nations Union might consider what action could be taken in this matter. After discussion Mr.R.S.Hudson undertook to ascertain the exact situation in regard to this question before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
3. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on Minutes 247(231(229)) and 251, the Minutes of the last meeting held on December 20th, 1928, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 247(231(229)) - Boy Scouts Association. The Secretary reported that he had recently had a satisfactory interview with the Secretary of the Boy Scouts Association and that it was hoped to arrange a conference towards the end of February between three representatives of the Boy Scouts, three of the Girl Guides and three of the Union to discuss the relations between these bodies.

On Minute 251 - Resignation. On the motion of Mr.R.S.Hudson and seconded by Professor Noel Baker, it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That Mr.Philip Kerr be invited to serve on the Executive Committee."

4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. The Minutes of the Committee dated December 20th, 1928, were approved and adopted.
5. RATIFICATION OF THE PACT OF PARIS FOR THE RENUNCIATION OF WAR. It was suggested that the Union should arrange for a celebration at the time when the British Government should ratify the Pact of Paris. It was further suggested that this celebration should take the form of a large public meeting, a dinner or a demonstration in Hyde Park. It was pointed out that in all probability the Pact would not be ratified by H.M.Government until just before the General Election and that it would not be easy to arrange for a large public meeting at that time.  
Mr. R.S.Hudson undertook to ascertain when the Pact was likely to be ratified. After further discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the question of possible action by the Union in connection with the ratification of the Pact of Paris be referred to the I.A.S.D. Committee for consideration and report." P

6. I.A.S.D. COMMITTEE. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That Miss K.D. Courtney and Lord Lytton be invited to serve on the I.A.S.D. Committee."

7. BOLIVIA AND PARAGUAY. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Wilson Harris addressed the Committee on the action taken by the Council of the League of Nations in connection with the recent dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay. Mr. Harris pointed out particularly that the White Paper published by E.M. Government omitted two of the most important telegrams from the Council of the League to the disputants which showed the effectiveness of the League's action. The telegrams in question were, however, included in the League's own publication on this subject. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a letter on this subject should be drafted by Mr. Wilson Harris and signed by Lord Grey, Lord Cecil or the Chairman for communication to the Press Association at an early date."

8. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. Consideration of Minute 20 of the Economic Committee was adjourned.

9. DRUG TRAFFIC RESOLUTION FOR THE 13TH PLenary CONGRESS. The Committee considered the draft resolution on the Drug Traffic and it was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Opium Committee be called to consider this resolution."

10. QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

(a) The Committee considered Minute 6 (Federal Committee for European Co-operation) of the Overseas Committee dated 16.1.29. (circulated 21.1.29.) and it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be approved and adopted."

(b) The Committee considered Minute 8 (Publication of League Committees' Minutes) together with a Memorandum and Draft Resolution for submission to the 13th Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies (circulated 21.1.29.) It was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute together with the Memorandum and draft Resolution be approved subject to the omission of the second section of paragraph 4 under the heading "Reasons for Continuation of Publicity" and alteration of the third section of the above-mentioned paragraph (4) to read as follows:-

'The difference of the League from the pre-war system lies, however, in the new principle of enlisting public opinion in support of peace and co-operation. It is this, far more than the improved machinery for intercourse between governments, which is the motive power of the League. It is of great importance that the principles of publicity should not be undermined either by administrative action undertaken in the name of economy or in any other way.' "

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Executive Committee should be held after the meeting of the Management Committee on January 31st, 1929." G.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 1923, (on the rising of the Management Committee.)

PRESENT. Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Philip Noel Baker, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S. Hudson, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, H.D. WATSON, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Mrs. C.E. Alderton, Norman Angell, Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Miss Ruth Fry, The Viscountess Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Lt. Com. the Hon. J.M. Kenworthy, Charles Roberts, Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.J. Salmon, A.L. Shepherd, Miss Constance Smith and Henry Vivian.
13. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minute 2, and reports on Minutes 3, 5 and 7, the Minutes of the last meeting held on January 24th, 1923, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 2 - Great Britain and the Refugee Commission. Mr. R.S. Hudson reported that he had made investigations on this subject at the request of the Committee and that he understood that the Advisory Commission which was to assist Dr. Nansen in winding up the Refugee Work had been composed of representatives only from those countries which were "most concerned" with refugees (i.e. had received refugees in largest numbers). In the list of such countries Great Britain came last but one and it was to be presumed that this was the reason why Great Britain was not represented on the Commission.

Lord Cecil said that the matter was one of great importance and Sir Charles Hobhouse submitted that the national honour of Great Britain was involved in the issue. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. J.H. Harris, in consultation with Professor Noel Baker, be asked to prepare for the Executive Committee a draft resolution and a statement of the facts."

On Minute 3 (251) - Resignation. It was reported that Mr. Phillip Kerr had accepted the invitation to serve on the Executive Committee but that his many engagements would prevent him attending the meetings of the Committee regularly.

On Minute 5 - Ratification of the Pact of Paris. Mr. R.S. Hudson reported that His Majesty's Government was likely to ratify the Pact of Paris almost immediately. [As soon as replies had been received from the Dominion Governments.]

On Minute 7 - Bolivia and Paraguay. Mr. R.S. Hudson reported that he had made inquiries concerning the discrepancies between the White Paper published by His Majesty's Government on the subject of Bolivia and Paraguay and the League's own publication on the subject. He had been informed that, in the opinion of the Foreign Office, M. Briand's letter, printed as No. 20 of the White Paper, included an adequate summary of the Aide Memoire which he had handed to the Charges d'Affaires



of the Argentine and the United States of America on December 18th but which had been omitted from the White Paper although it was included in the documentation published by the League.

14. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. The Minutes of the Management Committee dated January 24th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

15. DEATH OF LADY PHILLIMORE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the sympathy of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Lord Phillimore in his bereavement."

16. QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

- (a) Decentralisation (Council Minute 238(279)). It was

RESOLVED: "That the proposed Conference take place on Tuesday, March 12th and that arrangements be left in the hands of the Chairman."

- (b) League of Nations Sunday and Prayer (Council Minute 238(285)). It was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Selborne's proposals, having now the support of the Christian Organisations and of the Religions and Ethics Committees, be proposed by the Executive Committee to the General Council for adoption."

- (c) Expenditure for Educational Purposes (Council Minute 239). It was

RESOLVED: "That the Finance Committee be asked to bear the Council's Resolution on Expenditure for Educational Purposes (Min.299) in mind when drafting their proposed Budget for 1930."

- (d) Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery Convention (Council Minute 302). It was

RESOLVED: "That since the Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery Convention and Equal Pay is due to be considered by a Joint Committee of the Women's Advisory Council and of the Industrial Advisory Committee, no further action be taken at the present time on Lord Cecil's suggestion that the Executive Committee be asked to consider possible action by the Union on this subject."

It was suggested that two representatives of the Women's Industrial Organisations be invited to be present at the joint meeting of the Women's Advisory Council and the Industrial Advisory Committee which was to consider the Minimum Wage-Fixing Machinery Convention and Equal Pay, in order to give information on the subject. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That it be suggested to the Joint Committee that they invite two representatives of the Women's Industrial Organisations (who will be asked to be available)."

- (e) Action on Memorandum on International Policy (Council Minute 303). It was

RESOLVED: "That Minute 303 be referred to the I.A.S.D. Committee."

Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported that a letter, recently sent by the Donbigh Branch of the Union to the Conservative Candidate, had been brought to her notice. It was pointed out that this letter did not contravene any decision of the Executive Committee or the General Council.

- (f) Memorandum on International Policy - Mr. Wynch's Proposal (Council Minute 305). It was

RESOLVED: "That a draft statement combining the memorandum on International Policy approved by the General Council in 1928 with the Union's policy approved by the General Council in 1926 be prepared for consideration by this Committee at its next meeting."

- (g) Open-Air Meetings (Council Minute 305). It was

RESOLVED: "That the Council's Resolution on Open-Air Meetings be referred to the Office Committee for consideration and report."

- (h) General Election - Electors' Petition (Council Minute 308). Lord Cecil said that he understood Miss Courtney was not unwilling to drop her resolution which had been adopted by the Council, /to the effect that the Executive Committee be asked to consider the possibility of organising an Electors' Petition on Disarmament/ in view of the action which it was proposed to take on the Memorandum on International Policy. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Council's Resolution on an Electors' Petition (Minute 308) be referred to the I.A.S.D. Committee for consideration and report."

17. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MINUTE 20. Consideration of this Minute was again deferred.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Executive Committee be held instead of a meeting of the Management Committee on Thursday, February 7th."

S.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, 7TH  
FEBRUARY, 1929, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Mrs. C.B. Alderton, Professor Noel Baker, C. Delisle Burns, Lord Cecil, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral Sir Drury-Lowe, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, J.H. Harris, Major J.W. Hills, Sir Charles Hotchouse, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Philip Kerr, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Mrs. W.T. Layton, J. de V. Loder, L.R. Lumley, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Charles Roberts, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Norman Angell, Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, Colonel David Carnegie, L.J. Cadbury, Miss K.D. Courtney, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain L.H. Green, Lt. Com. the Hon. J.M. Kenworthy, Mrs. Walter Runciman, A.L. Shepherd, Miss Constance Smith and Henry Vivian.
20. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting held on January 31st, 1929, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 13(7) - Bolivia and Paraguay. On the motion of Sir Walter Napier it was

RESOLVED: "That copies of the letter written by the Chairman to the Press on the Bolivia and Paraguay question be circulated for the information of members of the Executive Committee."

21. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 26, the Minutes of the Committee dated January 22nd, 1929, and Minute 20 of December 18th, 1928, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (26) Economic Policies which Endanger the peace of the World; (27) Economic Situation of Bulgaria; (28) Abolition of the Passport and Visa System; (29) Colonisation Bonds; (30) Sir George Paish.

On Minute 26 - Economic Policies which Endanger the Peace of the World. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Resolution but not the Preamble in this minute, be approved for submission to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies."

22. GENERAL ELECTION. Subject to the following amendments to the amended draft scheme for carrying out Resolution 603(b) of the General Council, Minute 4 of the I.A.S.D. Committee dated 31.1.29. (with the exception of Resolution A(ii) which was not considered) was approved and adopted:-

On Paragraph 2(b) of "The Scheme in Detail". Sir John Power suggested that each Candidate or prospective Candidate should be approached by an elector of his own Party, rather than by an elector of another Party or by several electors representing the three political Parties. After discussion, on the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: "That the following sentence be added to paragraph 2(b):-

'If it is thought better, each Candidate may be approached by a member of his own Party.' "

On Paragraph 5. On the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: "That the following sentence be added to the note at the end of paragraph 5:-

'Where there are many Branches in one constituency care should be taken that only one copy is sent to the newspapers'."

On Paragraph 6. Sir John Power suggested that the circulation or distribution of the replies of the Candidates to the Union's Statement of Policy might be construed as a charge upon the election expenses of Candidates. After considerable discussion paragraph 6 was amended to read as follows:-

"Keen members of Branches such as Undergraduates and others might help by visiting proposed 'influential electors' or even the Candidates, or by attending meetings and putting questions. Where locally possible the Statement might be distributed to the electors generally by voluntary workers, who should take advantage of the opportunity of increasing the membership of the Union. This should be done as early as possible and in any case before the beginning of the Election."

23. RELIEF OF REFUGEES. The Committee considered a memorandum drawn up by Mr. J.H.Harris and Professor Noel Baker. After discussion it was

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

'That in view of the whole history of the Armenian question the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union expresses the hope that an intimation may be conveyed to the Secretary-General before the next meeting of the Council of the League of Nations that Great Britain will be prepared to submit names of suitable persons willing to act on the Advisory Committee.'

- (b) "That this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary together with a covering letter to be drawn up on the lines of the memorandum, by Mr. J.H.Harris, Professor Noel Baker, Mrs. Dugdale, Mr. Hudson and the Chairman."

24. LEAFLET PUBLISHED BY ST.CLEMENTS PRESS. The Committee considered a leaflet issued by the St.Clements Press. It was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken in this matter."

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held on February 21st."

26. ARTICLE 19 OF THE COVENANT. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the Secretary's memorandum on "The Union's Scheme for Working Article 19 of the Covenant". The Chairman said that it would be desirable for the Union's delegates to the Federation's forthcoming meetings at Brussels to have the authority of the Executive Committee to use this memorandum.

Lord Cecil said that he thought the memorandum was one of great importance and which should be most carefully considered.

The Committee decided to leave to the discretion of the Union's delegates the use they would make of the memorandum and the amendments they might accept to the second paragraph of the revised Procedure A and the corresponding parts of the revised Procedure B appended to the memorandum.

The Committee agreed

- (i) that the original Procedure A and Procedure B should be amended as in the revised Procedures so as to make them function even when the proposed Commission of Inquiry is not unanimous.

The Committee was further of opinion that Article 19 need not remain ineffective in the absence of unanimous agreement in the Assembly, to "advise after considering the report or reports of the Commission", but

- (ii) that the difficulty of unanimity might be met by recognising the moral authority of a recommendation or vote; and
- (iii) that if the nations concerned do not, within a due lapse of time, act in accordance with the decision or recommendation of the Assembly, the Council should consider the question under Article 11.

The Committee recognised that action under Article 11 as proposed in paragraph (iii) would be the natural step for the Council to take, and would have the great advantage of leaving the Council to estimate at its real value the actual authority of the recommendation (e.g. by paying a different amount of attention to a recommendation passed by a mere numerical majority and one passed by an almost unanimous Assembly.)

~~UNAPPROVED~~ MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY  
21ST, 1929, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), Professor Noel Baker, C. Bellisle Burns, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.E.Green, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, J.B.Harris, Rt.Hon. Leif Jones, Philip Kerr, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Queenborough, W.J.Salmon, Alderman Ben Turner, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley together with the Secretary.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Mrs.C.B. Alderton, Norman Ansell, Rt.Hon.G.M.Barnes, L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Sir Charles Robhouse, Lt.Col.the Hon.J.M.Kenworthy, Professor Gilbert Murray, Sir John Power, Mrs.Walter Runciman, Miss Constance Smith, Henry Vivian and the Hon.Mrs.Wilson-Fox.
28. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting held on February 7th, 1929, were confirmed as circulated.
29. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. With the exception of Minute 11, consideration of which had been adjourned till next meeting of the Committee, the Minutes of the meeting held on January 31st, 1929, were approved and adopted.
30. VACANCY ON COMMITTEE. It was reported that Captain H. Macmillan, M.P. had resigned his membership of the Committee. The Vice-Chairman, on behalf of the Chairman, suggested the names of two persons in connection with this vacancy. Members of the Committee expressed the hope that the vacancy would be filled by a member of the same political Party as Captain Macmillan. Further consideration of this matter was adjourned.
31. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES - BRUSSELS REPORT. Lady Gladstone and Sir Willoughby Dickinson presented a report of the meetings of the Executive Committee and the four Standing Committees of the International Federation held in Brussels, February 11th-13th. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the report be received, but

- (1) (European Co-operation) that consideration of so much of the report as concerns the Comité Fédéral pour Co-opération Européenne be deferred until Professor Murray and Lord Cecil are present.
- (2) (Article 19 of the Covenant)
- (a) that, at the meeting on April 4th of the sub-committee of the Standing Political Committee of the Federation and subsequently at the meetings of the Standing Political Committee and of the Plenary Congress of the Federation, the Union's representatives should urge the adoption and approval only of the revised Procedure A (not involving amendment to the Covenant), Procedure B (involving amendment to the Covenant) being reserved as proposed by Lord Phillimore's Committee, Minute 34 of December 5th, 1927, by the Union for further consideration if and when the Members of the League are prepared to amend Article 19 of the Covenant;

(b) that Dr. Garnett's explanatory memorandum be amended accordingly and distributed in English and in French to the members of the Federation's sub-Committee before the meeting on April 4th, as well as to members of the Political Committee and of the Plenary Congress who will have to consider this subject, and

(c) that Lord Phillimore's Committee be consulted in regard to these decisions before the meeting of the Federation's sub-Committee on April 4th.

(3) (Colonies as mandated Territories) that the Union's resolution concerning the extension of the Mandates System, viz:

(i) "That in view of the general acceptance of the Covenant principle of 'trusteeship' by all Members of the League, all States with colonial possessions, protectorates or spheres of influence should send to the League, for the information of the Permanent Mandates Commission, annual public reports on administration of these possessions of the same character as the reports of the Mandatories."

(ii) "That any area which in future is transferred from the administration of one colonial power to that of another or is otherwise acquired, should be governed under mandate of the League". (Mandates Committee 29.11.28. approved by Executive Committee 13.12.28.)

which was brought to the notice of the Political Committee of the Federation in February, be reconsidered by the Union before Easter (so that, if necessary, an amended resolution might be placed on the agenda of the Madrid Congress)

(4) (Unanimity Rule) that Lord Phillimore's Committee be asked to consider Sir Willoughby Dickinson's suggestion that the Executive Committee's views on the unanimity rule, as expressed in the following recommendation of Lord Phillimore's Committee of 12th December 1928 (approved by the Executive Committee on 20th December 1928):-

"That, so far as can be seen at present, no steps should be taken or indeed are desirable, to substitute the majority rule for the unanimity rule wherever the latter obtains in the procedure of the Assembly and the Council of the League of Nations, except such as are proposed in Procedure A and Procedure B in connection with Article 19 of the Covenant,"

be revised before Easter, in case the Federation's sub-committee which is to meet in Paris on 4th April considers this among other questions relating to national sovereignty and the League of Nations.

32. EFFECTIVE OUTLAWRY OF WAR. Mr. Philip Kerr presented to the Committee a memorandum upon the Effective Outlawry of War upon which a preliminary discussion took place. It was

- RESOLVED: (a) That further discussion of this memorandum be adjourned till the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- (b) That this memorandum be submitted to Lord Phillimore's Committee and that Mr. Kerr be invited to attend the meeting of the Committee when the memorandum is under discussion.
- (c) That Lord Phillimore's Committee be asked to consider, at the same time, such amendments to the Covenant as are necessary to bring it into harmony with the Pact of Paris; and
- (d) That Mr. Philip Kerr and Professor Noel Baker be asked to prepare a draft of such amendments to the Covenant for the consideration of Lord Phillimore's Committee.

33. EAST AFRICAN COMMISSION'S REPORT. The Committee considered and approved the following question of policy contained in Minute 6 of the Mandates Committee of 5.2.29:-

- (a) "The Committee notes the Commission's statement that 'the proposals made in this report do not involve any action which could be regarded as inconsistent with the terms of the Mandate. It is not suggested that there should be any modification of the territorial integrity of the mandated area. It is not proposed that there should be any change in the status quo of the inhabitants',

The Committee assumes that H.M. Government will ascertain the opinion of the Permanent Mandates Commission upon this view before taking any action in the Report.

- (b) In this connection the Committee draws attention to that part of the Report dealing with Defence.
- (c) The Committee considers that in no case should the territorial integrity of the mandated area be diminished or impaired."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That these Resolutions be forwarded to the Colonial Office."

*Cecil*



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 1929, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Lord Henry Bentinck, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, C. Delisle Burns, Miss K.D. Courtney, Vice-Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Philip Kerr, J. de V. Loder, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Charles Roberts, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch together with the Secretary.

34. CHAIRMAN. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Lord Cecil was voted to the Chair.
35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. were tendered on behalf of Mrs. C.B. Alderton, Norman Angell, Professor Noel Baker, Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, L.J. Cadbury, Rt. Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Major J.W. Hills, Lt. Com. the Hon. J.M. Kenworthy, Professor Gilbert Murray, Sir John Power, W.J. Salmon, Miss Constance Smith and Henry Vivian.
36. MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting, held on February 21st, 1929, were confirmed as circulated.
37. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on February 21st, 1929, were approved and adopted.
38. URGENT MINUTES.
- (a) FINANCE COMMITTEE. (Rt. Hon. Leif Jones reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 15 and 17(b) and amendment to Clause 10 of the League of Nations Union Staff Superannuation Scheme (Minute 15), the Minutes of the Committee dated February 21st, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (13) Joint Meeting with Office and Industrial Advisory Committees; (14) Financial Statement; (15) Superannuation Scheme; (16) Gould Committee; (17) Appeals; (19) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

On Minute 15 - Superannuation Scheme, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee desires to extend their sincere thanks to Mr. David Begg, F.F.A., for his valuable assistance in drawing up the Superannuation Scheme".

Minute 15 - Superannuation Scheme (Clause 10). On the motion of Captain Green it was

RESOLVED: "That Clause 10 be amended to read as follows:-

'In the event of any dispute arising between the member and the Union arising out of these presents the same shall be referred to an arbitrator to be agreed upon by the parties

concerned or, failing such agreement, to be appointed by the Chairman, for the time being, of the Executive Committee of the Union'."

On Minute 17 (b), Dr. Garnett having reported that he had seen the Lord Mayor who was not willing at the present time to sign any further appeals to the City, the wording of the draft appeal to the City was not considered.

- (b) I.A.S.D. COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the following urgent minute (21c) of the I.A.S.D. Committee (21.2.29):-

"That the decision taken in Minute 9 of the I.A.S.D. Committee 7.2.29, (approved by Executive Committee on 21.2.29) be reversed and that Lord Cecil be asked to forward the memorandum of policy adopted by the General Council, with a covering letter, to the leader of each political party at the same time as the branch letter with its enclosures was despatched."

After discussion it was

RESOLVED "That the above Recommendation be approved."

39. VACANCY ON COMMITTEE. After discussion consideration of this matter was adjourned. It was agreed, however, that the vacancy should be filled, if possible, by a Conservative Member of Parliament.
40. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES - BRUSSELS REPORT. The Comité Fédéral pour Co-operation Européenne. Consideration of the report of the meetings of the International Federation at Brussels, in so far as it concerned the Comité Fédéral pour Co-operation Européenne, was adjourned until the next meeting in the hope that Professor Murray would be present.
41. MANDATES. Further consideration of the Union's resolution on Mandates (quoted in Minute 31(3) of the Minutes of the Executive Committee's meeting of February 21st, was adjourned until the next meeting, in the hope that Professor Murray would be present.
42. EFFECTIVE OUTLAWRY OF WAR. The Committee considered a memorandum on The Effective Outlawry of War, together with a memorandum on Amendments to the Covenant, which would be necessary to bring it into harmony with the Pact of Paris for the Renunciation of War. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) That these memoranda be further considered in the light of the report of Lord Phillimore's Committee which is shortly to consider them.

(b) The opinion of Lord Phillimore's Committee is further desired on the following points:-

- (1) Article XVI. Is it clear that this article is directed rather to the preservation or restoration of peace than to the punishment of the aggressor?

When Article XVI refers to the possibility of a nation 'recorting to war' does that or does that not indicate that the League is

to take action against either or both parties who have been guilty of a breach of international peace?

Does Article XVI require organised collective action for the arrest of hostilities on the part of both belligerents or does it involve first selecting one belligerent as the aggressor and then taking action against that party?

Have Members' obligations under Article XVI been modified as a result of the signature of the Pact of Paris?

- (ii) Article XVII. What is the effect of the Pact of Paris on the relations between Members of the League and Nations outside the League? Is it or is it not desirable, for instance, to suggest any alterations in the terms of Article XVII?

43. CONFERENCE ON FORCED AND CONTRACT LABOUR - Printing of Report. Captain Green drew the attention of the Committee to the Union's forthcoming Conference on Forced and Contract Labour. He reminded the Committee that a verbatim report of former Conferences on kindred subjects had been taken and published. He said that in this case the Industrial Advisory Committee would prefer to draw attention to the existing I.L.O. Report on Forced and Contract Labour at the Conference, rather than to publish a report of the Conference itself which was likely to cover much the same ground as the I.L.O. Report. It was

RESOLVED: "That the necessary expenditure for a verbatim transcript of the proceedings of the Conference be sanctioned and that the Committee should consider at a later date the question of publishing a report of the Conference."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That owing to Professor Murray's indisposition Major J.W. Hills be invited to take the Chair at the last Session of the Conference."

*J.W. Hills.*

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,  
MARCH 14TH, 1929 AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT: Major J.W.Hills (in the Chair), L.J.Cadbury,  
Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, Sir Willoughby  
Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Captain L.H.Green,  
J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, Lady Hall, Rt.Hon.  
Leif Jones, Philip Kerr, J. de V. Loder, L.R.  
Lusley, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Sir  
John Power, Lord Queensborough, Mrs. Walter  
Runciman, W.J.Salmon, H.D.Watson, Herbert  
Worsley, L.H.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

44. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were tendered on behalf of Mrs. Wilson  
Fox, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Commander  
Kenworthy, Professor Gilbert Murray and Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe.
45. DEATH OF LORD PHILLIMORE. The Committee noted with great  
sorrow the death of Lord Phillimore, and it was unanimously  
RESOLVED: "that the Vice-Chairman be asked to write to Lord  
Phillimore's son, expressing the very deep  
sympathy of the Committee in his bereavement."
46. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minute 43, the  
Minutes of the last meeting held on February 28th, 1929 were  
approved and adopted.

On Minute 36 - I.A.S.D. Committee, Lord Cecil reported that  
he had sent the memorandum on policy adopted by the General  
Council to the leader of each political party, and that a  
letter had been received from Mr. Ramsay MacDonald stating  
that he was heartily in favour of the policy, that an  
acknowledgment had been received from the Prime Minister's  
private secretary, but that no reply had as yet been re-  
ceived from Mr. Lloyd George.

On Minute 43 - Conference on Forced and Contract Labour -  
Mr. J.H.Harris reported that the Conference had been  
singularly successful and had received good publicity in  
THE TIMES and THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN. He stated that  
he had learned that the African Society would consider  
publishing, if not the whole of the report at least a  
considerable section of it, and suggested that the Union and  
the African Society should issue the report jointly. It was

RESOLVED: "That the appropriate Committees be invited  
to consider the question of publishing the Report  
of the Conference in conjunction with other  
societies."

It was further

RESOLVED: (i) "That no meeting of the Management or Executive  
Committee shall be called during the session  
of any future conference organised by the  
Union."

(ii) "That if the Chairman of the Executive  
Committee is unable to attend future confer-  
ences organised by the Union, arrangements  
shall be made for someone to represent him."

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The minutes of the meeting  
held on March 7th were confirmed as circulated.

48. QUESTIONS OF POLICY SUBMITTED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on Minute 19(ii), Minutes 14 (Howard League for Penal Reform) and 19(ii) (Resolution on General Policy) were approved and adopted.

On Minute 19(ii) Resolution on General Policy, it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil, Sir Walter Napier and Mr. Philip Kerr be asked to discuss that section of the above minute which refers to the withdrawal from Germany of Foreign Troops, and to report to the next meeting."

49. REVISION OF THE COVENANT COMMITTEE MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 5 (Codification of International Law), Minute 6 (Unanimity Rule), Minute 7 (Procedure under Article 19 of the Covenant), and Minute 8 (Effective Outlawry of War), the minutes of the meeting held on March 7th were confirmed as circulated.

[These Minutes included (3) Lord Phillimore; (4) Membership of the Committee; (5) Codification of International Law; (6) Unanimity Rule; (7) Procedure under Article 19 of the Covenant; (8) Effective Outlawry of War.]

On Minute 5 - Codification of International Law, it was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Erierly's explanatory memorandum be circulated to the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

On Minute 6 - Unanimity Rule, it was

RESOLVED: "That the first paragraph of the second resolution in this Minute be adopted in the following form:-

'That particular cases where the unanimity rule might be modified be considered at the next meeting after the Madrid Conference, and that the following suggestions be examined in this connection.'

On Minute 7 - Procedure Under Article 19 of the Covenant, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's representative on the sub-Committee of the Standing Political Committee of the Federation be requested to press for the adoption of paragraph 1 of Procedure A and to be prepared, in the last resort, to sacrifice paragraph 2 in whole or in part."

On Minute 8 - Effective Outlawry of War. After some considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) That the first resolution in this Minute be adopted in the following form:-

'That this Committee does not consider it desirable that any amendment to the covenant should be proposed at present for the purpose of assimilating the Covenant with the Pact of Paris for the renunciation of war.'

(11) That consideration of the answers to the questions submitted by the Executive Committee be adjourned.

50. VACANCY ON COMMITTEE. It was suggested that Lady Iveagh should be invited to serve on the Executive Committee. Dr. Gemmett stated that the ballot paper for the election of the Executive Committee for 1929/30 was shortly to be issued, and that it would not be possible to include on it the name of any newly appointed member of the Committee. After discussion it was

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

51. COMITE FEDERAL POUR CO-OPERATION EUROPEENNE. The Committee considered the report of the Brussels Meeting of the International Federation concerning the Comite Federal pour Co-operation Europeenne, and

RESOLVED: "That the arrangements for co-operation between the Comite Federal pour Co-operation Europeenne and the International Federation set forth in the report of the Brussels meeting (S.G.2602 of 16.2.29) be confirmed."

2. MANDATES. The Committee considered the Union's resolution which was placed before the Political Committee of the International Federation at its recent meeting (see Minute 31(3) of February 21st), and also an amendment to this resolution proposed by Mrs. Dugdale. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "Not to propose a resolution on this subject at the Madrid Congress, and to withdraw the resolution which was placed by the Union before the Political Committee of the Federation in February."

53. RATIFICATION OF CONVENTIONS. The Committee considered a resolution of the XIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation on this subject, and had before them a list of the Conventions which were still open to signature or ratification by H.M. Government. It was

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

54. EXPENSES OF UNION'S DELEGATES TO MADRID. It was

RESOLVED: "That in view of the length of journey to, and cost of residence in Madrid, a special grant of £5 be made to each of the Union's delegates to the XIIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation."

55. COMMUNICATION FROM MR. AMERY. The Secretary read a letter which had been received from the Rt. Hon. S. L. Amery concerning the resolution passed by the Executive Committee dealing with the report of the East Africa Commission (Minute 33 of 21.2.29) and it was:

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Committee be extended to Mr. Amery for his letter."

56. DEATH OF MR. STUDDERT KENNEDY AND OF PROFESSOR ALLYN YOUNG. It was

RESOLVED: "That letters of sympathy, on behalf of the Committee be sent to Mrs. Studdert Kennedy and to Mrs. Young."

57. COMMUNICATION FROM THE WARRINGTON BRANCH. The Secretary reported a communication from the Warrington Branch, stating that it was proposed to move the following resolution at the next meeting of the Warrington Town Council:-

'That this Corporation rejoices in the ratification by His Majesty's Government of the Peace Pact for the renunciation of war as a means of settling international disputes and assures His Majesty's Government that in taking this solemn pledge it has the loyal, active and sympathetic support of the citizens of this borough.'

and suggesting that a similar resolution should be submitted to every Municipal and County Council throughout the country. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution be approved but that it be not circulated by the Union to other Municipal and County Councils."

58. RELIEF OF REFUGEES. The Secretary reported a communication from Mr. Locker Lampson concerning the Union's resolution on this subject (Minute 23 of 7.2.29) and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be requested to draft a reply to Mr. Locker Lampson for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting."

59. COMMUNICATION FROM DR. BASKETT. The Secretary reported a communication from Dr. Baskett, the Chairman of the Bath Branch, drawing attention to the statement made by Mr. Winston Churchill in a recent article in the TIMES to the effect that "the statesmanship of Borden and of Botha behind the scenes eventually led the Dominion leaders to agree to veil their sovereignty under the name of a mandate", and suggesting that the Union should protest against this misrepresentation. It was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken in this matter."

60. SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN. Lord Cecil reminded the Committee of the action taken by the Foreign Secretary at the League's recent Council Meeting concerning the scheme for Financial Assistance to members of the League involved in War or a threat of War, and stated that, on that account, Sir Austen had been strongly attacked by one of the leading daily papers. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to draft a letter to the Foreign Secretary, conveying the Executive Committee's congratulations on his action."

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,  
MARCH 21ST, 1929, ON THE RISING OF THE MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Professor Noel Baker, Colonel Carnegie, A.W. Claremont, Miss K.D. Courtney, Mrs. Digdale, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S. Hudson, Philip Kerr, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, J. de V. Loder, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, W.J. Salmon, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley, L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

61. APCOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Alderton, Norman Angel, Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs. Wilson Fox, Captain L.H. Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W. Hills, Sir John Power, Professor Gilbert Murray, Miss Constance Smith, Mrs. Walter Runciman and Henry Vivian.
62. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minutes 46, 48 and 60, the Minutes of the last meeting held on March 14th were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 46 (43) Conference on Forced and Contract Labour, Lady Hall reported that the African Society were willing to print in their journal a summary of the speeches delivered at the Conference, but that they were unable to join with the Union in publishing a full report of the Conference. It was

RESOLVED: "That the offer of the African Society to print a summary of the proceedings of the Conference be accepted with thanks, and that the Union purchase reprints of this summary if required."

On Minute 48 - Overseas Committee - Resolution on General Policy, Sir Walter Napier reported that he had discussed this resolution with Lord Cecil and Mr. Philip Kerr, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the paragraph of the Overseas Committee's Minute (19(ii) Resolution on General Policy) concerning the Withdrawal from Germany of Foreign Troops be approved in the following amended form:-

'The Withdrawal from German Territory of foreign troops as soon as possible'.

On Minute 60 - Sir Austen Chamberlain, it was

RESOLVED: "That the letter referred to in this Minute be signed by Major Hills or, if this is not possible, by the Secretary of the Union."

63. QUESTIONS OF POLICY SUBMITTED BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

MINORITIES COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions, Minute 3 (Question of Stateless Persons) and Minute 4 (Reform of Minorities Procedure) were approved and adopted.

On Minute 3 - Question of Stateless Persons, it was

RESOLVED: "That the second paragraph of this Minute



be approved in the following amended form."

'As Mr. Wolf expressed a doubt whether the Committee of Jurists, which met at Geneva in January to prepare the way for a World Conference on the Codification of International Law, had decided to include within the scope of the Conference questions of nationality arising out of treaties, as well as those arising out of the conflict of the laws of the different states, it was'

On Minute 4 - Reform of Minorities Procedure, After considerable discussion, it was

RESOLVED: (1) That paragraphs 3 and 4 of the resolution contained in this Minute be approved, but that the remainder of the resolution be referred back to the Minorities Committee with the suggestion that it be redrafted and that it should include the question of reference to the Permanent Court; and

(ii) That subject to the approval of the Chairman (Lord Cecil) the section, when redrafted, be approved.

61. RESOLUTIONS FOR MADRID MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION.  
It was

RESOLVED: (1) That the following resolutions be placed on the agenda of the XIIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation:-

Education (see Minute 35(b) of Management Committee, 21.3.29.)

THE PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF  
LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES

RECALLING the appointment in 1925 by the Council of the League of Nations of a sub-Committee

'to consider the best methods of co-ordinating all official and non-official efforts designed to familiarise young people throughout the world with the principles and work of the League of Nations, and to train the younger generation to regard international co-operation as the normal method of conducting world affairs;'

and also

RECALLING the following recommendations of that sub-Committee that

'A special reference book giving an account of the work of the League of Nations and the International Labour Organisation should be prepared, which will probably assume a different form in various countries. The Secretary-General of the League of Nations should be asked to undertake, in co-operation with experts of his own choice, the preparation of that part of the reference book which deals with the organisation and aims of the League of Nations;'

WELCOMING the publication by the League of Nations in February 1929, in English and in French, of a Handbook on The Aims and Organisation of the League of Nations;

and also

WELCOMING the publication in January, 1929 by the League of Nations Union; with the assistance of the associations of teachers represented on its Education Committee, of a Handbook entitled TEACHERS AND WORLD PEACE for the use of teachers in Great Britain who desire to train their pupils to regard international co-operation as the normal method of conducting world affairs;

NOTING that less than one-seventh of the Union's publication (pages 19-33) covers the same ground as, and is therefore replaceable by the League's publication;

RECOMMENDS the League of Nations Societies constituting the International Federation

- (1) Heartily to approve the Handbook on the Aims and Organisation of the League of Nations;
- (2) To encourage the Governments of the States Members to place this book at the disposal of all teachers;
- (3) To distribute TEACHERS AND WORLD PEACE as an example of the method by which the recommendations of the sub-committee of experts can be implemented."

Drug Traffic.

THE XIIIITH PLENARY CONGRESS urges the national societies to press upon their respective governments

- (1) Ratification of the Hague Opium Convention of 1912 and the Geneva Drug Conventions of 1925, if their governments have not already ratified them.
- (2) Legislation which will ensure the success of the Conventions by strict control of the amount of derivative drugs manufactured, sold and exported.
- (3) Strict police supervision of the administration of such legislation and heavy criminal penalties for breaking the law.

Textile Industry.

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requests the International Labour Office to put in hand and carry out as actively as possible an enquiry into the conditions of work (wages, hours of work, paid holidays, health, safety, unemployment, etc.) in the textile industry, in accordance with the resolution of the International Labour Conference of 1928, and on the same lines as the exceedingly useful enquiry that it has previously undertaken and is extending on the subject of conditions of work in the coal-mining industry."

Traffic in Women and Children.

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- (a) Deploring the fact that a large number of Governments have not yet acceded to the international conventions relating to the traffic in women and children, and recognising that the traffic can be combated by concerted action alone

urges those governments who have not yet done so, to take immediate steps to sign and ratify these conventions, to frame appropriate legislation for carrying them into effect and to secure the effective administration of such legislation.

- (b) Bearing in mind the resolution adopted by the Assembly of the League of Nations at its eighth ordinary session with regard to the system of licensed houses, emphasising the close connection shown to exist between the system of licensed houses and the international traffic in women and children, the stimulus to the traffic afforded by the existence of such houses, and the beneficial results claimed by such countries as have already abolished the system,

urges upon all governments that they take the necessary steps to abolish all licensed houses of prostitution in their respective territories.

- (c) Considering furthermore that the traffic is encouraged by fixing the minimum age for marriage and consent too low,

urges upon all governments that they take such legislative action as shall be necessary to ensure that the ages of marriage and consent be made sufficiently high.

- (11) That the following resolution be placed on the agenda of the XIIIth Plenary Congress in substitution for that already sent to Brussels:-

Forced Labour.

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is of the opinion that the International Labour Conference, in dealing with the question of the regulation of the use of forced labour, should bear in mind that the ideal to be attained is the cessation of all forced labour at the earliest possible moment, and should recommend that it be the aim of all Administrations to hasten the time when forced labour of any nature should cease to be imposed."

- (111) That the Federation be informed that the Union will propose a resolution on the subject of the Washington Hours Convention and on the subject of Minimum Wage Fixing Machinery.

65. CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. The Committee considered a memorandum on this subject (S.G.2676) prepared by Professor Brierly, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the grateful thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Professor Brierly for his memorandum; and

- (11) That copies of the memorandum be sent to M. Ruysen, with the request that they be circulated among the delegates attending the Madrid Congress for consideration in connection with the amendment proposed by the Union to the Japanese resolution on the Progressive Codification of International Law."

66. EFFECTIVE OUTLAWRY OF WAR. The Committee considered a memorandum on this subject (S.G.2679) prepared by Mr. Philip Kerr, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the grateful thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Philip Kerr for his memorandum;

- (11) That the memorandum, together with amendments proposed by Admiral Drury-Lowe, be referred to the I.A.S.D. Committee with a view to its being incorporated in the Union's Statement of Policy, and that Mr. Philip Kerr and Professor Brierly be invited to attend the I.A.S.D. Committee when the memorandum is under discussion; and

- (111) That, in addition to the resolutions on International Policy arising out of the signature of the Pact of Paris which this Committee has already decided to place upon the agenda of the Madrid Congress, the following resolution should be also placed on that agenda:-

That in view of the acceptance of the Pact of Paris, steps should be continuously taken by the League of Nations to give greater and greater reality to its terms.

- (1v) That the I.A.S.D. Committee be consulted upon the question whether Mr. Kerr's memorandum, either in its present form or with amendments suggested by the I.A.S.D. Committee, should be circulated to the delegates attending the Madrid Congress for their guidance in connection with the above resolution."

67. RELIEF OF REFUGEES. The Committee considered a letter from Mr. Locker Lampson on this subject, together with a reply drafted by Lord Cecil, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the attached reply as amended, be approved."

68. I.L.O. BUDGET. A communication was read from Admiral Drury-Lowe, drawing attention to the action of the British Government delegate to the recent I.L.O. Conference in moving a reduction of the I.L.O. Budget for the current year, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the matter be referred to the Industrial Advisory Committee for consideration and report."

69. CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS. Lady Hall stated that, as it did not appear likely that a successful meeting could be arranged by the Industrial Advisory Committee during the session of the Co-operative Congress at Torquay, the Committee proposed that the local Branch of the Union be invited to organise a meeting, to be addressed possibly by the Parliamentary candidates, and to use the hall which had already been reserved by the Industrial Advisory Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That this action be approved."

G.M.

4th April, 1929.

Dear Locker-Lampson,

Gilbert Murray has had to go away, and has asked me to reply to your letter of the 7th.

The point really is this. As you know, we have incurred honourable obligations towards the Armenians of various kinds during and subsequent to the war. No one, I believe, is more conscious of them than your Chief, and I know very well how much an honourable obligation means to him. After holding out hopes to the Armenians of independence, of a great accession of territory, and so on, gradually we have been forced by circumstances to lessen bit by bit what we at one time hoped to be able to do for them, until recently it came down to a proposal to assist in a certain irrigation scheme in Armenia which would enable the re-settlement of a certain proportion of Armenians to take place there. That too, after consideration, was turned down. The Executive of the Union do feel very strongly that we ought to take every opportunity which presents itself of giving assistance to the Armenians. We recognise, of course, that the Government have done something in restoring Armenians from countries under British control; but I do not think that anyone will contend that what we have done in that respect can be regarded as in any way a full discharge of our moral obligations to them.

In these circumstances it was a very unfortunate circumstance that we should not be represented upon the Advisory Committee of the Commission for Refugees, and I cannot help feeling that if we had expressed our willingness to serve on that Committee we should have been received by the other members with open arms. I understand that, on the contrary, we let it be known that we did not wish to serve on the Committee.

The Executive Committee do think, - and I share their opinion, - that it was much to be deplored that we took that course.

In these circumstances they earnestly hope that the door is not completely closed, and that it is still possible for us to say that we have not lost all interest in the Armenians, by offering to sit upon the Committee.

Yours very sincerely,

The Rt.Hon. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, M.P.,  
Foreign Office,  
S.W.1.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,  
APRIL 25TH, 1929, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Lord Cecil, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Digdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Mr. J.H.Harris, Major J.W.Hills, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, W.J.Salmon, Lady Selborne, Henry Vivian, Mrs. Wilson Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Alderton, Norman Angell, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss K.D.Courtney, C.Delisle Burns, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Commander Kenworthy, L.R.Lumley and Sir John Power.

71. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 65 and 67, the Minutes of the meeting held on March 21st, 1929, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 65 - Codification of International Law. On the motion of Sir Walter Napier it was

RESOLVED: "That a copy of Professor Brierly's memorandum on this subject be supplied to any member of the Committee who may ask for it."

On Minute 67 - Relief of Refugees. The Chairman reported to the Committee that Lord Cecil had received a reply from the Foreign Office (dated April 12th) to his letter of April 4th, concerning the relief of Armenian refugees. This letter was read to the Committee and the opinion was expressed that further action in this matter was not possible. It was, however,

RESOLVED: "That this letter (attached) be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

72. MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Management Committees held on March 21st and April 18th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

On Minute 45 (of 18.4.29) - International Federation Meeting at Madrid, it was reported that the Secretary's consultation with the Foreign Office had not produced any reason why the forthcoming meeting of the Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies should not take place at Madrid.

73. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL ELECTION. The Chairman said that he anticipated many members of the Executive Committee would be taking an active part in the forthcoming General Election. He explained that in his forthcoming address on "Liberalism and the League" at the Pinoli Luncheon he meant to show why Liberals should support the League, not to argue that supporters of the League should vote Liberal; on their own party platforms of course, members of the Executive Committee were free to make party speeches.

74. WAR DEBTS. A general discussion took place on the subject of war debts and Mr. Snowden's recent pronouncement in the

House of Commons. Mr. J.H.Harris suggested that the Committee should pass a resolution on this subject. It was pointed out that this matter was one of acute party controversy at the present juncture and the Executive was not in the habit of passing resolutions about the remarks of private members. Mr. Henry Vivian then moved that no resolution on this subject should be considered. On the motion of Lord Cecil it was however

RESOLVED: "That this question be adjourned."

It was agreed that this subject should appear upon the agenda of the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

75. AMERICAN NAVAL PROPOSALS. The Committee noted with satisfaction the recent speech made by Mr. Hugh Gibson on behalf of the United States of America, in the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference at Geneva. Lord Cecil read to the Committee the Union's communiqué to the press on this subject and it was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution be sent to His Majesty's Government:-

'The League of Nations Union is glad to see that His Majesty's Government have welcomed Mr. Gibson's speech and trusts that they will feel able after consideration to accept fully and unreservedly the principles there laid down.'

76. QUESTIONS OF POLICY SUBMITTED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE-MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DATED 17.4.29. (Mr. Leif Jones reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 33, the Minutes of the committee were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (32) Prague Economic Resolutions; (33) Colonisation Bonds; (34) Garay Doctrine of Automatic Citizenship; (35) Economic Situation of Bulgaria; (36) International Money; (37) League of Nations Bank; (38) International Thrift Congress; (39) Letter from National Liberal Federation; (40) European Co-operation.

On Minute 33 - Colonisation Bonds, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegation to the XIIIth Plenary Congress should support the resolution as far as the words 'Colonisation Bonds', and should move that the remainder of the resolution be deleted."

77. RESOLUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE XIIIth PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee considered four resolutions (circulated 22.4.29) on 'Slavery in the Near East' to be submitted to the Congress by the Jewish League of Nations Society in Bulgaria. On Resolution I it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed not to support this resolution but that Mr. J.H. Harris, in consultation with Captain Green, be asked to draft an amendment to this resolution, and that the amendment be submitted to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Lord Cecil for their approval and thereafter sent to the Federation's Secretariat for inclusion on the final agenda;"



and further

"That Captain Green be entrusted with putting forward the Union's policy on this subject at the Congress."

On Resolution II, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to support the resolution as far as the word 'emigration' in the second paragraph and to move for the omission of the rest of the resolution."

Mrs. Dugdale kindly undertook to obtain information on this subject from the Zionist Organisation for the benefit of the delegation.

On Resolution III, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to support this resolution."

On Resolution IV, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's attitude towards this resolution be left to the discretion of the delegates, but that in the meantime further information be obtained from the Colonial Office concerning questions relating to individual liberty in Transjordan."

Mr. Henry Vivian suggested that the Carnegie Trust might be asked to consider giving financial assistance to the cause of suppressing slavery in the Near East.

The Committee also considered the following resolutions submitted by the Federation's Standing Committee for Political and Juridical Questions:-

HARMONISING NATIONAL LEGISLATION WITH INTERNATIONAL PEACE TREATIES.

XIIIth Plenary Congress,

Earnestly requests national Societies to study the constitution and legislation of their representative States and to draw up where necessary modifications calculated to bring their national legislations into harmony with the Covenant of the League of Nations and with the Kellogg Pact.

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to support this resolution."

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF UNION.

XIIIth Plenary Congress,

Regretting that the League of Nations cannot at present intervene rapidly when any country is the victim of a public catastrophe,

Recommends the national Societies to urge their respective Governments to ratify the Ciracle Convention concerning international measures of relief to be taken in cases of public calamity.

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to support this resolution."

The Committee also considered the following resolutions submitted by the Argentine Society:-

(1) Monroe Doctrine and the Covenant of the League of Nations.

"XIII<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY CONGRESS

Voicing the just aspirations of the American peoples concerning their indefeasible right to complete independence alike in their foreign relations and in their internal life

Recommends that the League of Nations examine this question and consider whether there should be maintained in the Covenant of the League (Art.21) a Doctrine (that entitled the "Monroe Doctrine") which expresses nothing but the policy of a single State - and that which is not a member of the League of Nations."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to take steps if possible to prevent this resolution being passed by the Congress."

(2) The United States of America and the Permanent Court of International Justice.

"Considering that Reserve No.5, which is proposed by the United States of America in connection with their adhesion to the Permanent Court of International Justice and which maintains that the Court may not act upon any request for an advisory opinion concerning a dispute or a question in which the United States are or allege that they are interested is contrary to the principle of the equality of all States Members of the League of Nations and of the Permanent Court of International Justice,

XIII<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY CONGRESS

Recommends that this Reserve shall not be accepted in the form which it is proposed and that the Permanent Court of International Justice may accordingly maintain integrally and unalterably its universally recognised authority."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to move an amendment to this resolution on the following lines:-

'That the XIII<sup>th</sup> Plenary Congress  
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Recognising the importance of the Draft Protocol unanimously adopted by the League of Nations Committee of Jurists, on March 18th, 1929, which, by opening the door to the adherence of the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice, brings the legal organisation of world peace appreciably nearer,

Extends a warm welcome to the provisions of this Protocol

And is confident that it will meet with the unanimous

approval both of the League Council in June, and of the Assembly itself at its Tenth Session in September." 1/2

78. SIR WALTER NAPIER'S REPORT OF A MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL STANDING COMMISSION OF THE FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION CONCERNING ARTICLE XIX OF THE COVENANT, HELD AT PARIS, ON THURSDAY THE 4TH APRIL, 1929. The Committee considered Sir Walter Napier's report and the draft resolution submitted by the Sub-Committee of the Federation's Standing Committee on Political and Juridical Questions and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to support this resolution, subject to paragraph 2 being amended so as to read as follows:-

'Is of opinion that if a request is duly submitted to the Assembly to invite certain members of the League of Nations to proceed to a new examination of international treaties or situations, the Assembly may, in conformity with Article 19, before pronouncing upon the expediency of the request submitted, decide by a majority vote of members of the League present at the sitting, to appoint a Committee which should submit to it a report in accordance with the ordinary procedure of the Assembly.'

79. BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION. It was reported that the joint meeting between the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and the League of Nations Union would probably take place on Friday, May 10th at 12 noon. It was further reported that Dame Katherine Furse, one of the Union's representatives, was abroad and it was

RESOLVED: "That Miss Warner be asked to become one of the Union's representatives at this meeting."

80. WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION. The Chairman congratulated Lord Lytton on his recent speech in the House of Lords on this subject. Lord Lytton then addressed the Committee briefly on the present situation in regard to the Washington Hours Convention. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That Lord Lytton be asked to draft a memorandum on the present situation for the consideration of the Executive Committee."

(b) "That the printing of the speeches on the Washington Hours Convention by Lord Cecil and Lord Lytton (made last September) be suspended."

81. VACANCY ON COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That this vacancy be not filled at present."

82. COMMUNICATION FROM CHISWICK BRANCH. The Secretary reported that he had recently interviewed a deputation from the Chiswick Branch which had called to support a resolution of that Branch to the effect that a national petition in favour of the League be organised. The Secretary had promised to bring the matter before the Executive Committee and had suggested that the methods outlined in the Chiswick scheme might be used in connection with an intensive

membership campaign. The Secretary had further suggested that if the Executive Committee did not approve the suggestion, the Chiswick Branch should place a resolution on this subject on the agenda for the next meeting of the General Council. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chiswick Branch be informed that the Executive is not prepared to recommend the General Council to organise a national petition as proposed by the Chiswick Branch."

83. THE PEOPLE'S LEAGUE OF HEALTH. It was reported that a communication had been received from "The People's League of Health" suggesting that the Union should be represented on their Lay Council. The Secretary reported that Dr. Kimmins was already a member of this Council and it was

RESOLVED: "That Dr. Kimmins be asked to represent the League of Nations Union on this body."

84. MADRID DELEGATION. On the motion of Sir Walter Napier it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. F.A. HOARE of the N.U.T., and Miss Freda White be invited to join the Union's delegation to Madrid."

Miss Ruth Fry reported that she would be unable to join the delegation and it was, therefore,

RESOLVED: "That, if possible, arrangements be made for Miss Courtney to represent the N.C.P.W. on the Union's delegation at the Federation meetings."

and it was further

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the N.C.P.W. being represented by Miss Courtney, Lady Dickinson, Lady Napier and Lord Gladstone be invited to become members of the Union's delegation."

85. I.A.S.D. COMMITTEE. - Minute 33(b) 4. On the motion of Lord Cecil the Committee considered and approved the following Minute of the I.A.S.D. Committee of April 16th, 1929.

"That a suggestion be made to all members of the Committees and Headquarters' staff that they might personally seek the views of the Candidates, in their several constituencies upon the Union's Statement of Policy."

86. HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM. The Chairman reported that a communication had been received from the Howard League for Penal Reform asking that the Union should sign a petition concerning prison reform to be discussed at the next meeting of the Council of the League. After further discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this matter should be raised at the forthcoming meeting of the International Federation in connection with the resolution already tabled by the Union, to which the following words should be added as an amendment:-

and to this end the Federation petitions the Council of the League accordingly."

The Committee further recommended that efforts be made at Madrid to persuade the League of Nations Society of some other country to urge their Government to raise the matter at the next Assembly.

87. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Executive Committee be held after the meeting of the Management Committee on May 2nd, and that the question of the adjournment of the meeting of the Executive Committee, which would normally take place on May 9th, be then considered."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That, in view of the imminence of the General Election, meetings of the Management or Executive Committees should not take place on May 16th, 23rd, or 30th."

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

12th April, 1929.

Dear Lord Cecil,

I have shown your letter of April 4th, about the Refugee Commission, to the Secretary of State. After full reconsideration of the case, he authorises me to say that he feels we must abide by our previous decision.

Although circumstances may have rendered it impossible for us to carry out our larger pledges to the Armenians, and have, as you say, prevented us from giving full effect to our intentions towards them, this is hardly relevant to the point now at issue. For, after all, the Advisory Committee of the League Refugee Commission is not a committee for assisting Armenians. It was appointed by the League Council on a resolution of the Assembly which referred to Russian, Armenian, Turkish, Assyrian and Assyro-Chaldean refugees. The Assembly noted that a complete solution of the problem could only be provided by the return of the refugees to their countries of origin, or by their assimilation by the countries at present giving them shelter; and as, for these purposes, international action was recognised to be still necessary for some time to come, the Assembly proposed the appointment of an Advisory Committee to be attached to the High Commissioner for Refugees. This Advisory Committee was to submit before the next session of the Assembly a general report on "the possibility of reaching a final solution as soon as possible", and on the means by which this object might be obtained. The Committee has, in fact, been appointed to devise some means of winding up the whole of League's Refugee Services, and our participation in it would hardly be a mark of our particular sympathy with the Armenians.

This is in short much more a question for the countries in which the refugees actually are, than for us; and the Secretary of State does not believe that our presence on the Committee would serve any practical purpose.

Yours sincerely,

G. LOCKER-LAMPSON.

The Right Honourable  
Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, K.C.

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29.4.29.HOWARD LEAGUE.

(A Petition to the Council of the League of Nations Meeting in June, 1929.)

We, the undersigned, desire to draw the attention of the League of Nations to the prevalence of cruelty and injustice in the prisons and police cells of many countries. We refer to the prolonged imprisonment of persons awaiting trial, the flogging of suspected persons to extort confessions, the surveillance of women prisoners by male officers, overcrowding and insanitary conditions in many prisons.

The continued existence of these abuses is not only a disgrace to civilisation; it may give rise to international friction. The question becomes increasingly serious as the need for international co-operation in the war against crime is met by a closer network of extradition treaties, which in some measure implies the acquiescence of the contracting parties in the penal system to which they may have to surrender persons arrested by their own police.

We therefore respectfully request the Council to give this matter their immediate consideration, with a view to instituting a Commission of Enquiry under the auspices of the League of Nations, to make a complete survey of conditions in prisons and police cells, and to frame an International Convention to be observed by all States Members of the League of Nations in their treatment of persons under arrest or in captivity.

SIGNED

ON BEHALF OF

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON MAY 2ND, 1929, ON THE RISING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Noel Baker, Lord Henry Bentinck, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Philip Kerr, Mrs. Layton, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, J. de V. Loder, L.R. Lumley, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Charles Roberts, W.J. Salmon, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Alderton, Norman Angell, Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Commander Kenworthy, Sir John Power, Lord Queenborough, Miss Constance Smith and Sir Willoughby Dickinson.

89. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 71(67) and 79, the Minutes of the meeting held on April 25th, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 71(67) - Relief of Refugees, it was

RESOLVED: "That no further action be taken."

On Minute 79 - Boy Scouts Association, it was reported that Miss Warner was unable to become one of the Union's representatives at this meeting and it was

RESOLVED: "That Dr. Kimmins be asked to join the Union's delegation to the Conference of the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides and the Union."

90. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION - FURTHER RESOLUTIONS FOR THE XIIIITH FLENARY CONGRESS. /Page numbers refer to Part 2 of the Agenda, marked with two stripes, for the XIIIith Flenary Congress, circulated 29.4.29./ The Committee considered:-

(a) FORCED LABOUR (No.2b, page 6). /An amendment proposed by the Belgian League of Nations Union to the Union's resolution on this subject./ It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to support this amendment."

(b) 1. REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS (No.1, page 12) and  
2. EVACUATION OF THE RHINELAND (No.2, page 13).  
/Resolutions proposed by the German League of Nations Society./ It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's attitude towards these resolutions be left to the discretion of the delegates, who will be guided by the Union's own resolutions on these subjects."

(c) THE UNANIMITY RULE IN VOTING IN THE LEAGUE (No.3, page 13). /Resolution proposed by the German League of Nations Society./ It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed not to support this resolution but to move



as an amendment, the resolution already approved by the Executive Committee (see Minute 49 of the Executive Committee of 14.3.29, approving Minute 6 of the Revision of the Covenant Committee of 7.3.29)."

- (d) MISLEADING PRESS PUBLICATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS. (No.8, page 16). /Resolution proposed by the Belgian League of Nations Union./ It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's attitude towards this resolution be left to the discretion of the delegates."

- (e) PUBLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS. (No.9, page 17). /Resolution proposed by the Netherlands League of Nations Society./ It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to oppose this resolution."

- (f) ARTICLE XVIII OF THE COVENANT. (No.10, page 18). /Resolution proposed by the Netherlands League of Nations Society./ It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's attitude towards this resolution be left to the discretion of the delegates."

- (g) DISARMAMENT. (No.11, page 18). /Resolution proposed by the Netherlands League of Nations Society./ It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be left free to discuss and to resolve upon proposals for organising and international expression of opinion in support of the reduction and limitation of national armaments by international agreement, provided that the League of Nations Union is not committed to any action."

- (h) THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS FLAG and SOUTH AMERICA AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS (No.12, page 18; No.15, page 20). /Resolutions proposed by the Dutch League of Nations Society and the Argentine League of Nations Society respectively./ It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to support these resolutions."

- (i) THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS and SLAVERY IN THE NEAR EAST (No.16, page 20; No.18 IVE, page 24). /Resolutions proposed by the Argentine League of Nations Society and the Jewish League of Nations Society in Bulgaria respectively./ It was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's delegates be instructed to oppose these resolutions."

91. WASHINGTON HOURS CONVENTION. The Committee considered and approved Lord Lytton's Memorandum on the Washington Hours Convention subject to slight verbal alterations. The resolution at the end of the Memorandum was amended to read as follows:-

"In order that the 8 hours day Convention, drawn up in pursuance of the Treaty of Versailles, may be made operative without further delay, the Government should accept the offer made by France, Germany and Belgium at the 43rd session of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office at Geneva on March 11th and 12th and endeavour to secure the linking of the Convention with the Agreement reached by the 5 Powers at the London Conference in 1926.

It was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That this resolution be sent to His Majesty's Government."  
 (b) "That this Memorandum and resolution be submitted to the General Council as from the Executive Committee."  
 (c) "That this resolution be brought to the notice of the Industrial Advisory Committee."

Lady Hall and Captain Green agreed that there would be no objection to sending this resolution to His Majesty's Government before it had been considered by the Industrial Advisory Committee.

It was further agreed that the draft 'Combined Statement of Policy' which would be issued with the preliminary Agenda for the General Council as a part of the Executive Committee's report to the Council on the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting, should contain the resolution on the Washington Hours Convention as amended (above) and not as set forth in the original Memorandum on International Policy.

92. QUESTIONS OF POLICY SUBMITTED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.  
 The Committee considered Minute 33(c) of the Overseas Committee of April 24th, 1929 (circulated 29.4.29) concerning the Austrian Society's suggestion that the XIVth Plenary Congress of the Federation should be held in Geneva. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Union's attitude towards this proposal should be left to the discretion of the delegates."

93. WAR DEBTS. Mr. J.H.Harris moved the following resolution:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union welcomes the fact that the leaders of the three political parties in this country are agreed that once Great Britain has entered into contractual obligations with another Power, there can be no question of repudiation by any of the responsible political parties in this country."

After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That no resolution on this subject be adopted."

94. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION - RESOLUTION ON THE CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. The Committee considered the following amendment (drafted by Professor J.L. Brierly) to the third paragraph of the Resolution concerning the Progressive Codification of International Law, submitted to the XIIIth Plenary Congress by the Japanese League of Nations Union. It was reported that the Japanese delegates would be willing to accept such an amendment.

"Considering also that the First Conference ought to be followed by other similar Conferences, and that to facilitate the work of such succeeding Conferences it is desirable that the work begun by the Committee on Progressive Codification should be continued with such modifications of method, if any, as the experience of the First Conference may suggest."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above text be adopted and that the Union's delegates be instructed to move this amendment at Madrid."

95. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That a meeting of the Committee should not be held on Thursday, May 9th."

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, LONDON, S.W.1., ON THURSDAY JUNE 6TH 1929, ON THE RISING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Professor Noel Baker, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs.Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, J.H.Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, R.S.Hudson, Philip Kerr, Mrs.W.T.Layton, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, J. de V. Loder, Charles Roberts, Mrs.Runciman, The Countess of Selborne, Henry Vivian, H.D.Watson, The Hon.Mrs.Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

96 APCLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs.Alderton, Rt.Hon. G.N.Barnes, Lady Violet Bonham Carter, C.Delisle Burns, Mrs. Claremont, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Lady Hall, Sir John Power, W.J.Salmon, Miss Constance Smith and Alderman Ben Turner.

97 MINUTES. Subject to the following report on Minute 91, the Minutes of the meeting held on May 2nd 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 91 - Washington Hours Convention, it was reported that a Sub-Committee of the Industrial Advisory Committee had considered and amended the resolution on the Washington Hours Convention contained in this Minute. The amended resolution which, with the approval of Lord Lytton, had been included in the Preliminary Agenda in place of the original resolution contained in Minute 91, ran as follows:-

'With a view to facilitating the ratification of the Washington Hours Convention, the Government should promote international action on the lines suggested at Geneva in March 1929 by the Ministers of Labour of France and Germany, and should support the introduction in the Convention, either by an addition to the text of 1919 or by the adoption of a supplementary Convention, of the Protocol of Interpretation agreed upon in London in 1926'.

It was further reported that neither form of the resolution had been communicated to His Majesty's Government. The action thus reported was approved and it was agreed that consideration of this matter should be deferred until decisions upon Minute 99 (below) had been reached.

98 MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of the Committee dated May 2nd 1929 were approved and adopted.

99 DEPUTATION TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the question of arranging for a deputation from the Executive Committee to call upon Mr.Ramsay MacDonald and the subjects which might be raised by such a deputation be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

- (b) "That such a deputation, if agreed upon, should not take place until after the Tenth Annual Meeting of the General Council".
- (c) "That any decisions taken by the Executive or Management Committee to communicate resolutions or decisions to His Majesty's Government be not acted upon until the arrangements for the suggested deputation have been completed."

100 DIVISION OF WORK BETWEEN EXECUTIVE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES. The Committee considered and approved the memorandum and scheme of work contained in Minute 36 of the Office Committee (30.5.29) and it was

RESOLVED: "That this amended scheme for the division of work should operate as from the election of the Executive Committee for 1929-30, for an experimental period."

101 BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION. The Committee noted with interest and approval the report of the recent Conference between the Boy Scouts Association, the Girl Guides Association and the League of Nations Union.

102 REPORT OF THE XIII<sup>TH</sup> PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES, MADRID 1929. (Lady Gladstone reported). The Committee approved and adopted the report of the Madrid Congress of the Federation.

103 ANNUAL REPORT. The Committee considered their Annual Report to the General Council for the year 1928. Several drafting alterations were suggested and noted and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Report be approved subject to certain editorial changes which the Chairman should be empowered to make after considering any suggestions made by members of the Committee which should be received by the Secretary not later than by the first post on Monday, June 10th".

104 PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee approved the Preliminary Agenda for the Tenth Meeting of the General Council to be held in Brighton on June 27th, 28th and 29th.

105 POSTAL BALLOT. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that the names of the 30 persons nominated by Postal Ballot for election by the General Council as members of the Executive Committee for 1929-30, were included in the Preliminary Agenda for the General Council Meeting. The Chairman then read to the Committee the complete list of names together with the numbers of votes received.

106 LEAFLET ISSUED BY THE ST. CLEMENTS PRESS. On the motion of Admiral Drury-Lowe the Committee considered a leaflet issued by the St. Clements Press and it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken".

107 SIR JOSIAH STAMP. It was

RESOLVED: "That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Sir Josiah Stamp upon his distinguished part in bringing the Reparations Conference to a successful conclusion".

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE  
13TH, 1929 AT 11 a.m. 123

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Sir Willoughby  
Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale,  
Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, J.H. Harris,  
R.S. Hudson, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C.W.  
Kimmins, Mrs. W.T. Layton, Lord Lytton, Sir  
Walter Napier, The Countess of Selborne,  
H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch,  
together with the Secretary.

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Alderton,  
Professor Noel Baker, Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes, L.J. Cadbury,  
Colonel Carnegie, C. Delisle Burns, Lady Hall, Major  
J.W. Hills, L.R. Lumley, Sir John Power and W.J. Salmon.
109. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes  
97(91) and 104, the Minutes of the meeting held on  
June 6th, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 97(91) - Washington Hours Convention,  
it was

RESOLVED: "That the amended resolution on the  
Washington Hours Convention be forwarded  
to His Majesty's Government, together  
with a covering letter expressing the  
Union's gratification at the announcement  
that His Majesty's Government intend to  
proceed with the ratification of the  
Convention, and the hope that His  
Majesty's Government propose to ratify  
this Convention on the lines indicated  
by the League of Nations Union."

On Minute 104 - Preliminary Agenda for the General  
Council, it was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Brierly, Dr. McNair,  
and Professor Pearce Higgins be  
nominated for co-optation to the  
General Council under Bye-Law 6(4)  
under the heading 'Law'."

110. MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Minutes of  
the Committee dated June 6th, 1929 were approved and  
adopted.
111. THE EFFECTIVE OUTLAWRY OF WAR. The Committee considered  
the Resolution and Statement on The Effective Outlawry  
of War as amended by a special meeting of the I.A.S.D.  
Committee held on June 11th, 1929. After considerable  
discussion it was
- RESOLVED: (1) "That the Resolution and the Statement  
for submission to the General Council  
be approved subject to the amendment of  
sections (b), (c), (d) and (e), as  
follow:-

- (b) 'That States who have renounced war  
as an instrument of national  
policy should agree that national  
armaments should be based not upon  
the force required for self defence

against some particular State or group of States, but upon the force necessary for police purposes and for international action to prevent resort to war.' <sup>129</sup>

- (c) 'That in a war waged by a belligerent in violation of the Covenant or the Peace Pact no right of such belligerent to interfere with neutral trade should be recognised; but that in organised collective action in support of the Covenant or the Pact the forces acting under international authority may exercise all means of pressure against the wrongdoing State, including any necessary closing of the seas.'
- (d) 'That by "a war of self defence" should be understood one declared to be so by an international authority\* having regard, among other things, to the principle that "a war of self defence" can only be one that is forced upon a nation which is itself ready and willing to seek a solution of its dispute or conflict by pacific means.'
- (e) 'That the avoidance of a breach of International Peace being now a primary concern of all signatories of the Pact of Paris, as it already is of all members of the League according to Article 11 of the Covenant, provision should be made whereby on the occurrence of any war or threat of war, each signatory may take such action as it deems desirable to prevent its subjects from giving aid or comfort to any country that breaks the Pact.' "

(The manifesto on the Effective Outlawry of War as thus amended is printed in full in the agenda paper for the Council's Meeting on June 27th.)

- (2) "That Mr. Philip Kerr be asked to move the Resolution and Statement, as amended, at the meeting of the General Council.

112. THE REDUCTION AND LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS: THE ORGANISATION OF PEACE. The Committee considered and approved for submission to the General Council the resolutions on (a) Arbitration, (b) Security and (c) Disarmament (submitted by the I.A.S.D. Committee) subject to the amendment of resolution (c) Disarmament as follows:-

Footnote to 111(d) above "In the case of Members of the League such a declaration would presumably be followed immediately by organised collective action in support of the Covenant.

The General Council of the League of Nations  
Union

Trusts that H.M. Government will urge that the World Disarmament Conference be convened by the League of Nations at the earliest possible date, with the object not merely of limiting but also of reducing naval, air and land armaments; and will not allow technical experts to dominate policy.

To that end the Council

Hopes that H.M. Government will take full advantage of the proposals put forward by the United States of America in order to achieve a general drastic reduction by international agreement of all classes of warships;

Will advocate, in respect of land armaments, the reduction either of the annual contingents of recruits or of the period of service or both; and the reduction either of military material or of military provisions in the national budgets or both;

Will seriously consider, with a view to arresting competition in air armaments, whether it would not be possible to internationalize the whole or a proportion of national air forces as an instrument for the defence of international order; and

Will view with favour reasonable machinery for supervising the execution of the provisions of a General Disarmament Treaty.

(The resolutions are printed in full in the agenda paper for the Council's Meeting on June 27th.)

113. THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION AND PARLIAMENT. The Committee considered and approved for submission to the General Council the resolution on the League of Nations Union and Parliament drawn up by the I.A.S.D. Committee.

The Committee further approved subject to certain verbal alterations the report on action taken in connection with the General Election.

(The report and draft resolution are printed in full in the agenda paper for the Council's Meeting on June 27th.)

114. PROPOSED DEPUTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER. It was  
RESOLVED: "That private enquiries be made concerning this suggestion."
115. LORD CECIL'S REPORT ON HIS VISITS TO FRANCE, SPAIN AND GERMANY. It was  
RESOLVED: "That copies of this report be circulated and considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee."
116. AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS ON THE GENERAL COUNCIL AGENDA. The Committee considered amendments received to resolutions contained in the Preliminary Agenda paper.



(a) Special Meeting. It was

RESOLVED: "That the amendments to Resolutions 1(a) (Essex Federal Council), 1(b) Berkshire Federal Council and Reading Branch), 1(c) (Berkshire Federal Council and Reading Branch), 2 (Derbyshire Federal Council) be opposed; and that the amendment to Resolution 1(c) (St. Albans Branch, Derbyshire Federal Council and Bedford Branch) be accepted.

(b) General Meeting. (Union Affairs).. It was

RESOLVED: "That the amendments to Resolutions 2 (Derbyshire Federal Council), 6(b) (Abbots Morton District Branch), 6(b) (Essex Federal Council), 8 (Kew and Kew Gardens Branch) be opposed.

It was further agreed that the Chairman be asked to move on behalf of the Executive Committee, the resolutions concerning His Majesty the King and the Executive Committee's proposal to amend Rules 1, 3 and 15c;

That Lord Queenborough and Mr. Leif Jones be asked to present the audited balance sheet and the accounts for adoption;

That Lord Lytton be asked to move the resolutions on Arbitration, Security, Disarmament and The Washington Hours Convention;

That Lady Parmoor be asked to move the resolution concerning the scheme for co-ordinating the efforts of the Union and the World Alliance through the Christian Social Council; and

That Admiral Drury-Lowe be asked to move the resolution concerning the work of the Christian Organisations Committee.

It was also agreed to support the Essex Federal Council's resolution concerning the reduction and limitation of speeches at the Council.

117. DRAFT PETITION TO THE LEAGUE CONCERNING PROCEDURE OF SUPERVISION OF MANDATORY ADMINISTRATION. It was

RESOLVED: "That the letter to the Chairman of the Permanent Mandates Commission be approved."

118. POSTAL BALLOT. The Committee approved of the Chairman's suggestion that he should obtain from the Council a general opinion concerning the Postal Ballot.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20TH, 1929, ON THE RISING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Noel Baker, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, C. Delisle Burns, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, J.H.Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Walter Napier, A.L.Shepherd, H.D.Watson, The Hon-Mrs. Wilson Fox, together with the Secretary.

119. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Alderton, Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, A.W.Claremont, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Hall, Major Hills, Philip Kerr, J. de V.Leder, Lord Lytton, Sir John Power, Charles Roberts and Miss Constance Smith.
120. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 111 and reports on Minutes 109 - 97(91), and 114, the Minutes of the meeting held on June 13th, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 109 - 97(91) - Washington Hours Convention the Chairman reported that he had received a cordial letter from the Minister of Labour expressing the hope that it would be possible to proceed with the ratification of the Washington Hours Convention along the lines suggested by the Union.

On Minute 111 - The Effective Outlawry of War, it was reported that a communication had been received from Mr. Philip Kerr in which he stated that he did not feel able to move the resolution and statement on the Effective Outlawry of War as amended by the Executive Committee. It was recognised that circumstances had changed considerably since the original draft of the resolution and statement had been prepared and in these circumstances it was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That this resolution and statement be not moved in the name of the Executive Committee at the Tenth Annual Meeting of the General Council."
- (b) "That Mr. Philip Kerr be asked to speak on the general situation in regard to the Pact of Paris and Anglo-American relations."

On Minute 114 - Proposed Deputation, the Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Arthur Henderson intimating that ~~he~~ would be glad to receive a deputation from the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union. It was hoped that the Prime Minister would be present to assist the Foreign Secretary in receiving the deputation. It was agreed that further questions concerning this deputation be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

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121. LORD CECIL'S REPORT ON HIS RECENT VISITS TO SPAIN, FRANCE AND GERMANY. The Committee received with interest and appreciation the report by Lord Cecil on his recent continental tour.
122. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee had before them a memorandum by Lord Cecil upon the Aims and Work of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies. It was agreed that, as this memorandum was shortly to be discussed by the Overseas Committee, consideration of the matter should be adjourned.
123. PROFESSOR MURRAY. On the motion of Admiral Drury-Lowe it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Professor Gilbert Murray for his untiring work as Chairman of the Executive Committee during the past year."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, 1929, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Professor Noel Baker, L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, C.Delisle Burns, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, R.S.Hudson, Mrs. W.T.Layton, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Mrs. Runciman, Miss Constance Smith (and later Captain L.H.Green) together with the Secretary.

124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Major the Rt.Hon.J.W.Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Dr. C.W.Kimmins and Lady Selborne.

125. MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, June 20th, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

126. CO-OPTIONS. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) That Captain Green, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Mr. W.J.Salmon, Mr. Herbert Worsley and Mrs. Wilson-Fox be co-opted to serve on the Executive Committee in 1929-30.

(b) That a Sub-Committee consisting of Mrs. Runciman, Miss K.D.Courtney, Lord Cecil, Mr. Leif Jones, Mr. R.S.Hudson and Mr. C. Delisle Burns be appointed to recommend not more than twelve persons for co-optation by the Executive Committee, and, in this connection, to consider certain names.

It was further agreed that members of the Executive Committee be invited to send to the Secretary of the Union any names which might be considered by the sub-committee in this connection; such names to reach the Secretary not later than Monday morning, July 8th.

127. DEPUTATION TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. It was reported that arrangements were in hand for the proposed deputation to His Majesty's Government but that the date had not been definitely fixed. It was arranged that the personnel of the deputation should consist of as many members of the Executive as are able to attend.

It was agreed that the Committee in deputation, after expressing satisfaction at the unreserved acceptance of the Union's Statement of Policy by the Prime Minister and at the appointment of Lord Cecil as a member of the British delegation to the forthcoming Assembly, should refer to certain questions of the day and present a number of resolutions passed by the XIIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation (at Madrid in May), by the Tenth Annual Meeting of the General Council (at Brighton in June) and by the Executive Committee of the Union. Other questions to which it was hoped reference would be made were:-

1. The nature of the reservations, if any, to be attached to this country's signature of the optional Clause;

2. The desirability of accepting the General Treaty for the pacific settlement of all international disputes;
3. The probable date of the Government's ratification of the Washington Hours Convention;
4. The importance of signing the Traffic in Arms Convention; and
5. The East African Report.

It was also agreed that Professor Murray should introduce the deputation, that Lord Cecil and Mr. Norman Angell be asked to speak on behalf of the Committee and that Lady Gladstone be asked to thank the Government for receiving the deputation at the close of the proceedings.

128. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Education. (Professor Murray reported) With the exception of Minutes 82 and 84 which had been approved by the Management Committee on June 20th, 1929, the Minutes of the Committee dated June 13th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (76) Appointment of a Representative of the Headmasters' Association; (77) Co-optation of Mr. John Bell, High Master of St. Paul's School; (78) List of Meetings - Teachers and Schools; (79) Report on Universities and Colleges; (80) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (81) Draft Report of Joint Committee of Inquiry; (82) Work in Training Colleges: Proposed Appointment of Travelling Secretary; (83) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (84) World Federation of Education Associations Exhibition; (85) Summer Schools; (86) "Teachers and World Peace" and Public Schools; (87) Use of Four-Page Leaflets: Communication from the Publicity Committee; (88) Literature for Junior Branches: Communication from the Secretary of the Oxford Federation; (89) Posters for Schools: Communication from Mrs. Keith Lucas; (90) World Conference of New Education: Appointment of Representative; (91) Communication from Senor Don Jose Castillejo; (92) World Friendship Project; (93) The Friend Ship; (94) The British Legion.

- (b) Publicity. (Professor Murray reported). With the exception of Minute 64(b), 67 and 71 and subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on Minute 65(a), and to the following decision on Minute 66 and amendment to Minute 70, the Minutes of the Committee dated June 18th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (62) Report on Publicity Activities; (63) Questions of Policy; (64) League of Nations Union and Parliament; (65) Re-organisation of the Exhibition; (66) Sale of Literature; (67) Suggested New Periodical for Young Readers; (68) Ten Years' Work of the League; (69) Broadcast Appeal; (70) Support in the Daily Press; (71) Church Magazine Inset.

On Minute 66 - Sale of Literature, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to arrange for copies of the list of literature supplied to meetings to be supplied also to speakers addressing those meetings."

On Minute 70 - Support in the Daily Press, this Minute was amended to read as follows:-

"The Committee took note of the proposal made by Mr. Herbert Worsley that the DAILY TELEGRAPH might be invited to include support of the Union in its editorial policy. It was

Resolved: "That this proposal be commended."

At this point Mr. J.H.Harris suggested that the Chairman be asked to write to the retiring Editor of the Manchester Guardian expressing the Union's thanks for his valuable assistance and kindness in the past. This suggestion was agreed to.

- (c) Welcome. (Lady Gladstone reported). With the exception of Minute 117, which was referred to the Education Committee, the Minutes of the Committee dated June 18th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

Circulation of These Minutes included (116) Secretary's Report; Pamphlet; (118) Translation of Pamphlet; (119) Revision of Panel of Hostesses; (120) Visit of American Students in July; (121) Visit of Sherwood Eddy Group; (122) Visit of American and Canadian Teachers in July; (123) Letter of Resignation from the Hon.Mrs. Hugh Wyndham; (124) Suggestion for New Member; (125) Letter from Action Internationale Democratique pour la Paix.

- (d) Christian Organisations. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 69, 70 and 71(4) the Minutes of the Committee dated June 19th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (65) "Glory of War" Publication by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; (66) Co-operation with Christian Social Council and World Alliance; (67) Sermon Notes; (68) Sunday School Lesscns; (69) Co-operation with Toc H; (70) Magazine Inset - Alternative Proposal; (71) Co-operation with Missionary Societies; (72) Denominational Resolutions; (73) Corporate Membership; (74) Christian Social Council Pamphlet; (75) Church Lads' Brigade.

On Minute 69 - Co-operation with Toc H, it was

RESOLVED: "That Admiral Drury-Lowe be asked to confer with Toc H."

On Minute 70 - Magazine Inset, it was

RESOLVED: "That the financial details of this proposal be referred to the Finance Committee."

On Minute 71(4) - Co-operation with Missionary Societies, it was recommended that this Minute should be noted for the information of branches in localities where exhibitions might be arranged. 132

- (e) Management. The Minutes of the Committee dated June 20th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (61) Financial Statement; (62) Armistice Arrangements; (63) Reports of Committees; (64) The Boy Scouts Association and the League of Nations Union; (65) Branch Resolution - Rum Running (Skipton); (66) Recognition of Branches.

- (f) Industrial Advisory. (Captain Green reported). With the exception of Minute 68 and subject to the following amendment to Minute 59 and decisions on Minute 70 and report on Minute 77, the Minutes of the Committee dated June 20th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (57) National Union of Railwaymen - Affiliation; (58) Monthly Letter; (59) I.L.O. Budget; (60) National Pearl Federation; (61) Open Air Meetings; (62) Mr. Ben Turner; (63) Election of Chairman; (64) Washington Hours Convention; (65) Forced and Contract Labour Conference; (66) General Council - Nominations; (67) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (68) Twelfth International Labour Conference; (69) Minimum Wage Fixing Machinery - Draft Convention; (70) Seamen's Welfare in Ports; (71) Applications; (72) Co-operative Congress - Resolution; (73) Industrial Affiliations, etc; (74) Trades Union Congress, Belfast; (75) Tenth Anniversary of League of Nations and I.L.O.; (76) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (77) Annual Conference.

On Minute 59 - I.L.O. Budget, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following words be added to the resolution in this Minute:-

'and hopes that this will not be the policy of the present Government.'

On Minute 70 - Seamen's Welfare in Ports, it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be presented to His Majesty's Government by the Union's deputation."

On Minute 77 - Annual Conference, Captain Green reported provisional details of the Union's Annual Conference, which was this year to deal with the subject "World Aspects of Unemployment 1930".

- (g) Finance Committee. (Mr. Leif Jones reported). Subject to the following amendment to Minute 51, the Minutes of the Committee dated June 20th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (45) Financial Statement; (46) Appeal; (47) Dinner; (48) World Federation of Education Associations; (49) Caravan; (50) Half-Yearly Revision of Salaries and Wages; (51) Special Appeals; (52) Appeal to Indian Princes; (53) Education Exhibit.

On Minute 51 - Special Appeals, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'may' be substituted for the word 'inevitably' in the first sentence of this Minute and that the last sentence be deleted."

- (h) I.A.S.D. Committee. (Lord Cecil reported). Subject to the following amendment and decision on Minute 52 and decisions on Minute 54 and 55 the Minutes of the Committee dated June 25th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (51) The Union and the General Election; (52) The Union and Parliament; (53) Staff; (54) Book on Next War; (55) Disarmament Association; (56) Co-operative Congress and Disarmament.

On Minute 52 - The Union and Parliament, it was

RESOLVED: "That the first sentence of section B be amended to read:-

'In this connection what is wanted is a strictly non-party and influential nucleus in each constituency'..."

Consideration of this Minute was then adjourned.

On Minute 54 - Book on Next War, it was

RESOLVED: "That the above title should not be utilised."

On Minute 55 - Disarmament Association, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this Minute be deferred."

- (i) Overseas. (Lady Gladstone reported). Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on Minutes 46 and 48, the Minutes of the Committee dated June 26th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (43) XIIIth Plenary Congress; (44) Report of Madrid Congress; (45) Lord Cecil's Memorandum on the Federation's Aims and Work; (46) Summer Office of the Federation; (47) Proposed Invitation to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald; (48) Appointment of Delegates to the Autumn Meeting of the Council and Permanent Committees.

It was agreed that the question of sending a representative of the Industrial Advisory Committee to the autumn meeting of the Council and the Permanent Committees of the Federation should be referred to the Industrial Advisory Committee for consideration and report.

- (j) Office. (Professor Murray reported). The Committee approved and adopted Minutes 39, 42 and 43 of the Office Committee dated June 26th, 1929.



129. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 3 new Branches, 5 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Group and 14 Corporate Members be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Christ Church, Rhyl, Flint; New Tabernacle Branch, Shoreditch; Takeley, Essex. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Blaenllyfifi Boys' School, Caerau, Glam; Caerau Girls' School, Caerau, Glam; Mowlem Street L.C.C. Girls' School, Cambridge Heath; St. Mary's College, W.2; Stockport Secondary School, Stockport. JUNIOR GROUPS: Girls' Life Brigade, Herne Bay Section, Kent. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Biggar and District Ex-Service Men's Club, Scotland; The British Legion, Stansted; Congregational Church, Cirencester; Christ Church, Eriith; St. Peter's Church, Blackburn; Bolton Parish Church; Pets o' th' Moor, Wesleyan Sunday School, Bury; Henshaw Street Primitive Methodist Church, Oldham; Co-operative Society, Mossley, Lancs; Radcliffe Women's Liberal Association; Rochdale and District Christian Endeavour Union; All Saint's Church Friern Barnet; Carlton Road Adult School, Nottingham; Sussex Branch of the Association of Assistant Mistresses. DELETIONS: Christ Church, Ashton-under-Lyne; The Cheshire Joint Sanatorium.

It was reported that there were now 2,847 Branches, 714 Junior Branches, 13 Junior Groups, 2,947 Corporate Members, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 782,509, of which 191,209 have paid a subscription in 1929, as compared with 196,268 at this date last year.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 11TH,  
1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, C.Delisle Burns, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, Commander Kenworthy, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Queenborough, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lady Selborne, Herbert Worsley and Mrs. Wilson-Fox, together with the Secretary.

130. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Dr. Kimmins, Sir John Power, W.J.Salmon and Miss Constance Smith
131. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decision on Minute 127, the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, July 4th, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 127 - Deputation to His Majesty's Government, it was reported that the Foreign Secretary (but not the Prime Minister) would receive the Union's deputation in the Foreign Office at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 12th. On the motion of Sir Willoughby Dickinson it was

RESOLVED: "That the question of Minorities be added to the list of those matters to which it was hoped reference would be made by the Union's deputation."

132. CO-OPTIONS. The Committee considered the report of the sub-Committee on Co-optations (see Minute 126b of 4.7.29) and after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the following twelve persons be co-opted to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 1929 - 1930, subject to their being members of the Union willing regularly to attend the Committee's meetings:-

Mr. Duff Cooper.  
Mrs. E.Dugdale.  
Major Walter Elliot.  
Mr. H.H.Elvin.  
Major Ormsby-Gore.  
Lady Hall.  
Lady Parmoor.  
Miss E.Rathbone.  
Mr. Charles Roberts.  
Captain W.Sanders.  
Mr. H.Vivian  
Major L.M.Wynch

On the motion of the Chairman and seconded by Lady Gladstone it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. H.D.Watson be co-opted to serve on the Committee."

133. MR.A.W.CLAREMONT. On the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Claremont be invited, in his capacity of Honorary Solicitor to the

League of Nations Union, to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee when he desires to do so." 136

134. ADJOURNED MINUTES.

A. I.A.S.D. Committee - Minute 52 of 25.6.29 - The Union and Parliament. The Committee considered proposals of the I.A.S.D. Committee for closer co-operation between the Union and Parliament. After considerable discussion in the course of which Lord Cecil on behalf of the I.A.S.D. Committee agreed that the first sentence of section G should read as follows:-

'Before any system for continuous political work of this kind should be adopted, there should be a day's conference between....'

it was

RESOLVED: "That, without expressing any opinion upon these proposals, the Executive wishes the proposals to be communicated, in confidence, to the Union's Regional Representatives, who should thereafter be summoned to a day's conference at this office."

It was further

RESOLVED: "To consider, after this conference, the question of inviting whole time secretaries of District Councils, including County Federations, to a similar conference before formulating detailed proposals for submission to the Consultative Committee."

I.A.S.D. Committee - Minute 55 of 25.6.29 - Disarmament Association. The Committee considered and approved Minute 55 of the I.A.S.D. Committee amended to read as follows:-

"The Committee considered a suggestion by Mr. Goodchild for the organisation of a Club or Association for the promotion of disarmament and arbitration, with the following object:-

'To extend opportunities for the exchange of views and useful technical information between those experts, particularly of the fighting services and of the major industries, who are really keen on the promotion of disarmament and who could materially assist that movement.'

The Association's technical advice would be at the Union's disposal. It was

RESOLVED: "To encourage the formation of such an Association in connection with the Union provided that the Union shall undertake no financial responsibility."

135. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending July 8th, 1929 showed a Bank Overdraft of £2,893 11s.5d. The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on July 8th, 1928 was £1,742 Os.1d.

136. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 6 new Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 8 Corporate Members be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Clophill, Beds; Cogenhoe, Northants; Coltishall, Norfolk; Landrake, Cornwall; Langford, Beds; Wolstanton, Staffs. JUNIOR BRANCH: Trelvelyan School, Haywards Heath, Sussex. CORPORATE MEMBERS: The Church of England, Cobe, Guernsey; Holy Trinity Church, Guernsey, St. John's Church, Guernsey; St. Sampson's Church, Guernsey; Emmanuel Sunday School, Bootle, Lancs; Southwark Park Congregational Church; St. Philip's Church, Worcester Park, Surrey; St. Mark's Church, St. John's Wood. DELETION: National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, Reading.

It was reported that there were now 2,853 Branches, 715 Junior Branches, 2,954 corporate Members, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 784,141 of which 199,292 have paid a subscription in 1929, as compared with 201,846 at this date last year."

137. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL - TERMS OF REFERENCE. On the motion of Lady Gladstone it was

RESOLVED: "That the following be substituted for section B of the terms of reference of the Women's Advisory Council:-

'To recommend to the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union names of Societies to be invited to co-operate and affiliate, such Societies to be organisations of women constituted on a national basis (or nationally constituted Societies having a separate self-governing Women's Section) which are in agreement with the objects of the League of Nations Union as set forth in the Union's Charter as follows:-

1. To secure the whole-hearted acceptance by the British people of the League of Nations as the guardian of international right, the organ of international co-operation, the final arbiter in international differences, and the supreme instrument for removing injustices which may threaten the peace of the world.
2. To foster mutual understanding, goodwill and habits of co-operation and fair dealing between the peoples of different countries.
3. To advocate the full development of the League of Nations so as to bring about such a world organisation as will guarantee the freedom of nations, act as trustee and guardian of

backward races, and undeveloped territories, maintain international order, and finally liberate mankind from war and the effects of war.'

and that the following be substituted for the first section of the Constitution of the Women's Advisory Council:-

'The Women's Council shall be an Advisory Body and shall consist of:-

1. One delegate nominated annually by each co-operating and affiliating Society, as defined in the Terms of Reference, for appointment by the Executive Committee of the L.N.U. If a delegate is unable to attend a meeting of the Committee her Society may appoint a substitute and she shall have the same powers of voting as the delegate."

In view of the fact that the above proposals had not been circulated, Lady Gladstone was asked, by way of precaution, to consult Dr. Garnett about the wording and bring the matter before the Executive Committee again in the event of some change appearing desirable.

138. DRAFT COUNCIL MINUTES. The draft minutes of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the General Council held on June 27th, 28th and 29th, and the draft minutes of a Special Meeting of the Council held on June 23th, having been laid before the Committee in proof, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be authorised to approve and issue these minutes at his discretion."

139. BIRMINGHAM ARMISTICE MEETING AND CITY THANKSGIVING DINNER. The Committee considered a communication from Mrs. Beale, Chairman of the Birmingham District Council, together with the Secretary's reply concerning the difficulty of arranging for Lord Grey to speak both in Birmingham and in the London Guildhall on November 11th next. It was also noted that some members of the Executive Committee had received a circular letter from Mrs. Beale, informing them of the facts as she saw them. The Committee was of opinion that the question of holding the Thanksgiving Dinner on the evening of November 11th, for which the Guildhall had been engaged, and at which it had been arranged for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to speak, should be reconsidered. The Committee were reminded that a letter had recently appeared in THE TIMES over the signatures of Lord Grey, Lord Cecil, Lord Queenborough, Sir John Power, Mr. Reginald McKenna, the Dean of St. Paul's, Mr. J.R. Clynes and Field Marshal Sir William Robertson stating that this dinner would be held on Armistice night. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Executive Committee should urge on those responsible for arranging the dinner that the date of this function should be altered."

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- (b) "That the Executive should exert no pressure upon Lord Grey to give up his Birmingham engagement."
- (c) "That the Birmingham District Council be informed of these decisions."

It was further agreed that Professor Gilbert Murray, Lord Cecil and Sir Willoughby Dickinson be asked to confer with Sir John Power on this question.

It was suggested that the Thanksgiving banquet might be held on November 12th.

*John Bell*  
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,  
JULY 18TH, 1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), L.J.Cadbury, Lord Cecil, A.S.Duff Cooper, Mrs. Dugdale, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, J.H.Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.S.Sanders, Lady Selborne, Mrs. Wilson Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

140. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, Miss K.D.Courtney, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. Kimmins, Major Ormsby-Gore, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, W.J.Salmon, Miss Constance Smith and H.D.Watson.
141. MINUTES. Subject to the following reports and decisions on Minutes 132, 134, 138 and 139, and with the exception of Minute 137, the Minutes of the meeting held on July 11th, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 132 - Co-optations, it was reported that the following persons had accepted the Executive Committee's invitation to become co-opted members:-

Mr. Duff Cooper.  
Mrs. Dugdale  
Mr. H.H.Elvin  
Major Ormsby-Gore  
Lady Parmoor  
Mr. W.S.Sanders  
Mr. L.M.Wynch  
Mr. H.D.Watson

It was further reported that the Committee's invitation had not yet reached Major Walter Elliot who was away in South Africa, that Lady Hall and Mr. Vivian had not been able to reply owing to illness and that Miss Eleanor Rathbone was unable to accept the Committee's invitation. A letter had been received from Mr. Charles Roberts stating that he would be pleased to accept the Committee's invitation, but that he could only attend meetings once a month. It was

RESOLVED: "That Miss Guinness be co-opted to serve on the Executive Committee 1929-1930, and that the Vice-Chairman be asked to discuss Mr. Charles Roberts' letter with the Chairman before the first meeting of the Committee in October."

On Minute 134 - Adjourned Minutes (I.A.S.D. Committee - Minute 52), it was reported that action had not been taken on this Minute owing to the difficulty of convening a Conference of the Union's Regional Representatives before the summer vacation.

On Minute 138 - Draft Council Minutes, it was

RESOLVED: "That in the absence of the Chairman Lord Cecil be asked to approve and issue these Minutes at his discretion."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the following Minutes of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the General Council be referred to Sub-Committees for consideration and report to the Executive:-

- 323 - to the Education Committee.
- 324 - to the Finance Committee
- 325 - to the Christian Organisations Committee
- 326 - to the Publicity Committee
- 333 - to the Industrial Advisory Committee.'

It was further reported that the Consultative Committee was to meet on Tuesday, July 23rd, at 11.30 a.m. to discuss the question of 5s. Cd. membership. The Vice-Chairman expressed the hope that as many members of the Executive Committee as possible would endeavour to attend this meeting.

On Minute 139 - Birmingham Armistice Meeting and City Thanksgiving Dinner, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word "reconsidered" be substituted for the word "altered" in resolution (a) of this Minute, and that the following words be added to the last paragraph but one 'before anything further was done'."

Lord Cecil reported his interview with Sir John Power. It was then

RESOLVED: (a) "That a Committee of five, with power to act, be appointed under the Chairmanship of Sir John Power, to carry out the arrangements for the proposed Thanksgiving Dinner, and that it should be indicated to this Committee that the Executive Committee would prefer the Dinner to be held on November 12th."

(b) "That Lord Cecil, Lady Gladstone, Mr. R.S. Hudson and Mr. Herbert Worsley be asked to serve on this Sub-Committee."

It was further reported that Lord Grey's engagement to speak at Birmingham on November 11th would stand, and Mr. Cadbury stated that the Birmingham District Council were well satisfied with this decision.

142. DEPUTATION TO H.M. GOVERNMENT. Lord Cecil reported on the Executive Committee's recent deputation to the Foreign Secretary and said that this deputation had been extremely satisfactory.

143. RUSSIA AND CHINA. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil and Professor Noel Baker be authorised to take such action on behalf of the Executive Committee in this matter as may be necessary."

144. RATIFICATION OF CONVENTIONS. The Committee received the half yearly list of League and I.L.O. Conventions not yet signed or ratified by H.M. Government.



145. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Welcome Committee (Lady Gladstone reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated July 9th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (129) Secretary's Report; (130) Visit of American Students in July; (131) Additional Member of Committee.

- (b) Women's Advisory Council. (Lady Gladstone reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 346, 350 and 351 and to the approval by the Finance Committee of Minute 347, the extract of the Minutes of the Committee dated July 10th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (346) Reports of Representatives; (347) Report of Standing Sub-Committee; (350) International Wine Office; (351) Headquarters' Speakers.

On Minute 346 - Reports of Representatives, it was

RESOLVED: "That the remarks of Miss Brough, who represented the Association of British University Women Teachers, be referred to the Education Committee for consideration."

On Minute 350 - International Wine Office, it was

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

On Minute 351 - Headquarters' Speakers, (Women's Meetings) it was

RESOLVED: "That a memorandum on this subject be prepared."

- (c) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following amendments to Minutes 16a and 16b the Minutes of the Committee dated July 11th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (15) Composition of Committee; (16) Minority Proceedings at Madrid.

On Minute 16a - Statelessness arising out of Conflict of Treaties, it was

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

- (a) 'That H.M. Government be asked to request the Council of the League of Nations to convene a special conference to find a solution to the problem of statelessness arising out of the conflict of treaties.'
- (b) 'That H.M. Government be requested to secure the consideration by the Council (with a view to a full investigation) of any petition received by the League alleging an infraction,

or danger of infraction, of the provisions as to nationality contained in the Minorities Treaties and Declarations."

On Minute 16b - Present State of the Minorities Problem, it was

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

'That a letter be addressed to H.M. Government regarding the present state of the Minorities Problem and that H.M. Government be furnished at the same time with

- (a) The Committee's resolution on this subject of April 11th, 1929.
- (b) An explanatory memorandum by the Chairman of the Minorities Committee.
- (c) Any other material which may be considered necessary.
- (d) Office Committee (Rt.Hon.Leif Jones reported). Subject to the following amendment to Minute 50, the Minutes of the Committee dated July 16th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (46) Office Appointments; (47) Training Colleges, etc; (48) Staff Arrangements; (49) London Regional Federation; (50) Sussex Membership Campaign.

On Minute 50 - Sussex Membership Campaign, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in this Minute should read:-

'To ask the Rt.Hon.Leif Jones and Mr. Worsley to meet the Sussex representative.....!'"

146. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL - TERMS OF REFERENCE. The Committee was informed that in accordance with Minute 137 of 11.7.29. Lady Gladstone had consulted Dr. Garnett concerning the redrafting of the Terms of Reference of the Women's Advisory Council and an agreed draft had been circulated to the Committee. Lady Gladstone considered however that the opportunity might be taken to effect a more radical change of form and it was agreed that suggestions should be made to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
147. PRESTON BY-ELECTION. The Secretary reported a letter from Mr. William Smith (Secretary of Preston District Council and Preston Branch). After discussion it was agreed that the usual procedure of the Union in connection with By-elections should be applied in this case.

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148. PUBLICATION OF LEAGUE DOCUMENTS. Mrs. Dugdale drew the attention of the Committee to the repeated delays in the publication of the League documents and it was

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

In this connection it was pointed out that the report of the Committee of Three of the League Minorities Committee was not yet available in this country. The Vice-Chairman agreed to raise this matter in the House of Commons.

149. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was agreed that a meeting of the Committee should be held on Thursday, July 25th, and that the Committee should then adjourn until October.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 25th, 1929, AT 11 a.m.

Mrs. Runciman moved that Lord Cecil take the Chair.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Miss K.D.Courtney, A.S.Duff Cooper, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, J.H.Harris, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Mrs. W.T.Layton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Walter Runciman, W.J.Salmon, W.S.Sanders, H.D.Watson, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Herbert Worsley, L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary.

150. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Delisle Burns, Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Guinness, Major Hills, Mr. R.S.Hudson, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Professor Murray, Sir John Power, Miss Constance Smith and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
151. LADY PARMCOOR. The Chairman welcomed Lady Parmoor on behalf of the Executive Committee.
152. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 141(139), 145b and 145d(50) the Minutes of the meeting held on July 18th, 1929, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 141(139) - City Memorial Dinner, It was reported that a meeting of the Committee of Five had been held under the Chairmanship of Sir John Power and that preliminary arrangements for the Dinner were in hand. It was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That the Minutes of this Committee be not submitted to the Executive Committee unless any matters of supreme executive importance arise."  
 (b) "That Mr. Herbert S.Syrett be invited to join this Committee."  
 (c) "That the Committee have power to add further to their number."

On Minute 145(b) - Women's Advisory Council, Lady Gladstone reported that the question of the finances of a meeting which it was proposed to hold in the Kingsway Hall in the autumn had not been considered by the Finance Committee at its last meeting owing to pressure of other business. Lady Gladstone, therefore, asked the Committee to authorise an expenditure not exceeding £30 (which amount it was expected would be covered by a collection taken at the meeting). It was reported that the next meeting of the Finance Committee would not take place until October, and Mr. Leif Jones, on behalf of the Finance Committee, suggested that, in view of the exceptional circumstances, the Executive Committee should authorise this expenditure, which it was hoped would be fully covered. On the understanding that the Finance

Committed would consider this matter as soon as possible, it was

RESOLVED: "That the expenditure of a sum, not exceeding £30 be authorised, for use in connection with the proposed Kingsway Hall meeting."

On Minute 145(d) (50) - Sussex Membership Campaign, it was reported that Mr. Worsley, on behalf of the Office Committee, had interviewed Miss Latham (Sussex Federation). As a result of this interview it was recommended that the Sussex Campaign which (according to Minute 14 of the Office Committee of 27.2.29, subsequently confirmed by the Executive Committee) was to be continued until the end of July be further continued until November 16th, the services of Miss K.E. Harris being placed at the disposal of the Sussex Executive until that time. It was

RESOLVED: "That the above recommendation be adopted."

153. RUSSIA AND CHINA. Lord Cecil read to the Committee the following communique which had recently been issued by the League of Nations Union (with his approval) to the press:

"It seems necessary that China should be urgently reminded of her duty as a State Member of the League not to resort to war without an attempt at peaceful settlement. To this end, H.M. Government could exercise its "friendly right" under Article 11 of the League's Covenant, and bring the Manchurian crisis to the attention of the Council as "a circumstance which threatens to disturb international peace." Russia is not bound by the Covenant: but could be asked under Article 17 to accept the obligations of membership for the purpose of effecting a peaceful settlement. China and Russia are both bound by the Kellogg Pact. The Union welcomes the action of the American Secretary of State in taking steps to remind both Powers of their obligation under the Pact not to seek a solution of the conflict by any but peaceful means. It is all the more satisfactory that he should have done this on behalf of the signatories of the Four-Power Pacific Treaty, as his intervention will thus have a better chance of success."

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the above communique be approved."

Telegrams on this subject from the Welsh National Council were read to the Committee.

154. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. It was reported that approximately £2,700 had been received to date in response to Lord Cecil's appeal and that the Finance Committee of the City of London Corporation were about to recommend the Corporation to make a grant of £500 to the Union's funds in response to the Executive Committee's appeal. It was

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Union be conveyed to the City Corporation and to Mr. Herbert Syrett."

The Financial Statement for the period ending July

22nd, 1929, showed a Bank Overdraft of £3,165.16s.11d. The Committee noted that the Bank Balance on July 22nd 1928, was £2,332.0s.8d.

155. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 6 new Branches, 6 Junior Branches, 13 Corporate Members and 5 Corporate Associates be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Abthorpe, Northants; Baldock, Herts; Blaenau Ffestiniog; Henfield, Sussex; Ticehurst, Sussex; Warham, Sussex. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Cormont Road L.C.C. Girl's School, Camberwell; County School for Girls, Dover; Clarendon Central School for Girls, Nottingham; Moor-thorpe Middle Girls' School, Pontefract; St. Felix School Southwold; Great Moor Church of England School, Stockport. DELETION: Clapham Spiritualist Lyceum. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Chapel Street Church, Luton; Carey Baptist Church, Reading; Hosier Street Methodist Church, Reading; Harwich & District Branch British Legion; Primitive Methodist Church, St. Annes-on-Sea; Orsman Christian Mission, London; East London Union of National B.W.T.A.U.; Plaistow Wesleyan Mission; St. Stephens Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne; International University Society, Nottingham; Milton Congregational Church, Huddersfield; St. James Church, Hull; St. Matthew, Oxhey. DELETION: Peace Sowers Group. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Helperby Women's Institute; Ingleby Arncliffe W.I.; Lea W.I.; Thornton Dale W.I.; Mothers' Union Chicheley. DELETION: Hatfield Peverel, W.I.; Y.W.C.A., Sunderland.

It was reported that there were now 2,859 Branches, 720 Junior Branches, 2,965 Corporate Members, 546 Corporate Associates and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 785,291, of whom 208,290 have paid a subscription in 1929, as compared with 213,400 at this date last year.

156. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Economic Committee (Mr. Leif Jones reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 47, the Minutes of the Committee dated July 15th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (42) Action arising out of the Prague Economic Conference; (43) The Customs Policy of Europe in Relation to the U.S.A.; (44) Second Session of the League's Economic Consultative Committee, Geneva, May 1929; (45) European Co-operation; (46) Economic Conference at Edinburgh; (47) The Economic Dependence of Great Britain on the rest of the World.

On Minute 47 - The Economic Dependence of Great Britain on the Rest of the World, it was

RESOLVED: "That this Minute be referred back to the Economic Committee for further consideration."

It was recommended that the Economic Committee should submit a more detailed statement in regard to the desirability of instituting an inquiry into the economic position of Great Britain.

- (b) Industrial Advisory Committee (Captain Green reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 85, 87, 88, 89(c) and 93, the Minutes of the Committee dated July 18th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (81) National Pearl Federation; (82) Washington Hours Convention; (83) Membership; (84) Open Air Meetings; (85) Regional Conferences; (86) General Council - Report; (87) Twelfth International Labour Conference; (88) Applications; (89) Industrial Affiliations - Report; (90) Trades Union Congress - Public Meeting; (91) Nottinghamshire Federal Council; (92) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (93) World Aspects of Unemployment, 1930; (94) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (96) London Regional Federation Conference.

On Minute 85 - Regional Conferences. Captain Green suggested that the Regional Representatives might be consulted in regard to this matter when they met in London to consider the proposals of the I.A.S.D. Committee (see Minute 134 of the Executive Committee of 11.7.29.)

On Minute 87 - Twelfth International Labour Conference - Report. Captain Green reported that he had redrafted certain paragraphs in the Report on the Twelfth International Labour Conference, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Report, as amended be approved."

It was agreed that if any further communication on the subject of this report should be received from the National Chamber of Trade, the Acting Chairman of the Executive Committee be authorised to reply on behalf of the Committee. It was also

RESOLVED: "That section (d) of this Minute be amended to read:

'That such memoranda be approved by the Industrial Advisory Committee before circulation to industrial organisations or to speakers.'

On Minute 88 - Applications, it was

RESOLVED: "That the transference of the Railway Clerks Association from Industrial Associateship to Affiliation with the Union be accepted."

On Minute 89(c) - Industrial Affiliations Report, and Minute 93 - World Aspects of Unemployment, it was

RESOLVED: "That these Minutes be adopted subject to the approval of the Finance Committee."

- (c) Overseas Committee and British Committee for European Co-operation. (Sir Walter Napier reported). With the exception of the following amendment to Minute 50 and decision on Minute 56, the Minutes of the Committee dated July 18th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (50) European Co-operation Business; (52) Sir George Paish; (53) Federation

Proceeding; (54) Autumn meetings of the Federation; (55) Federation's Change of Address and Summer Offices; (56) Scheme for International Friendship; (57) Overseas Report; (58) League of Nations Emblem Competition. 7

On Minute 50 - European Co-operation, it was

RESOLVED: "That, conformably to the Statutes of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, the period of notice for motions to appear on the agenda paper be six weeks instead of two months; and that the words "in the ordinary way" be substituted for the words "for their information" in the last paragraph of this minute."

On Minute 56 - Scheme for International Friendship, it was reported that this question had been laid before the Consultative Committee which had approved the scheme in principle and had advised the Executive Committee to explore it further with a view to proposals being laid before the General Council. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Overseas Committee be asked to draft suitable proposals for submission to the General Council."

- (d) Finance Committee (Mr. Worsley reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated July 18th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (56) Financial Statement; (57) Appeal; (58) Dinner; (59) Caravan; (60) Exhibit; (61) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (62) Signing and endorsing of Cheques; (63) Bank Overdraft; (64) London Regional Federation; (65) Passing of Cheques for Payment. 7

- (e) Meeting of the Joint Selection Committee to consider the appointment of a Travelling Secretary for Training Colleges (Miss Stawell reported). The Committee considered these Minutes together with Minute 98(82) of the Education Committee of July 22nd, 1929. After considerable discussion, during which certain correspondence was read to the Committee by request, on the motion of Mr. Worsley and seconded by Captain L.H. Green it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the further consideration of the appointment of a Travelling Secretary for Training Colleges be adjourned until the next meeting of the Executive Committee."

- (b) "That the candidates selected for interview by the Education Committee be informed of this decision."

At the suggestion of Captain Green it was agreed that the methods of appointment should be the subject of enquiry.

- (f) Education Committee (Miss Stawell reported). With the exception of Minute 98(82) - Work in Training Colleges - Proposed Appointment of Travelling Secretary - the Minutes of the Committee dated July 22nd, 1929 were approved and adopted. (For decision on Minute 98(82) see Minute 156(c) above).



These Minutes included (99) List of Meetings - Teachers and Schools; (100) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (101) Report on Universities and Colleges; (102) The "Children's Newspaper" and Junior Membership of the Union; (103) Report of Interview between Representatives of the Boy Scouts Association, the Girl Guides Association and the League of Nations Union; (104) Report of Interview with the President of the Board of Education; (105) Resolutions of the British National Committee of Intellectual Co-operation; (106) League of Nations Calendar; (107) Report on Enrolment for Summer Schools; (108) Circulation of Welcome Committee Pamphlet.

- (g) Consultative Committee. The Committee considered and approved the resolutions (1) Proposal to amend Rule 1; (2) Scheme for International Friendship. On resolution 2 - Scheme for International Friendship it was reported that the Overseas Committee would be asked to submit proposals in regard to this matter for submission to the General Council.
- (h) Library Committee (Mrs. Dugdale reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 53, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee dated July 24th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (53) Application to the Carnegie Trustees for an Extension of the Period of their Grant to the Union's Library; (54) Proposals for the Introduction of a Subscription Basis for the Borrowing of Books.

On Minute 53 - Application to the Carnegie Trustees for an Extension of the Period of their Grant to the Union's Library, it was

RESOLVED: "That the third paragraph of this letter be redrafted by the Secretary in consultation with Lord Cecil, and that the first sentence of the last paragraph of this letter be amended to read as follows:-

"With this development of the Library in view the Union hopes to undertake the whole responsibility for the support of the Library as from 1st January, 1931."

157. TERMS OF REFERENCE - WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The amended Terms of Reference and Constitution of the Women's Advisory Council were adopted as circulated (on 19.7.29).
158. PUBLICATION OF LEAGUE DOCUMENTS. The Committee received with interest a memorandum concerning the publication of League Documents. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to send this memorandum to His Majesty's Government and/or to the members of H.M. Government's Delegation to the forthcoming Assembly, if he considers this desirable."

159. INTERNATIONAL WINE OFFICE. The Committee noted a memorandum on the subject of the International Wine Office and it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this memorandum be adjourned"

160. COMMUNICATION FROM MRS. OGILVIE GORDON. The Committee considered a communication from Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon of the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations.
161. REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. Colonel Carnegie suggested that the Committee should send a resolution to His Majesty's Government expressing gratification at the recent announcement of the Prime Minister concerning the proposed reduction in the naval construction programme. It was
- RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to write to the Prime Minister."
162. AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the Office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Friday, August 2nd, till 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6th."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER  
10<sup>TH</sup>, 1929, AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), C. Delisle Burns, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D. Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, H.H. Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, W.J. Salmon, W.S. Sanders, H.D. Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

163. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Drury-Lowe Mr. A.S. Duff Cooper, Lady Hall, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. Kimmins, Sir John Power, Lord Queenborough, Miss Constance Smith and the Hon. Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
164. MINUTES. With the exception of Minute 157 and subject to the following decision on and amendment to Minute 156(e), the Minutes of the meeting held on July 25th, 1929, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 156(e) - Meeting of the Joint Selection Committee to consider the appointment of a Travelling Secretary for Training Colleges, it was

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

'At the suggestion of Captain Green it was agreed that the methods of appointment should be the subject of enquiry, and that the time had come for the revision of the whole question of office organisation.'"

It was then

- RESOLVED: (a) "That a sub-committee of not more than six persons be appointed to consider the present organisation of the Union with a view to increasing its efficiency and economy."
- (b) "That the Chairman should nominate this sub-committee."
- (c) "That the question of appointing a Travelling Secretary for Training Colleges be referred to this sub-committee."

165. HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AND DISARMAMENT. On the motion of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED: "That a resolution concerning disarmament, to be drafted by the Chairman, Lord Cecil and Major Walter Elliot, be sent to the Foreign Secretary."

166. EAST AFRICA - THE WILSON REPORT. The Chairman informed the Committee that this report would be the subject of discussion at a forthcoming meeting of the Mandates Committee.

167. STRESEMANN MEMORIAL SERVICE. On the motion of Lady Patmoor, it was

RESOLVED: "That a letter of sympathy be written to Frau Stresemann."

The Committee expressed the opinion that the Memorial Service, which had been held on Tuesday, October 8th, had been admirably organised, and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Everett Reid who had been the first to suggest the holding of such a Service.

168. OPTIONAL CLAUSE. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That a resolution congratulating His Majesty's Government on their signature of the Optional Clause be sent to the Foreign Secretary."

(b) "That this resolution be drafted by the Chairman, Lord Cecil and Major Walter Elliot."

(c) "That the reservations to His Majesty's Government's signature of the Optional Clause, be discussed at an early date by the Revision of the Covenant Committee."

169. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Education Committee (Miss Stawell reported). Subject to the following amendment to Minute 117, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 23rd, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (112) Membership of the Committee; (113) List of Meetings - Teachers and Schools; (114) Report on Universities and Colleges; (115) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (116) Report on Summer Schools; (117) Report on the World Federation of Education Associations Conference; (118) Report on the Meeting of the Education Committee of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies held at Zurich on September 26th; (119) Report on the New Education Fellowship Conference at Elsinore; (120) Children's League of Nations; (121) Celebrations in Armistice Week; (122) School Magazines and the Tenth Anniversary of the League; (123) Adventure Book on the League; (124) Literature for Sunday Schools; (125) Interchange of School Children; (126) Conference of Educational Associations; (127) Home and School Council.

On Minute 117 - Report on the World Federation of Education Associations Conference, it was

RESOLVED: "That the first sentence of this Minute be amended to read:-

'.....and the Committee were glad to note that excellent work had been done in the Herman-Jordan Committees, although the organisation of the Conference as a whole had been inadequate to deal with the 1,500 delegates who had attended.'"

On Minute 112 - Membership of the Committee, it was suggested that the Education Committee should consider the possibility of co-opting representatives from the Teachers' Associations and other representatives of the universities.

On Minute 116 - Report on Summer Schools, it was agreed that the dates of the Union's Summer Schools should be reconsidered. Mr. Wynch expressed the opinion that the Union's Summer Schools should be more widely advertised and that, possibly, steps might be taken to reduce the fees.

170. INTERNATIONAL WINE OFFICE. The Committee received a memorandum on the subject of the International Wine Office. It was agreed that no action could usefully be taken in this matter.

171. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending October 5th, 1929 showed a Bank Overdraft of £6,291 3s.9d. The Committee noted that the Bank Overdraft on October 5th, 1928, was £1,497 6s.7d.

In view of the decisions already taken by the Committee (see Minute 164), after considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposals for the Union's budget for 1930 be not placed before the meeting of the Finance Committee proposed to be held on October 17th, unless by the wish of the Office Reorganisation Committee."

172. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 23 new Branches, 9 Junior Branches and 54 Corporate Members be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Abbotsley, Hunts; Angmering, Sussex; Barcombe, Sussex; Hope Street Branch, Daniell Memorial Hall, Birmingham; Bishopsgate Chapel; St. Ann's Church, Cross Hands, Carmarthenshire; Eastcote, Middlesex; Esher and Claygate, Surrey; Harlesden Baptist Church; Helpston, Northants; Hurst, Berks; Lauder, Berwickshire; Llanryglyn, Montgomeryshire; Manchester District Primitive Methodist Churches; Newick, Sussex; Peakirk, Northants; Penmarchno, Sir Gaernarton; Rye, Sussex; Shipham, Somerset; Somersham, Hunts; Spratton, Northants; Uyeasound, Shetland Isles; Yelvertoft, Northants.  
DELETIONS: Barrington, Northumberland; Brampton Bryan, Herefordshire; Checkindon and Woodcote, Berks; Old Palace Girls' Branch, Croydon, Surrey; Cullompton, Devon; Flintshire Garden City; Dolgelly Bethel; Dolgelly, Tabernacle; Dolgelly, Judah; Horbury, Yorks; Isle Lane Wesleyan Church, Leeds; Scotland Street, Llanrwst, Denbigh; Lydbury North, Salop. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Acocks Green Girls' Council School, Birmingham; Roedean School, Brighton; St. Thomas' Parish Junior Branch, Charlton; Folly Lane Girls' School, Coventry; Council School, Loughton; Ardwick Municipal School, Mixed Department, Manchester; Windle Pilkington Girls' School, St. Helens; Skinners' Company School for Girls, Stamford Hill; Brook Street Central School, Stourbridge.

CORPORATE MEMBERS: Alberdi Anglican Church, Argentine; Battlefield United Free Church Women's Missionary Society, Glasgow; Durrisddeer Parish Church, Glasgow; The Vestry Class of the Unitarian Church, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow; Gourrock Women Citizen's Association; Maybole British Legion; Whitehill United Free Church Bible Class, Glasgow; Woodsmoor Wesleyan Church, Stockport; The Congregational Church, Willington Road South, Stockport; Handforth Wesleyan Church, Wilmslow; St. Werburgh's Church, Blackwell; Whittington Moor Young People's Primitive Methodist Guild; Stoke Damerel Branch of the Church of England Men's Society, Plymouth; Rayleigh Congregational Church; Brickfields Congregational Church, Stratford; Wycliffe Congregational Church, Ilford; Seven Kings Congregational Church; The Parishes of St. James' with St. Andrews' and All Saints', Bournemouth; Angle Street Baptist Church, Burnley; Providence Independent Methodist Church, Colne; Gatley Congregational Church; St. John's Church, Heywood; Longsight Free Christian Church Young People's Guild, Manchester; Copster Hill Brotherhood, Oldham; National Association Club, Ltd., Oswaldtwistle; Hinckley Road Primitive Methodist Church, Leicester; Crossway Congregational Church, New Kent Road, London; Maze Hill Congregational Church, Greenwich; Eglinton Hill Primitive Methodist Church, Plumstead; Rayleigh Memorial Congregational Church, Stoke Newington; All Saints' Church, Tufnell Park; Herrow Brotherhood and Sisterhood; St. Anselm's Church, Hatch End; Southell Conservative and Unionist Association; St. Michael's Church, Tokyngton, Wembley; Helhoughton Primitive Methodist Church; Higham Ferrers Liberal Association; Women's Social Circle, Park Avenue Primitive Methodist Church, Northampton; Women's Co-operative Guild, Heaton; The Congregational Church, Cherd; Stafford Primitive Methodist Church; Stafford Street Primitive Methodist Church, Walsall; The Bury St. Edmunds Association of the National Union of Teachers; St. John's Church, Redhill; Streetly Wesleyan Methodist Church, Sutton Coldfield; Dewsbury Parish Church; The Parish Church Council of Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury; St. John the Baptist's Church, Dewsbury; Highfield Congregational Church, Dewsbury; Westborough United Methodist Church, Dewsbury; Heckmondwike Branch of the British Legion; St. Timothy's Church, Crookes, Sheffield; Bridge End Equitable Progressionists' Society, Ltd., Todmorden; The Unitarian Women's League, Todmorden.

DELETIONS: Bretton Branch of C.E.M.S.; The National Organisation of Girls' Clubs; The Hetton Lyons Branch of the Durham Miners' Association; Kentish Town Unitarian Church, London; Parkfield Church, Middleton; King Street Independent Methodist Church, Westhoughton.

It was reported that there were now 2,869 Branches, 729 Junior Branches, 3,018 Corporate Members, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 793,030, of whom 253,020 have paid a subscription in 1929, as compared with 248,531 at this date last year.

173.

DINNER TO DELEGATES TO THE FIVE POWER NAVAL CONFERENCE.  
It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That subject to the approval of His Majesty's Government, the Union should organise a dinner for the delegates attending the Five Power Naval Conference in January 1930."

(b) "That the Welcome Committee be asked to organise this dinner on behalf of the Executive Committee." 156

174. CO-OPTATIONS. It was reported that Mrs. Layton had been obliged temporarily to resign her membership of the Executive Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Charles Roberts and Mr. Henry Vivian be asked to remain members of the Committee."

The Secretary pointed out that there were now four vacancies.

175. THE TENTH ASSEMBLY. Lord Cecil addressed the Committee on the subject of the Tenth Assembly of the League of Nations. He pointed out that it was a remarkable thing that every one of the items included in the Union's six point statement of policy, have either been completely or partially dealt with by the Tenth Assembly. In the course of the subsequent discussion mention was made of the small committee of which Lord Cecil was Chairman, which had been set up to make recommendations in regard to the possibility of re-organising the meetings of the League Assembly. In this connection Lord Cecil said that he would welcome the assistance and suggestions of any members of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Harris informed the Committee that the resolutions of the Thirteenth Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies had appeared in "The Journal" on September 4th. In previous years these resolutions had not appeared in "The Journal" until the third week in September. He, therefore, suggested that the International Federation of League of Nations Societies should thank Sir Eric Drummond for his assistance in this matter.

176. HEADWAY ARTICLE ON AIR PAGEANT. Miss Ruth Fry drew the attention of the Committee to an article by Mr. Alec Wilson on the Hendon Air Pageant, which had appeared in the August number of HEADWAY, and to the anonymous letter of protest which had appeared in a subsequent issue. Miss Fry suggested that the tone of this article was unfortunate. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Editor of HEADWAY be asked to pay special attention to the language in which tattoos, military displays and air pageants, were described in HEADWAY.

It was suggested that stress should rather be laid, in future, on those functions of the Air Force which were illustrated by the recent rescue from Kabul by disarmed planes and airmen.

177. REPORT ON ZURICH MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee received and approved the report of the Zurich meetings of the International Federation held from 26th to 29th September, 1929. It was

RESOLVED: "That the draft resolution on the school leaving age (together with the procès verbal of the Zurich meeting of the International Association for Social Progress) be referred both to the Industrial Advisory Committee and to the Education Committee for consideration; and that the Union's proposal concerning Article 19 of the Covenant be

referred back to the Revision of the Covenant Committee for further consideration in the light of the resolution passed by the Tenth Assembly of the League of Nations."

178. PEACE COMMEMORATION DINNER. Lord Cecil reported that the arrangement for the Peace Commemoration Dinner to be held at the Guildhall on November 14th were proceeding satisfactorily. In this connection Mr. J.H.Harris suggested that further efforts should be made to get business firms in the City of London to contribute annually to the funds of the Union.
179. COMMUNICATION FROM THE DUCHESS OF ATHOLL. A communication from the Duchess of Atholl, to which a reply had already been sent, was read to the Committee and it was  
RESOLVED: "That Major Walter Elliot be asked to speak to the Duchess of Atholl concerning the Union's invitation to her to become a Vice-President."
180. THE LEAGUE AND THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL BANK. It was reported that a meeting of the Economic Committee was to take place on October 22nd to discuss this matter and that Sir Arthur Salter would attend this meeting. It was suggested that at a later stage of the Economic Committee's discussions of this matter, banking, commercial and political interests should be consulted.
181. DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING. It was  
RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the General Council be held on December 19th."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Norman Angell, Colonel Carnegie, Miss K.D. Courtney, C. Delisle Burns, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, A.S. Duff Cooper, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Philip Kerr, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lady Selborne, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

182. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Mr. David Davies, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Hall, Commander Kenworthy, Sir John Power and Miss Constance Smith.

183. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 171 and amendment to Minute 176, the Minutes of the meeting held on October 10th, 1929, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 171 - Financial Statement, it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposals for the Union's budget for 1930, as submitted by the Secretary to the Office Reorganisation Committee, be now placed before the Finance Committee."

On Minute 172 - Recognition of Branches the Chairman observed that every meeting held under the Union's auspices ought to include the enrolment of new members - non-members among the audience joining the Union forthwith and existing members resolving to persuade their friends to join. He expressed the hope that the Union's speakers would not fail to include an appeal for new members as an integral part of their speech.

On Minute 176 - Headway Article on Air Pageant, it was

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

'It was suggested that an article should be written on those functions of the air force which were illustrated by the recent rescue from Kabul.....!'"

184. RESOLUTIONS SENT TO H.M. GOVERNMENT. It was reported that at the request of the Committee, the Chairman, Lord Cecil and Major Walter Elliot had drafted the following resolutions, which had been sent to H.M. Government:-

1. "Noting with keen satisfaction the assurances of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary that His Majesty's Government accept as a central principle of their policy the Pact of Paris, with all its implications in the direction of Arbitration, Security and Disarmament;

\* Note - Minute 184, 2.

Major Walter Elliott rang up (23.10.29) and pointed out that he had not been concerned in the drafting of this resolution [re the Optional Clause]. He apologized for having omitted to print this out earlier. He could not attend the Committee's meeting on 24.10.29 and did not wish to raise the matter in Committee, in accordance with his request <sup>however</sup> & promised to make this note in the Committee's records.

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The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union begs to assure His Majesty's Government that in the pursuance of that policy they may count on the whole-hearted support of the League of Nations Union.

\* 2. "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union warmly congratulates His Majesty's Government on their signature of the Optional Clause of the Statute of the International Court, and trusts that no minor consideration will be allowed to interfere with its ratification."

185. REVISION OF THE COVENANT COMMITTEE. It was agreed that it should be ascertained unofficially whether Lord Blanesburgh would be willing to serve on the Revision of the Covenant Committee.
186. COMMUNICATION FROM THE DUCHESS OF ATHOLL. The Secretary reported a further communication from the Duchess of Atholl. He had sent a copy to Major Walter Elliot, who had undertaken to speak to the Duchess of Atholl.
187. BRITISH AMERICAN WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE. Miss Courtney reported that the British American Women's Peace Crusade was in the process of reconstitution and was to consist in future of women's organisations constituted on a national basis and/or national organisations consisting mainly of women. In the circumstances it was agreed that the name of the Union be omitted from all the printed lists of societies co-operating with the Women's Peace Crusade, but that the Union should keep in touch with the Crusade through Miss Courtney.
188. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. The amended Terms of Reference of the Women's Advisory Council were approved as circulated.
189. WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. Admiral Drury-Lowe called the attention of the Committee to paragraphs 2 and 3 of resolution 4 (Internal Questions) of the 13th Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies dealing with the co-ordination of the work of the Federation and it was
- RESOLVED: "That the Overseas Committee be recommended to consider these paragraphs."
190. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.
- (a) Library Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). With the exception of Minute 59 and subject to the following decisions on Minutes 57, 60, 63 and 64, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 8th, 1929, were approved and adopted.
- These Minutes included (56) Application to the Carnegie Trustees for an extension of the period of their grant to the library; (57) Subscription basis for the library; (58) Project for the formation of nucleus libraries in university branches and in larger junior branches in schools; (59) Further accommodation for the library; (60) Additional Shelving for the library; (62) Loan of newspapers and periodicals.

On Minute 57 - Subscription Basis for the Library,  
it was reported that the following paragraph had been  
omitted from this Minute:-

"It was further resolved

'That an Endowment Fund be started for the  
Library and that a special appeal be issued  
in HEADWAY and in the prominent press, signed  
by an influential member of the Union.'

It was

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

On Minute 60 - Additional Shelving for the Library, it  
was

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

It was further agreed that Minute 63 and 64 which  
concerned salaries, should be referred to the Office  
and Finance Committees.

- (b) Welcome Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported). The  
Extract of the Minutes of the Committee dated October  
8th, 1929 was approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (135) Secretary's Report;  
(136) Reception for Foreigners resident in London;  
(138) Entertainments for London International Assembly;  
(139) Translation of Pamphlet; (142) New Hostesses;  
(143) International Club.

- (c) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe  
reported). Subject to the following amendments to  
Minutes 88 and 91, the Minutes of the Committee dated  
October 11th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (79) Glory of War - Publication  
by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge;  
(80) Sunday School Lessons; (81) Lessons for Primary  
Sunday School scholars; (82) Chairman of Committee;  
(83) Co-operation with Missionary Societies; (84)  
Dr. Garnett's Visits to Ely and St. Albans; (85)  
Denominational Resolutions; (86) Standard Appeal for  
Churches; (87) Panel of Preachers; (88) Co-operation  
with Christian Social Council and World Alliance; (89)  
Fellowship of Reconciliation Meeting; (90) Magazine  
Inset; (91) Revision of Litany and Prayers; (92)  
Catholic Council for International Relations; (93)  
Armistice Day Service in St. Paul's Cathedral; (94)  
Prayer Card; (95) Corporate Membership.

On Minute 88 - Co-operation with Christian Social  
Council and World Alliance, it was

RESOLVED: "That the first and last sentences of the  
paragraph preceding the resolutions in  
this Minute be amended to read as follows:-

'Mr. Fox explained that although he  
personally considered that this altered  
form would meet the situation, the

World Alliance Executive Committee wanted further time for the consideration of certain difficulties.....

Mr. Fox was willing to take part unofficially in joint discussions with the Secretaries of the League of Nations Union and the Christian Social Council, as contemplated in paragraph (2) of the proposals, with a view to closer co-operation in policy and working."

On Minute 91 - Revision of Litany and Prayers, it was

RESOLVED: "To omit the resolution in this Minute."

192. THE LONDON REGIONAL FEDERATION. Mr. J.H.Harris drew attention to the fact that some confusion appeared to exist in the public mind concerning the London Regional Federation and the Head Office of the Union. It was reported that the question of the relations of Head Office and the London Regional Federation were under consideration by the Office Reorganisation Committee.
193. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Burslem Branch, The Primitive Methodist Manchester District Branch, Whalley Range Branch, Rochdale Branch, Potters Bar Branch, Knowle and Totterdown Branch, and Central Church Branch, Old King Street, Bristol.
194. STATEMENT OF POLICY. Miss Courtney suggested that the Committee should begin to formulate the policy resolutions which it would submit to the General Council in December.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Colonel Carnegie, Miss K.D.Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, R.S.Hudson, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Queenborough, W.S.Sanders, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Herbert Worsley, Lord Cecil was voted to the Chair.

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. Delisle Burns, Mr.L.J.Cadbury, Mr. David Davies, Major Walter Elliot, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Professor Gilbert Murray, Sir John Power, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Mr. W.J.Salmon, and Miss Constance Smith.
196. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on Minute 190a(56), the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 17th, 1929, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 190a(56) - Library Committee - Application to the Carnegie Trustees for an extension of the period of their grant to the library, the Chairman reported that a letter had been received from the Carnegie Trustees agreeing to the extension of their grant to the Union's library until the end of 1930. The Committee expressed their gratitude to the Carnegie Trustees for this extension.

197. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending October 21st, 1929 showed a Bank Overdraft of £6,383 15s.7d. The Committee noted that the Bank Overdraft on October 21st, 1928 was £3,345 ls.5d.

The Secretary reported that a cheque for £500, being the first of five equal instalments, had been received from the Dun Life of Canada.

A discussion took place on the form in which the Financial Statement was presented to the Executive Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the form of the weekly Financial Statement be not changed."

(b) "That a more detailed Financial Statement be submitted to the Committee after every monthly meeting of the Finance Committee."

198. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Publicity Committee. (In the absence of Professor Murray, Lord Cecil reported). Subject to the following amendments to Minute 79(a) and 81(b)(i), and decisions on Minutes 81(a) and 79(b), the Minutes of the Committee dated October 15th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

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 These Minutes included (73) Re-organisation of the Exhibition; (74) New Periodical for Young Readers; (75) Ten Years' Work of the League of Nations; (76) Church Magazine Inset; (77) Membership of the Committee; (78) Report on Publicity Activities; (79) Tenth Anniversary of the League; (80) Publicity for I.L.O. Maritime Conference; (81) Price of literature; (82) Reporters to the General Council; (83) Publicity for Union Publications; (84) Popular Quarterly Publication; (85) Illustrated Leaflet; (86) Pamphlet of Quotations; (87) Post Cards; (88) The League and the Child.

On Minute 79(a) - Tenth Anniversary of the League, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'seen and' be substituted for the word 'particularly' in this Minute."

On Minute 79(b) - Tenth Anniversary of the League; Articles for Press, the Committee expressed the view that whenever possible the Union should receive payment for articles supplied to the Press. Such payments were contemplated in the proposals which the Secretary had placed before the Office Re-organisation and Finance Committees.

On Minute 81(a) - Price of Literature, on the motion of Lady Gladstone it was

RESOLVED: "That the question of selling Union literature at meetings be discussed by the next meeting of the Consultative Committee."

On the motion of Lady Parmoor it was further

RESOLVED: "That when any particular issue is prominently before the country (e.g. as the question of disarmament is at present) a special list of the Union's publications on the subject should appear in HEADWAY."

On Minute 81(b)(i) - Price of Literature, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'how the reader is to be reached' be omitted."

(b) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported). Subject to the following amendment to Minute 101, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 17th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (99) Membership; (100) HEADWAY Advertisements; (101) Regional Conferences; (102) Industrial Affiliations; (103) Applications; (104) Proposed Conference of Industrial Affiliated and Co-operating Organisations; (105) International Federation of League of Nations Societies - I.L.O. and Economic Committee; (106) Conference on World Aspects of Unemployment 1930; (107) Representative on Education Committee; (108) Mr. Gillinder's Report.

On Minute 101 - Regional Conferences, it was

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

'Dr. Garnett explained how, in his opinion, effect should be given to the decisions of the Committee.'

The Committee noted with interest the draft programme of the Conference on World Aspects of Unemployment, 1930, to be held at the London School of Economics on February 25th, 26th and 27th, 1930.

- (c) Mandates Committee. (Mrs. Dugdale reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 16, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 17th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (13) Death of Mr. Grimshaw; (14) Assembly Report on Mandates; (15) Memorandum on closer Union in East Africa; (16) Draft Statement of Policy on Closer Union in East Africa.

On Minute 16 - Draft Statement of Policy on Closer Union in East Africa, after considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee, while receiving with interest the draft Statement of Policy on Closer Union in East Africa, recommends the Mandates Committee to reconsider the last three paragraphs in the light of the discussion which had taken place."

It was held that these three paragraphs might be redrafted in a somewhat simpler form, omitting argument.

The Committee took note of the fact that Lord Passfield would prefer an informal discussion to a formal deputation. It was agreed that this was desirable.

199. ECONOMIST ARMAMENTS SUPPLEMENT. It was reported that negotiations were in progress for reprinting the Armaments Supplement published with the issue of THE ECONOMIST dated October 19th.

200. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 4 new Branches, 9 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Group, 7 Corporate Members and 10 Corporate Associates be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Aberkenfig, Glamorganshire; Broughton, Northants; Peacehaven, Sussex; Yiewsley and West Drayton, Middlesex.  
JUNIOR BRANCHES: Cheadle Hulme School, Cheshire; The Gordon Demonstration School, Eltham; Notre Dame Secondary School, Manchester; Fallowfield Central School, Manchester; Mayfield Junior Branch, Sussex; Linthorpe Senior Council School, Middlesbrough; Eastlands Girls' School, Rugby; Gordon Road Girls' School, Stroud; York College for Girls, Yorks. JUNIOR GROUP: 6th Manchester Team Boys' Life Brigade, Patricroft. CORPORATE MEMBERS: John Ker Memorial Comrades Club, Edinburgh; The Three Counties Hospital, Arlesley, Bedford; Brondesbury Park Congregational Church; Mount View Congregational Church, Stroud Green; West Hampstead Congregational Church; Holy Cross Church, Greenford;

Thornton Heath Wesleyan Institute. **DELETIONS:** Charnmouth and Cotherstone Women's Voting Association, Dorset; New Barnet Women's Adult School. **CORPORATE ASSOCIATES:** Bodle Street Women's Institute; Burley-in-Wharfedale Women's Institute; Hartlebury Women's Institute; Sharnbrook Women's Institute; Sutton-at-Hone Women's Institute; Thorpe-le-Soken Women's Institute; Walkern Women's Institute; Walsingham Women's Institute; Wormley Women's Institute; New Barnet Women's Adult School. **DELETIONS:** West Malling Women's Institute; Women Citizen's Association, Liss; Mothers' Meeting, Goudhurst Providence Chapel; Gunnerton Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 2,873 Branches, 738 Junior Branches, 14 Junior Groups, 3021 Corporate Members and 552 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 794,989 of whom 261,700 have paid a subscription in 1929, as compared with 255,944 at this date last year.

201. **GENERAL COUNCIL.** It was reported that a special meeting of the General Council would be held on December 19th, to reconsider the proposed alteration to Rule 1 (ii).
202. **RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL BY THE LIVERPOOL AND MERSEYSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL.** The Committee considered resolutions concerning the alteration of certain Rules and Bye-Laws, the division of membership fees and literature payments, the Postal Ballot, and the constitution and place of meeting of the General Council, submitted by the Secretary of the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council. It was
- RESOLVED:** "That the Executive Committee oppose the changes now proposed especially those concerned with the electing of the Council and the division of membership fees and literature payments."
203. **ARMISTICE DAY CENOTAPH CEREMONY.** A discussion took place concerning the question of troops bearing arms attending the Cenotaph Service on Armistice Day.
204. **BRANCH RESOLUTIONS.** The Committee noted with interest resolutions from the Worthing and District Branch and the Hampstead Garden Suburb and Golders Green Branch.

Miss Courtney gave notice that she would bring before the Committee the question of the present method of dealing with Branch resolutions.

G.M.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair); Lord Cecil, C. Delisle Burns, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, A.S.Duff Cooper, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, Lady Gladstone, J.H.Harris, Major J.W.Hills, R.S.Hudson, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.D.Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

205. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, Sir Charles Hobhouse, W.S.Sanders and Miss Constance Smith.
206. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 199, the Minutes of the meeting held on October 24th, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 199 - ECONOMIST Armaments Supplement, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be authorised either to purchase the necessary number of reprints of the ECONOMIST Armaments Supplement (dated October, 19th, 1929), or to print a resumé of the information therein contained, drawn up in the office."

207. OXFORD WEEK-END CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT. It was reported that the Week-end Conference on Unemployment held by the Oxford City and University Branches on October 25th and 26th, had met with remarkable success. The principal speakers were Sir Arthur Salter, Sir Clive Morrison Bell, Senor Madariaga, Mr. H.D.Henderson, Mr. R.S.Hudson, Professor Noel Baker, Sir William Goode, Professor J.S.Haldane and Mr. R.H.Tawney. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write to Sir Arthur Salter expressing the Executive Committee's gratitude for the valuable part which he had played in this Conference."

208. STATEMENT OF POLICY. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Lord Cecil be asked to draw up for the Committee a draft Statement of Policy to follow up the Statement of Policy adopted before the General Election, and to indicate those questions to which the attention of Branches should specially be directed during the coming year."

In this connection it was suggested that emphasis should be laid on the more important resolutions adopted by the Tenth Assembly.

209. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Finance Committee. (Mr. Leif Jones reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 67, decisions on and amendments to Minute 68 and amendment to Minute 70(a), the Minutes of the Committee dated October 24th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (67) Financial Statement; (68) Budget for 1930; (69) Derbyshire Federal Council; (70) Library; (71) London Telephone Exchange Rally; (72) Kent Membership Campaign; (73) Geneva Institute of International Relations; (74) Passing of Cheques for Payment. /

On Minute 67 - Financial Statement, after considerable discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That the question of Mr. Everett Reid's remuneration be specially considered at the half-yearly revision in December next."  
 (b) "That Mr. Reid be granted an honorarium of £15 forthwith."

On Minute 68 - Budget for 1930. After two verbal corrections had been made in the Minutes it was suggested that it might be inadvisable to circulate the draft budget for 1930 in detail. After considerable discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (a) "That the Office Re-organisation Committee be asked to submit to the next meeting of the Executive Committee a definite statement concerning the form in which the provisional budget for 1930 should be presented to the General Council; it being understood that the budget should not be submitted in detail as such a procedure might hinder the work of the Office Re-organisation Committee."  
 (b) "That the thanks of the Executive Committee be conveyed to Mr. Leif Jones and Sir John Power for their examination and report on the details of the draft budget for 1930."

On Minute 70(a) - Library, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in this Minute be amended to read:-

'To authorise an expenditure of £12 10s.0d. on the erection of adjustable steel shelving in the Library.'

- (b) Overseas Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 67 and 71, the Minutes of the Committee dated October 23rd, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (62) Sir George Paish; (63) Report on the Zurich Meetings of the International Federation; (64) Overseas Committee and the Industrial Advisory Committee; (65) Proposed Paris Branch of the American League of Nations Association; (66) International Friendship Scheme; (67) Communication from British Chamber of Commerce in Tangier; (68) Communication from Federation of Italians Abroad for the League of Nations; (69) Overseas Report; (71) European Co-operation; (72) Report of the Zurich Meeting on European Co-operation. /

On Minute 67 - Communication from British Chamber of Commerce in Tangier, it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Charles Hobhouse be consulted on this matter."

On Minute 71 - European Co-operation, it was

RESOLVED: "That resolution (1) of this Minute be not accepted, but that a copy of the letter to M. Rais be sent to the Foreign Secretary with a covering note making it clear that the League of Nations Union is not committed to the views expressed in the telegram sent to the Foreign Secretary from Stockholm."

- (c) Economic Committee. (Mr. Leif Jones reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated October 22nd, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (49) Institut International de Statistique; (50) Economic Dependence of Great Britain on the Rest of the World; (51) Proposed Autonomy of the International Bank; (52) League's Forthcoming Conference on the Treatment of Foreigners; (53) Report of the Zurich Meetings of the International Federation and the Federal Committee for European Co-operation.

On Minute 51 - Proposed Autonomy of the International Bank, it was agreed that this was a question which should be discussed very fully in the near future, and it was considered desirable that in addition to the economists, representatives of financial, industrial and other interests should be consulted. Mr. Leif Jones was asked to consult Mr. Hartley Withers on this subject and to suggest that a wider discussion of the questions connected with the proposed International Bank should be arranged when further material became available.

- (d) Religions and Ethics Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). With the exception of Minute 22(b) the Minutes of the Committee dated October 24th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (20) Lambeth Conference, 1930; (21) Co-optations to General Council; (22) Proposed Public Meeting.

210. STATEMENT OF POLICY ON CLOSER UNION IN EAST AFRICA. The Statement of Policy on Closer Union in East Africa as re-drafted by a sub-committee of the Mandates Committee, was considered by the Committee. It was reported that an informal deputation would wait upon the Secretary of State for the Dominions on Tuesday, November 5th. The Statement of Policy was considered and approved subject to the following amendments:-

- (a) The following words to be added to the second paragraph 'but in the light of the discussion of the Mandates Committee we consider there is grave objection to a political union.'

- (b) The word 'also' to be substituted for the word 'however' in the third paragraph.
- (c) The words 'and our obligations as Mandatory' to be added to the ninth paragraph.
- (d) Section I(b)(3) to be amended to read as follows:-  
'of the recruitment of labour for non-agricultural purposes.'
211. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest resolutions from the London Regional Federation and the Hailsham Branch. In regard to the resolution from the London Regional Federation the Chairman stated that it was impossible to arrange for General Smuts to address any further meetings during his stay in this country.
212. COMMUNICATION FROM GERMAN LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY. The Committee received a communication from the German League of Nations Society asking the Union to secure certain prominent Cabinet Ministers as speakers for a meeting which it was proposed to hold in the Reichstag. It was agreed that the Executive Committee was not in a position to accede to the request of the German League of Nations Society.
213. KINGSWAY HALL ARMISTICE MEETING. It was reported that the Foreign Secretary would address a meeting (arranged by the Methodist Churches) in the Kingsway Hall on November 11th at 8 p.m. The organisers of the meeting had expressed the hope that at least one member of the Union's Executive Committee would be present on the platform to support the Foreign Secretary.

G.M.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), C.Delisle Burns, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, Major J.W.Hills, R.S.Hudson, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, W.J.Salmon, W.S.Sanders, H.D.Watson, the Hon.Mrs. Wilson Fox and Herbert Worsley, together with the Secretary.

214. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss Ruth Fry, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir John Power, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Miss Constance Smith and Mr. L.M.Wynch.

215. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 209(b) 67, and amendment to Minute 212, the Minutes of the meeting held on October 31st, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 209(b)67 - Communication from the British Chamber of Commerce in Tangier, it was reported that a letter on this subject had been received from Sir Charles Hobhouse. It was agreed that this matter should be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

On Minute 212 - Communication from German League of Nations Society, it was

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

'The Committee received a communication from the German League of Nations Society asking the Union to secure Lady Gladstone, together with certain prominent Cabinet Ministers as speakers for a meeting which it was proposed to hold in the Reichstag. It was agreed that the Executive Committee was not in a position to convey this invitation to Cabinet Ministers.'

216. OFFICE RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT CONCERNING BUDGET FOR 1930. The Committee considered a statement concerning the proposed expenditure for 1930. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the statement concerning the proposed expenditure for 1930 be placed before the next meeting of the General Council in the following form:-

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE FOR 1930.

The proposed expenditure for the year 1930 is £35,200.

The expenditure in 1928, the last completed year, was £36,269 3s.2d., distributed as follows:-

Here follow the details of the expenditure in 1928 as set out in page 78 of the Annual Report for that year, with the exception of the last two lines of figures in that page which relate to account E.7

This expenditure was £569 3s.2d. in excess of the amount (£35,700) sanctioned by the Council.

For 1929 the Council sanctioned an expenditure of £36,000: but it has become apparent that this amount will be exceeded by not less than £2,000.

Moreover, at the present rate, the amount required for 1930 would be £39,240.

Faced with these deficits in 1928 and 1929, and with the difficulty of refusing demands from various quarters for increasing expenditure, the Executive Committee is engaged in overhauling the machinery of the Union with the object of effecting any practicable economies. The Executive Committee has not yet finished this labour, and it is not therefore possible at present to set out the amounts allotted under the different headings for the coming year. The Executive Committee is, however, hopeful that the expenditure for 1930 can be reduced to £35,200, which is accordingly the amount which the Council is invited to sanction."

217. GENERAL COUNCIL.

- (a) Preliminary Agenda. The Committee considered the draft preliminary Agenda for the meeting of the General Council to be held in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on December 19th, 1929. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be authorised to approve the final form of the Preliminary Agenda."

- (b) Resolutions. The Committee considered certain resolutions sent in for submission to the General Council and it was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolutions be opposed:-

Church and Home Inset (Manchester District), National Bazaar (Worthing Branch), Publication of HEADWAY (St. Albans Branch), Division of Subscriptions (Miss S. Smith, Hereford), National Executive Committee (a) and (b) (London Regional Federation), and Organisation of the Union (London Regional Federation).

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the following resolutions be supported:-

Drug Traffic (East of Scotland District Council), Unemployment owing to Disarmament (London Regional Federation), British Industry and the League of Nations Union (Captain L.H.Green).

The Committee also considered a resolution on "The League and Prison Conditions" submitted by the Reigate and Redhill Branch and it was agreed that this resolution should not be opposed but that the Executive Committee's own resolution on the subject should be preferred.

218. POSTAL BALLOT. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution should be placed on the Preliminary Agenda of the General Council in the name of the Executive Committee;-

'That the Postal Ballot be conducted, as in 1928 and 1929, for the purpose of nominating candidates for election by the General Council as members of the Executive Committee for the year 1930/1931."

219. INTERIM ANNUAL REPORT. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution should be placed on the Preliminary Agenda of the General Council in the name of the Executive Committee:-

'In view of the present state of the Union's finances and of the need for increased economy, and having regard to the fact that the audited accounts are expected to be ready earlier in future years, the General Council resolves that the publication in January of an Interim Annual Report, which involves duplication of expenditure and labour, be discontinued and that the Annual Report be issued so soon as possible after the accounts have been certified by the auditors."

220. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee's proposal to amend Rule 1(ii) (concerning the 5s.0d. HEADWAY subscription) be placed on the agenda in the same form in which it had been submitted to the Special Meeting of the Council held in June last."

Mr. Worsley pointed out that members of the Executive Committee should do everything possible to give this measure their most determined support.

221. INFORMAL DEPUTATION TO LORD PASSFIELD. The Chairman reported that, together with Major Elliot and Mr. Delisle Burns, he had seen Lord Passfield on November 5th and had put before him the problems raised in the memorandum on East African Policy, approved by the Executive Committee on October 31st. The Chairman was glad to report that Lord Passfield seemed fully sensible of the importance of the points raised.

222. STATEMENT OF POLICY. The Committee considered seven draft resolutions. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolutions be approved for submission to the General Council)-

(a) That the Presidents of the Union and the Chairman of the Executive Committee be requested to prepare an explanatory preamble, showing how far the policy determined by the General Council at its last meeting has already been acted upon, how much of that policy remains to be pursued by the Union, and how far it is modified by the following resolutions; and that, with this preamble, the following resolutions be communicated to H.M. Government and to the Branches of the Union:-

(b) DISARMAMENT.

The General Council of the Union recognises the great services rendered by the Prime Minister to the improvement of relations between Great Britain and America, and thereby to the cause of Peace and Disarmament throughout the world, and urges His Majesty's Government to continue their policy by using their utmost efforts first to secure the success of the approaching Five-Power Naval Conference, and secondly to induce the Preparatory Commission to finish the drafting of the Skeleton Treaty upon lines which will make it possible for a Conference on Disarmament to meet at an early date and agree upon a treaty of genuine reduction and limitation of Armaments.

(c) OPTIONAL CLAUSE AND GENERAL ACT.

The General Council of the Union approves the signature of the Optional Clause by His Majesty's Government, and trusts that they will proceed without delay to its ratification; and that they will press on with the consideration of the General Treaty of Arbitration with a view to its early acceptance with or without modification.

(d) ARTICLE XIX.

The General Council of the Union trusts that the Government will encourage the use of the powers of Article XIX wherever it is properly applicable, and in particular will consider whether the discussions with China on the so-called unequal treaties might not be most conveniently dealt with under its provisions.

(e) INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

The General Council of the Union urges His Majesty's Government to use its influence for the general improvement of the standard of living through the activities of the International Labour Organisation, especially in those nations where wages are lower and working hours longer than in Great Britain and, in particular, to proceed rapidly with the ratification of the Washington Hours Convention.



✓The above resolution has been prepared in accordance with the request of the Executive Committee by Professor Murray and Dr. Delisle Burns. ✓

(f) EDUCATION.

The General Council of the Union confidently relies upon His Majesty's Government to do all in their power to promote the education of youth in the aims and work of the League of Nations in accordance with the recommendations both of the League's Sub-Committee of Experts and of the British Joint Committee of Associations of Local Education Authorities and teachers' associations; and further

Urges that the League consider the desirability of convening in 1931 a World Education Conference to consider and report upon the study and teaching of the Organisation of Peace.

(g) MINORITIES.

The General Council of the Union emphasises the importance of regarding the new procedure with regard to minorities sanctioned by the League Council at Madrid as experimental only, and urges that if it should be found insufficient after trial to secure the due performance by the Council of its duties, consideration should be given to the proposal to appoint a Permanent Advisory Committee to take the place of the present ad hoc Committees of Three.

✓Drawn up, as directed, after consultation with the Minorities Committee. ✓

(h) PRISONERS.

The General Council of the Union earnestly recommends to the attention of His Majesty's Government the proposals now laid before the Council of the League of Nations for a minimum international standard in the treatment of prisoners.

223. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated October 31st, 1929 were approved and adopted.

✓These Minutes included (133) List of Meetings - Teachers and Schools; (134) Report on Universities and Colleges; (135) Steps taken by Local Education Authorities; (136) Children's League of Nations: Revised Financial Arrangements with Mr. Mee; (137) Tenth Anniversary of the League of Nations and the Observance of Armistice Day in the Schools: Report on Steps taken; (138) Report of the Joint Committee

of Inquiry into the Teaching of the Aims and Achievements of the League of Nations; (139) "Teachers and World Peace" in the Public Schools; (140) Report on the Meeting of Education Committee of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies held at Zurich on September 26th; (141) Report on the New Education Fellowship Conference at Elsinore; (142) Work among Juniors: Minute 323 of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the General Council; (143) Speakers for Girls' Schools: Minute 346 of the Women's Advisory Council; (144) National Association of School Masters; (145) League of Nations Teaching Exhibition: Consideration of Memorandum; (146) Coloured Peace Pictures: Proposal to print packets of one dozen for Junior Members; (147) Communication from Dr. Hayward: Request for financial assistance in publishing school celebrations of other countries; (148) Resolution from the London Teachers' Association; (149) Appointment of Vice-Chairman.

Consideration of the Minutes of the Revision of the Covenant Committee dated 29.10.29, and of the Women's Advisory Council, dated 30.10.29, was adjourned.

224. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 4th, 1929 showed a Bank Overdraft of £5,885Bs.9d. The Committee noted that the Bank Overdraft on November 4th, 1928 was £3,107 17s.3d.

225. OPTIONAL CLAUSE - COMMUNICATION FROM LONDON REGIONAL FEDERATION. A communication from the London Regional Federation was read to the Committee and it was

RESOLVED: "That a memorandum on the present situation in regard to the Optional Clause be drawn up, primarily for the use of speakers."

226. COMMUNICATION FROM KINGSBRIDGE BRANCH. The Committee considered with interest the following resolution from the Kingsbridge Branch:-

"That this Branch recommends to Headquarters that the Quota on 1s.0d. subscriptions sent to Headquarters be increased from 3d. to 4d., which, estimating the membership in the country to include 500,000 shilling subscribers, would produce an additional revenue of over £2,000, and that this branch start straight away with the additional amount."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary of the Kingsbridge Branch be asked whether it was the desire of his branch that this proposal be placed on the Council Agenda."

227. PROCEDURE IN REGARD TO BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. Consideration of this question was adjourned.

228. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following seven new junior branches be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the certificates."

JUNIOR BRANCHES. Rossington Senior Boys' School; Calthorpe College, Birmingham; Southall Street Central School, Cheetham; Pendleton High School for Girls, Lancs; Baines's Grammar School, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs; Birchlands Girls' School, Sheffield; The Mount School, York.

229. DAME MILLICENT FAWCETT MEMORIAL SERVICE. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that a service in memory of Dame Millicent Fawcett was to be held in Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, November 19th at 12.30 p.m.
230. ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE, 1929. The attention of members of the Committee was drawn to the arrangements in connection with the Armistice Day Service organised by the Union, which was to take place in St. Paul's Cathedral at 10.45 a.m. on November 11th.
231. COUNCIL PROCEDURE. The Chairman referred to a suggestion that he had received concerning procedure at meetings of the General Council. He said that he proposed, at future meetings of the Council, to ask all speakers to address the meeting from the platform. The Committee thought that some members of the Council would be deterred from speaking by such a procedure and that it might be resented if proposed from the platform. It was then

RESOLVED: "That the present practice whereby members of the General Council may speak from every part of the Hall be continued unless the Council decides otherwise on a proposal from the body of the Hall."

*James Hill*

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Major Walter Elliot, H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Miss Guinness, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, W.S. Sanders, Lady Selborne, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

232. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. C.Delisle Burns, Mr. L.J.Cadbury, Lady Hall, Mr. J.H.Harris, Professor Murray, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Sir Charles Roberts and Mrs. Walter Runciman.

233. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minute 222, the Minutes of the meeting held on November 7th were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 222 - Statement of Policy, after considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution concerning Minorities be omitted;

That the word 'welcomes' be substituted for the word 'approves' in Resolution (c) - Optional Clause and General Act;

That the words 'both in this country and' be inserted before the words 'in other nations' in Resolution (e) - International Labour Organisation; and

That the words 'of Teachers' be substituted for the words 'teachers associations' in Resolution (f) - Education."

234. TANGIER. At the request of the Chairman, Sir Charles Hobhouse addressed the Committee on the present position of British commerce in Tangier. Miss Ruth Fry suggested that the Executive Committee should endeavour to take some action in the matter. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That Sir Charles Hobhouse and Miss Ruth Fry be thanked for their valuable information."

(b) "That Miss Ruth Fry be asked to put a definite proposal on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Executive."

It was suggested that the Association of British Chambers of Commerce and possibly the Federation of British Industries, might be consulted in this connection.

235. PROCEDURE IN REGARD TO BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. Consideration of this question was adjourned for Miss Courtney to place a proposal before the Executive.

236. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 8 new Branches, 3 Junior Branches, 18 Corporate Members and 5 Corporate Associates, be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Bolney, Sussex; Busby, Scotland; Claylands Congregational Church, London; Frensham, Surrey; Gobowen, Warwicks; Harston, Cambs; Manea, Cambs; Moulsecombe, Sussex. JUNIOR BRANCHES: County School, Bethesda, Carnarvonshire; Junior Section, St. John's Wood; Grammar School, Hindley, Wigan. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Chester Branch of the National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants; Cumberland Branch of the Assistant Mistresses' Association; Ashbourne Congregational Church; Charmouth and Catherston Voters' and Debating Association; Grays Wesleyan Church, London Road, Grays; Women's Co-operative Guild, Belvedere, Kent; Mansfield Men's Adult School; Student Christian Movement in Oxford; St. Paul's Church, Newcastle; Reigate Congregational Church; Midland Branch of the Association of Assistant Mistresses, Warwicks; Trinity Congregational Church, Hessle; Marsden Parish Church, Yorks; Queensbury Independent Order of Rechabites, Yorks; Queen Street Central Hall Church, Scarborough; South Bank Parish Church, Yorks; Castle Grove United Methodist Church, Todmorden, Yorks; Cloughfoot Congregational Church, Todmorden, Yorks. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Downley Women's Institute; Flinwell Women's Institute; Keston Women's Institute; Stamford Dingley Women's Institute; Girls' Friendly Society, St. Giles' Branch.

It was reported that there were now 2,881 Branches, 747 Junior Branches, 3,039 Corporate Members and 557 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 795,800 of whom 278,013 have paid a subscription in 1929, as compared with 273,571 at this date last year.

237. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 11th, 1929 showed a Bank Overdraft of £3,603 17s.10d. The Committee noted that the Bank Overdraft on November 11th, 1928 was £2,757 11s.8d.238. ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE. Lord Cecil reported on the outstanding success of the Armistice Day Service at St. Paul's Cathedral. It was then

RESOLVED: "That the Archbishop's sermon be printed forthwith."

Lord Cecil pointed out that very few members of the Committee had attended this Service and suggested that those members of the Committee who had applied for tickets and were unable to use them, might have found it possible to notify the officers concerned that they would be unable to attend.

239. LORD MAYOR'S SHOW: LEAGUE OF NATIONS SECTION. It was

RESOLVED: "That the congratulations of the Executive Committee be conveyed to the City Branch and to the London Regional Federation on the League of Nations section which they had so successfully staged in the Lord Mayor's Show."

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It was also

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to those branches which had undertaken intensive activity during Armistice Week."

240. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Revision of the Covenant Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). With the exception of Minutes 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 the Minutes of the Committee dated October 29th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (11) Lord Phillimore; (12) Description of the Committee; (13) Membership of the Committee; (14) The Covenant and the Pact of Paris; (15) Reservations Attached by H.M. Government (Except in the Irish Free State) to their Signatures of the Optional Clause; (16) The General Act; (17) Procedure under Article 19 of the Covenant; (18) Unanimity Rule.

On Minutes 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 it was

RESOLVED: "That, in accordance with the wishes of the Reporter, consideration of these Minutes be adjourned on the understanding that the International Law Committee would reconsider the questions raised therein before reporting again to the Executive Committee."

It was pointed out in connection with Minute 15 (Optional Clause - Reservations) that the attention of the International Law Committee should be drawn to the fact that Union Statements of Policy during the last three years had either recommended H.M. Government to sign the Optional Clause "with any reservations that may be necessary to provide for the special position of this country" or had expressly omitted all reference to reservations.

It was reported that Professor Brierly would attend the meeting of the Executive Committee on December 5th in order to take part in any discussion that might arise on the minutes of the International Law Committee.

- (b) I.A.S.D. Committee (Lord Cecil reported). Subject to the following amendment to Minute 58 and decisions on Minutes 59, 61 and 62, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 7th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (58) The Union and Parliament; (59) Finance; (60) Publicity; (61) Statement of Policy; (62) Title of War Office; (63) Disarmament Conference at Karuizawa; (64) Future Meetings; (65) Membership of the Committee; (66) Reporter to the General Council.

On Minute 58- The Union and Parliament, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'inter-party' be substituted for the word 'non-party' in this Minute."

On Minute 59 - Finance, it was

RESOLVED: "That this proposal be referred to the Office Re-organisation Committee for consideration and report."

On Minute 61(a) and (c) - Statement of Policy, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of these sections be adjourned until such time as the Executive Committee considers the explanatory preamble (or commentary) to be drawn up in connection with the Revised Statement of Policy, after the December meeting of the General Council."

It was also agreed that the revised Statement of Policy should bear the title "The Organisation of Peace", despite the fact that the resolutions on arbitration, security and disarmament adopted by the General Council in June 1929, already stood under this title.

On Minute 61(b) - Statement of Policy, it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to draft an additional paragraph for inclusion in the revised Statement of Policy, concerning unemployment consequent upon the reduction of armaments."

On Minute 62 - Title of War Office, it was

RESOLVED: "That the recommendation contained in this Minute be accepted in principle but that no representations be made to H.M. Government at present."

- (c) Women's Advisory Council (Lady Gladstone reported). Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on Minute 355, and to the following amendment to Minute 354 and decision on Minute 360, the extract of the Minutes of the Committee dated October 30th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (354) Reports of Representatives; (355) Report of Standing Sub-Committee; (358) The Tenth Assembly; (360) Opium.

On Minute 354 - Reports of Representatives, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'stated that in her opinion' be substituted for the words 'referred to the fact that' in the last paragraph of this Minute."

On Minute 360 - Opium, it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be referred to the Opium Committee for consideration."

- (d) Welcome Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated November 5th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (147) Secretary's Report; (148) Reception to Students (International Assembly London); (149) Reception to Foreigners Resident in London; (150) International Friendship Scheme; (151) Exchange of German and English School-Children in Summer, 1930.

On Minute 148 - Reception to Students (International Assembly London), it was reported that the Rotarians would bear any expense consequent upon this reception.

- (e) Minorities Committee (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 17 and with the exception of Minute 19, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 7th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (17) Minutes; (18) Report by Sir Walter Napier on the Zurich Meeting of the Federation Minorities Commission; (20) Recent Changes in Minority Procedure.

On Minute 17 - Minutes, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in this Minute should apply only to those Committees which meet irregularly and infrequently."

241. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES. It was

RESOLVED: "That, in the case of Committees which meet irregularly and infrequently, the minutes of a meeting, after being provisionally approved and initialled by the Chairmen, be circulated to the other members who were present at the meeting, with a covering note requesting that the minutes be returned with any necessary corrections within three days, and stating that, in the absence of such corrections, they will be regarded as accurate and be circulated to the Executive. In the event of disagreement between members of the Committee present at the meeting, the decision of the Committee's Chairman would be final, and the minutes would be circulated as approved by him in the light of members' corrections."

242. WOMEN POLICE. Lady Gladstone reported a communication from the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, in which the Union was asked to appoint a representative to take part in a deputation to the Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Scotland to discuss the question of Women Police. The Committee agreed that this was a matter coming within the scope of the League and it was

RESOLVED: "That a member of the Executive Committee be asked to join this deputation."



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243. BRANCH RESOLUTION - MESSRS. MONTAGUE BURTON. The Committee considered a resolution concerning the display of arms by naval and military forces at Armistice Day celebrations, together with a request that the Executive Committee should forward this resolution to the Home Secretary. It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be not forwarded to the Home Secretary as requested but that the Vice-Chairman be asked to write to Mr. Burton."

244. RESOLUTION FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the National Council of Women of Great Britain.

245. LETTERS IN "THE TIMES". The attention of the Committee was drawn to two letters which had recently appeared in "The Times" concerning the League of Nations Union. No action was taken, and the question left over until the Chairman could attend a meeting of the Committee.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER  
21ST, 1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H. Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, W.J. Salmon, W.S.Sanders, Lady Selborne, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Deputy Secretary.

246. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. L.J.Cadbury, Mrs. Dugdale, Captain L.H.Green, Major J.W.Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Sir John Power, Mrs. Runciman and Mrs. Wilson-Pox.

247. MINUTES. Subject to the following reports on Minutes 234, 235 and 242, the Minutes of the meeting held on November 14th, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 234 - Tangier, it was reported that a proposal would appear on the agenda of an early meeting of the Executive Committee.

On Minute 235 - Procedure in regard to Branch Resolutions, Miss Courtney stated that this question would be considered by the Office Reorganisation Committee.

On Minute 242 - Women Police, it was reported that Miss Guinness had consented to take part in the deputation arranged by the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship to the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Scotland to discuss the question of Women Police.

248. PEACE COMMEMORATION DINNER. Lord Cecil reported that the Peace Commemoration Dinner held in the Guildhall had been an outstanding success. He laid emphasis on the necessity for following up the appeal made at the Dinner, especially in the City of London. It was reported that the proceeds of the Dinner would amount to almost £12,000. The Committee placed on record its appreciation of the valuable work done by those concerned with the arrangements for this function.

The Committee then considered the following three recommendations submitted by a sub-committee of the Peace Commemoration Dinner Committee:-

1. That Colonel Fisher should spend the whole of his time between now and Christmas in the City of London in order to follow up the Dinner appeal.
2. That the question of providing assistance for Colonel Fisher is a matter of urgency which we recommend should be referred to the appropriate Committee.
3. That an Appeals Committee should be appointed as part of the regular organisation of the Union to assist Colonel Fisher.

On recommendation (1) it was reported that Colonel Fisher had been expected to go to Manchester for the month of December. Sir Arthur Haworth pointed out that arrangements had been made for Colonel Fisher's visit to Manchester and that it would be a great blow to the Manchester District Council if he were unable to keep this engagement. In view however of the general interest of the cause, and the importance of following up immediately the appeal made at the dinner in the City of London, Sir Arthur Haworth agreed that Colonel Fisher's visit to Manchester should be postponed. After further discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That recommendation (1) be accepted in principle and that Sir Arthur Haworth be asked to confer with Colonel Fisher concerning the possibility of carrying out the Manchester arrangements at a definite date after the follow-up in the City of London."

The Committee desired to place on record its deep regret that it had been found necessary, for the good of the Union as a whole, to upset the arrangements of its District Council in Manchester.

On recommendations (2) and (3) it was

RESOLVED: "That these recommendations be submitted to the Office Reorganisation Committee for consideration and report together with a recommendation that an Appeals Committee should be appointed to assist Colonel Fisher as soon as possible."

249. COMMUNICATION FROM MR. ERNEST YATES. The Chairman read to the Committee a letter from Mr. Ernest Yates of 34, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square. Mr. Yates suggested that he might be willing to offer the premises known as The Old Court House, Hampstead Heath, to the Union for a period of three years. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should be asked to arrange for a member of the Executive Committee to inquire more fully into the matter.

250. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Library Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 68, 70, 73 and 74, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 12th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (67) Reply of the Carnegie Trustees with regard to the extension of the period of their Grant to the Library; (68) Subscription basis for the Library; (69) Project for the Formation of Nucleus Libraries in University Branches and in Larger Junior Branches in Schools; (70) Reprinting of Library Rules; (71) Book List; (72) Loan of Books to Paris Section of the League of Nations Union and Gift of Books to Overseas Branches of the League of Nations Union; (73) Presentation by the Society of Scribes and Illuminators and the League of Nations Union of an Illuminated Copy of the Covenant to Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the League; (74) Composition of Committee for 1930.

On Minute 68 and 70 - Subscription Basis for the Library and Reprinting of Library Rules, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of these Minutes be adjourned pending the report of the Office Reorganisation Committee."

On Minute 73 - Presentation by the Society of Scribes and Illuminators and the League of Nations Union of an Illuminated Copy of the Covenant to Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the League, after discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. Christie be thanked for his suggestion and informed that although the Committee were attracted by his proposal, there are no funds at present available to pay for an illuminated copy of the Covenant to be prepared by the Society of Scribes and Illuminators for presentation to the League, but that as the new League buildings would not be ready for some years it might be possible at some future date to reconsider this suggestion."

On Minute 74 - Composition of Committee for 1930, at the invitation of the Committee Mr. Watson and Dr. Kimmins agreed to serve on the Library Committee. It was also agreed that the Chairman should be asked to invite Mr. Leif Jones to serve on this Committee.

(b) Traffic in Women and Children Committee. On the motion of Lady Gladstone it was

RESOLVED: "That Mr. A.V.Drewe of the Variety Artistes Federation be invited to serve on the Traffic in Women and Children Committee."

251. ARMISTICE WEEK MEETINGS. The Committee were informed that speakers had been successfully supplied for 400 meetings during Armistice Week, as against 325 in Armistice Week 1928, and that most of those meetings had reference to the Tenth Anniversary of the League of Nations.

252. PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee received the Preliminary Agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the General Council to be held in the Caxton Hall, Westminster. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That it should be made clear on the Final Agenda

(a) "That the ordinary business of the Council would be resumed after the Special Meeting to be held at 2.30 p.m. on the afternoon of December 19th.

(b) That the meeting would adjourn at 5 p.m. on December 19th and would continue at 10 a.m. on December 20th if any further business remained to be considered."

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The Committee also considered a resolution concerning the desirability of increasing the number of undergraduate speakers, submitted to the General Council by the Petersfield and District Branch. It was pointed out that undergraduate speakers in small numbers were extremely useful but that any attempt substantially to increase the number of undergraduate speakers already used by the Union might not, at the present juncture, prove desirable.

253. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 18th, 1929, showed a Bank Overdraft of £1,605 5s.0d. The Committee noted that the Bank Overdraft on November 18th, 1928 was £2,521 16s.2d.

It was reported that some of the money received in respect of the Dinner was included in the Statement, but that there was £1,000 due to come in the present week and an additional £3,000 within the next fortnight.

Mr. J.H.Harris drew the attention of the Committee to the possibility of increasing the funds of the Union through legacies. The Committee expressed the hope that if an Appeals Committee were appointed as indicated in Minute 248, this matter would receive their earnest attention.

254. NAVAL DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. Lord Cecil reported to the Committee that he had invited several prominent Naval Officers to meet him informally to discuss the lines that might profitably be taken at the forthcoming Naval Disarmament Conference. The Committee received this information with interest and agreed that such an informal discussion would be of the greatest value.

255. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24th, until 10 a.m. on Monday, December 30th."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH,  
1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain Green, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Selborne, H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary.

56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. L.J. Cadbury, Major Walter Elliot, Miss Ruth Fry, Major Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. Kimmins, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Mrs. Runciman and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.

257. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on Minute 248 and reports on Minutes 249 and 250(a)(74), the Minutes of the meeting held on November 21st, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 248 - Peace Commemoration Dinner - Appeals Committee. It was reported that the Office Reorganisation Committee had considered the Executive Committee's recommendation that an Appeals Committee should be appointed to assist Colonel Fisher and that a proposal in this connection had been agreed upon by the Office Reorganisation Committee. This proposal was to be considered by the Finance Committee. It was agreed that the Chairman should be asked to authorise, if he thought fit, any amendment to the Office Reorganisation Committee's proposal, the Finance Committee might suggest.

On Minute 249 - Communication from Mr. Ernest Yates. It was reported that Major Hills would see Mr. Yates.

On Minute 250(a)(74) - Library Committee - Composition of Committee for 1930, it was reported that Mr. Leif Jones was unable to serve on the Library Committee.

58. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following 12 new Branches, 1 new District, 15 Junior Branches, 1 Junior Group, 18 Corporate Members and 4 Corporate Associates, be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Annan, Scotland; Cannington, Somerset; Fritwell, Oxon; Garlothead, Scotland; Gosfield, Essex; Hardingstone, Northants; Harpole, Northants; Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Wormley and Neighbourhood, Herts; Lindfield, Sussex; Newhaven, Sussex; Scham, Cambs; Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks.  
DELETIONS: Brastead, Kent; Watchett; Beaumaris Town; Beaumaris - English Church Methodist; Gaerwen Methodist Church; Llanerchymedd, Caersalem; Llangefni, Cefniwrch; Niwbwrch; Lampeter; Carmarthen; Glanamman, Bryn Seion; Llandebie; Llanelly Town; Llangadock; Conway, Carmel; Llandudno, English Baptist; Llandudno, Llanrhos Parish; Talybont, Dolgarrog; Coedpoeth Town; Coedpoeth, Welsh Wesleyan Circuit; Rhydyfoel; Ffynnon, Groew; St. Asaph, Cefn Parish; Aberaman; Abercynon; Blaengarw, Trinity;

Bridgend, Town; Cardiff, Aion Baptist; Cardiff, Clare Gardens; Gilfach Goch; Landore, Silch Newydd; Pontycymer, English Congregational; Pontygwaith; Pontypridd; Port Talbot Bryn; Resolven; Taffs Well and District; Tongwynlais; Treharris; Treorchy Town; Ynysmeudwy, Bethesda; Ystrad Mynach, Bethanis-Siloh; Ystrad Mynach, Morial Chapel; Maentwrog; Abersychan; Caerleon; Pontnewydd, Ebcnezer; Pontnewydd, Bethany; Rhymney; Llanymynech; Goodwick, Rhosycaeren. DISTRICT COUNCIL: Huntingdonshire. DISTRICT COMMITTEES: DELETIONS: Aberayron; Cardigan; Llandyssul; Lampeter; Llandovery; Newcastle Emlyn; Tredegar; Narbeth; Newport; St. Davids. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Camden Street Council School, Birmingham; Rockery Road Council School, Handsworth, Birmingham; Derby Street Girls' Central School, Bolton; Reglan Road Girls' School, Bromley; Bredenbury Court School, Bromyard; High School for Girls, Burnley; Victoria Central School, Dewsbury; Junior Branch, Erith; St. Owen's and Blue Coat School, Hereford; Heaton Girls' Secondary School, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Ackworth School, Pontefract; Hutton Grammar School, Preston; West Central Girls' School, Rugby; St. Leonard's School, St. Andrews; King Edward VI Grammar School, Stourbridge. JUNIOR GROUP: Hostel for Blind Girls, Hampstead. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Long Eaton Central Wesley Guild, Derbyshire; Melbourne Congregational Church, Derbyshire; The United Methodist Church, Bear Street, Barnstable; Wimborne Wesley Guild, Dorset; Dunmow Branch of the British Legion, Essex; St. Mary's with Christ Church, Wanstead; National Union of Shop Assistants, Newport, Isle of Wight; The Blue Triangle Club (Y.W.C.A.) Bromley; The College Club, Colne; The United Congregational Church, Colne; Kensington Congregational Church; Quex Road Free Church, Kilburn; Old Meeting Congregational Church, Norwich; National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, Nottingham; Trinity Wesleyan Church, Felixstowe; Purley Women's Fellowship; West Norwood Congregational Church, Chapel Road, S.E.27; National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants, Birmingham. DELETIONS: Walsall Unitarian Free Church; Harlestown Grant Street Labour Club; The Union Church, Grendon; Scotton Village Institute; New Barnet Men's Adult School. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Harvington Women's Institute; Southill Women's Institute; Mothers' Union, Rickmansworth; Mothers' Union, St. Paul's, Lorrimore Square.

It was reported that there were now 2,842 Branches, 126 Districts, 762 Junior Branches, 15 Junior Groups, 3,052 Corporate Members and 561 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 798,805 of whom 292,208 have paid a subscription in 1929 as compared with 284,546 at this date last year.

259. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 25th, 1929, showed a Bank Balance of £54 ls. 5d. The Committee noted that the Bank Overdraft on November 25th, 1928 was £1,738 5s. 8d.

Mr. R.S. Hudson suggested that Financial Statements in the immediate future should show the state of the Union's finances, exclusive of money received in respect of the Guildhall Dinner.

260. CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP AND THE PRESS. Mr. J.H. Harris emphasised the desirability of approaching editors of religious papers with a view to the insertion in such papers of a note describing the advantages, etc., of Corporate Membership.

In Mr. Harris' view this was especially desirable at Christmas time. It was explained that efforts were already being made in this direction. 103

261. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Publicity Committee (Lady Hall reported). Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 90 (2) (3) (4), 94(b)(ii) and 97, and amendment to Minute 98, the minutes of the Committee dated November 19th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (90) Popular Quarterly Publication; (91) "The League in Pictures": Illustrated Leaflet; (92) Report on Publicity Activities; (93) Freedom of the Seas; (94) Tenth Anniversary of the League; (95) Naval Disarmament Conference; (96) General Council Meeting, December 19th, 1929; (97) Composition of the Committee; (98) Speakers' Notes. 7

On Minute 90 (2) (3) (4) - Popular Quarterly Publication, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Publicity Committee be asked to inquire further into these suggestions and to report again to the Executive Committee."

On Minute 94(b)(ii) - Tenth Anniversary of the League - Guildhall Banquet, it was

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

On Minute 97 - Composition of Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Publicity Committee be invited to explore the suggestion that the DAILY TELEGRAPH and the MORNING POST be asked each to appoint a representative to sit upon the Publicity Committee."

On Minute 98 - Speakers' Notes, it was

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

- (c) 'That Speakers' Notes should be supplied free for six issues to those clergy and ministers who applied for them.'

- (b) Christian Organisations Committee (Admiral Drury-Lowe and Sir Willoughby Dickinson reported). With the exception of Minute 99 which was referred to the Finance Committee and subject to two small verbal amendments to Minute 104, the Minutes of the Committee dated November 20th, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (99) Lessons for Primary Sunday School Scholars; (100) Standard Appeal for Churches; (101) Co-operation with Christian Social Council and World Alliance; (102) Corporate Membership Form for Churches in Northern Ireland; (103) Report of Armistice Services; (104) Christ and Peace Campaign; (105) Composition of Committee for 1930;



(106) Prayer Card; (107) Corporate Membership. <sup>7</sup>

- (c) Industrial Advisory Committee (Captain Green reported). Subject to the following decision on Minute 115, the minutes of the Committee dated November 21st, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (112) Composition of Committee for 1930; (113) Industrial Affiliations; (114) International Federation of League of Nations Societies (115) Conference on "World Aspects of Unemployment, 1930; (116) Representatives on Union's Committees; (117) National Association of Schoolmasters; (118) Manchester Guardian Supplement; (119) XIIIth International Labour Conference (Maritime Session); (120) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (121) National Chamber of Trade.

On Minute 115 - Conference on World Aspects of Unemployment, 1930, the Committee expressed approval of the draft programme for this conference and it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir William Beveridge, K.C.B., be asked to speak at this conference."

262. ENSLAVEMENT OF CHILDREN. Lady Gladstone reported that the Standing Sub-Committee of the Women's Advisory Council, had recently discussed the question of the enslavement of children at Hong Kong. It was suggested that some representation might be made to H.M. Government on this subject in connection with the pending appointment of a new Governor in Hong Kong. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman be asked to make private representations to Lord Passfield in this connection.
263. QUEEN'S HALL MEETING ON SLAVERY. Lord Cecil reported that he had recently received a communication from Sir John Simon suggesting that the Union might organise a meeting on "Slavery" in the Queen's Hall. The date suggested was February 4th, 1930. After discussion it was
- RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee accepts this suggestion in principle and that Dame Adelaide Livingstone be asked to discuss the question with Sir John and Lady Simon and Mr. J.H. Harris, and that a report be submitted to the Executive Committee."
264. RUSSIA AND CHINA - MANCHURIAN CRISIS. After discussion it was agreed that Lord Cecil be asked to draft a resolution on this subject for consideration at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
265. GENERAL SMUTS: VISIT TO GENEVA. It was reported that General Smuts proposed to travel on the continent for a few days in December. The Committee was of the opinion that it would be desirable from all points of view if General Smuts were able to visit Geneva. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Union should render every assistance (financial or otherwise) to facilitate the carrying out of this suggestion should it prove practicable."

(b) "That the Chairman be asked to see General Smuts as soon as possible."

266. TANGIER. Consideration of this question was adjourned.
267. CO-OPTATION. The Committee unanimously agreed to a suggestion of Lord Cecil's that Sir Thomas Inskip would be a welcome member of the Executive Committee and asked Lord Cecil to find out whether the ex-Attorney General would be willing to accept an invitation to serve on the Committee.
268. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee noted with interest resolutions from the Macclesfield and Montague Burton Branches and it was
- RESOLVED: "That in writing to the Montague Burton Branch the Secretary be requested to draw their attention to the resolution concerning an international auxiliary language which had been passed by the General Council of the Union at Bristol in June 1926."
269. GENERAL COUNCIL: CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS  
The Committee considered an amendment submitted by the Essex Federal Council to Resolution A (3) - Place of Eleventh Annual General Meeting - to the effect that the General Council should hold its annual meeting (1930) in Chelmsford instead of in London. After discussion it was agreed that this amendment be opposed.
270. LETTERS IN "THE TIMES". The Committee discussed several letters which had recently appeared in THE TIMES attacking the League of Nations Union and noted with interest that THE TIMES had refused to publish the letters of Sir John Power and others replying to these criticisms. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Philip Kerr should be asked to speak to the Editor of THE TIMES in this connection. It was also agreed that Sir Arthur Hort should be asked to attend the Council meeting on December 19th.
271. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL TO AMEND RULE I (ii) (5s. Od. HEADWAY). The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that this proposal would need very strong support from members of the Executive Committee at the forthcoming meeting of the General Council.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH,  
1929 AT 11 a.m. B

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), L.J. Cadbury, Lord Henry Cavendish Bentinck, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, A.S. Duff Cooper, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, Miss Guinness, J.H. Harris, R.S. Hudson, Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Lord Queenborough, Charles Roberts, W.S. Sanders, H.D. Watson, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary.

272. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Colonel Carnegie, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Walter Runciman and Lady Selborne.
273. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on Minute 262 and decisions on Minutes 263 and 270, the minutes of the meeting held on November 28th, 1929 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 262 - Enslavement of Children, the Chairman reported that he had seen Lord Passfield about this matter.

On Minute 263 - Queen's Hall Meeting on Slavery, Lord Cecil reported that Sir John Simon and Mr. John Harris had been consulted on this matter and that it had been found impossible to arrange this meeting on Slavery in February 1930. It would, however, be possible to arrange the meeting, probably in the Central Hall, Westminster, about the middle of March next. It had been suggested that Lord Cecil should take the Chair and that the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lady Simon, and possibly one other, should be asked to be the principal speakers. It was further reported that negotiations concerning the cost of the meeting were in progress with the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society. It was then

RESOLVED: "That this meeting be held in March 1930 and that arrangements be put in hand forthwith."

On Minute 270 - Letters in "The Times", it was agreed that no further action should be taken.

274. TANGIER. It was reported that Sir Charles Hobhouse would attend the Committee next week to discuss this question. Consideration of the matter was therefore adjourned for one week.
275. RUSSIA AND CHINA. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union trusts that the negotiations now in progress between Russia and China will result in the pacific settlement of all questions in dispute between those countries and hopes that if unhappily the pending negotiations fail, the Government will

consider whether the whole matter should not be brought before the League of Nations under the provisions of Articles 11 and 17 of the Covenant and in any case will not discourage the parties from bringing it before the League if either of them should desire to do so."

- (b) "That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs."

276. GENERAL COUNCIL - AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS. The Committee considered amendments received to resolutions in the Preliminary Agenda paper and it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the following amendments be not opposed:-

Wembley Branch - amendment to London Regional Federation's resolution on the Postal Ballot.

Ealing and District Branch - amendment to the Reigate and Redhill Branch's resolution on the League and Prison Conditions."

- (b) "That the amendment submitted by the Scunthorpe and Frodingham Branch to the East of Scotland District Council's resolution on Drug Traffic be not opposed, but that the attention of the Council be drawn to the meeting on Slavery which it was proposed to hold in March next."
- (c) "That, while the Executive Committee's proposal to amend Rule 1(ii) must be maintained, the proposal of the Wembley Branch to send a circular letter to HEADWAY subscribers, appealing for an increased subscription, be accepted."
- (d) "That other amendments submitted by branches to resolutions in the Preliminary Agenda paper be opposed."

277. CO-OPTIONS. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That a cordial invitation be conveyed to Sir Thomas Inskip, C.B.E., K.C., to serve on the Executive Committee."

- (b) "That a Sub-Committee consisting of Dr. Delisle Burns, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Leif Jones and Mrs. Runciman be appointed to consider certain names and to recommend not more than two persons for co-optation by the Executive."

278. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Traffic in Women and Children Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported). The Minutes of the Committee dated November 20th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (16) Meeting of the National Vigilance Association; (17) Proposed resolution for submission to the forthcoming Plenary Congress of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (18) Composition of Sub-Committee for 1930.

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- (b) International Law Committee. (At the invitation of the Committee Professor Brierly attended and reported on these minutes.) With the exception of minutes 20 (16)(2) and 20 (16)(b) the minutes of the Committee dated November 22nd, 1929 were approved and adopted.

The Committee received with interest the memorandum by Sir Walter Napier on the General Act, and desired that their thanks should be conveyed to him.

It was then

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Professor Brierly for his attendance."

- (c) Overseas Committee (Lady Gladstone reported). With the exception of Minute 81(1), which in the opinion of the Committee involved expense and was therefore referred to the Finance Committee, and subject to the following amendment to Minute 81(2) 5, and to a slight verbal correction to Minute 78, the minutes of the Committee dated November 27th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (74) Executive Committee's Action on the Overseas Committee's Minutes; (75) Appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Overseas Committee; (76) Appointment of Representative of Overseas Committee at General Council; (77) Composition of the Committee; (78) Co-ordination of the Work of the Federation; (79) Brussels Meeting of the Federation; (80) Overseas Report; (81) European Co-operation Business.

On Minute 81(2)(5) - European Co-operation - Draft Questionnaire, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following should be included in the name of the British Committee as an amendment to the first half of question 5:-

'Do you approve (a) the recommendations of the World Economic Conference of 1927, and (b) the proposals of the Tenth Assembly of the League of Nations for a tariff truce?'

- (d) Finance Committee (Lord Queenborough reported). Subject to the following amendment to Minute 77 and decisions on Minutes 79 and 81, the minutes of the Committee dated November 28th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (76) Financial Statement; (77) Guildhall Dinner; (78) Budget for 1930; (79) London Regional Federation; (80) Oxford Branch; (81) Sussex Campaign; (82) Composition of Committee for 1930; (83) General Council Meeting; (84) Education and the League of Nations; (85) Armistice Time Meetings; (86) Donation from Miss Irwin; (87) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

On Minute 77 - Guildhall Dinner, on the motion of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in this minute be amended to read:-

'That a Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee be appointed, to be called the Appeals Committee, to consist of Sir John Power, Mr. Syrett, Captain Green, Mr. John Harris and Mr. Worsley, and that in case of need any of them may be individually consulted concerning the Union's appeals.'

On Minute 79 - London Regional Federation, the Committee considered the final report of the Sub-Committee appointed to inquire into the proposals for obtaining the equivalent of an additional income of £750 from the London Regional Federation and it was

RESOLVED: "That this amended report be approved."

On Minute 81 - Sussex Campaign, it was

RESOLVED: "That the amount of the loan be £150."

- (e) Welcome Committee. Lady Gladstone proposed that the following should be invited to become members of the Welcome Committee:- Mrs. Gater, Hon. Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Lady Henschel and Dame Clarissa Reid. It was

RESOLVED: "That this proposal be adopted."

- (f) Office Committee. The following Minute of the Office Committee was reported orally as a matter of urgency:-

Sussex Campaign. An interview with Miss K.E. Harris on November 29th was reported. The Sussex Campaign definitely came to an end on December 2nd; it had been a great success, approximately 11,000 new members having been enrolled. As, owing to his being retained by the Executive to follow up the Guildhall Dinner, Colonel Fisher will not be available to visit Sussex to raise a County Fund till the Spring of 1930, and as the present income of the Sussex Federation is quite inadequate to enable the necessary work to be continued till Colonel Fisher's arrival, it was necessary, if much of the good effect of the Campaign was not to be lost, to make some interim arrangements. It was accordingly proposed that Miss Harris should continue her work in Sussex and act as Assistant Regional Representative for West Sussex and the contiguous parts of the country for a period of six months from December 2nd at her present salary plus expenses (which are not to exceed £15 a month) on condition

1. That Colonel Fisher visits Sussex before the end of six months with a view to raising a County fund.
2. That the Sussex Federation approves the appointment.
3. That the Sussex Federation grants Miss Harris the continued free use of its car for the six months.
4. That Miss Harris resigns her present permanent appointment with the Union as from December 2nd, 1929.

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After it was reported that Miss Harris and the Sussex Federation were ready to accept these conditions it was resolved

"That subject to the conditions enumerated above Miss K.E.Harris continue her work in Sussex and act as Assistant Regional Representative for that County and neighbourhood for a period of six months from December 2nd, 1929 at a salary at the rate of £250 per annum."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above minute be approved and adopted."

279. STAFF. The Chairman was asked to express the thanks of the Union to the members of the staff at the forthcoming meeting of the General Council.
280. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending November 27th, 1929, showed a Bank Balance of £1,823 17s.8d. The Committee noted that the Bank Overdraft on November 27th, 1928 was £1,728 5s.8d.
281. MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH. Mr. Duff Cooper drew the attention of the Committee to certain statements concerning the League of Nations made by Mr. Lloyd George in the House of Commons on December 4th. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write to THE TIMES on this matter."

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MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO THE PROPOSALS FOR OBTAINING THE EQUIVALENT OF AN ADDITIONAL INCOME OF £750 FROM THE LONDON REGIONAL FEDERATION (MINUTE 68(3) OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF OCTOBER 24TH, 1929).

PRESENT: Rt. Hon. Leif Jones, Sir John Power, Mr. Morton George together with the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary of the Union.

The present financial arrangement with the London Regional Federation; the proposals to obtain £750 more from the London Regional Federation than in 1928 and the representation of Mr. Morton George on these proposals were considered and it was unanimously

- RESOLVED: (1) That the present arrangement (whereby the London Regional Federation receives from Headquarters out of the Council's Vote from the London region the first £1,000 and 25% of the balance) terminate on December 31st, 1929.
- (2) That from January 1st, 1930 the London Regional Federation shall receive from Headquarters four-elevenths of the Council's Vote from the London region up to a maximum of £2,000 provided that this arrangement be reconsidered when that maximum is reached, provided always that if the amount received from the London area is not less than the amount received in 1928 (£4,590) the London Regional Federation's share shall not be less than £1,900
- (3) That the London Regional Federation co-operate with Headquarters in an endeavour to increase the amount of Council's Vote from the London region to the sum of £5,500 in 1930; and that the estimates for 1930 be based on this figure giving to Headquarters £3,500 (or an increase of approximately £800 as compared with 1928) and giving to the London Regional Federation £2,000 (or an increase of more than £100 as compared with 1928).



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH,  
1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss Courtney, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, A.S. Duff Cooper, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady Gladstone, Miss Guinness, Lady Hall, J.H.Harris, Rt.Hon.Leif Jones, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Fairmoor, Mrs. Runciman, H.D.Watson and Herbert Worsley, together with the Secretary.

282. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr.L.J.Cadbury, Major Walter Elliot, Captain L.H.Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Lady Selborne and Mr.L.M.Wynch.
283. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on Minutes 273(263), 278c(81 - 2 - 5), and amendment to Minute 278d(79), the Minutes of the meeting held on December 5th, 1929, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 273(263) - Meeting on Slavery, it was reported that this meeting would be held in the Central Hall, Westminster, on March 18th, 1930, that Lord Cecil would be in the Chair and that Lady Simon and the Archbishop of Canterbury had consented to speak. It was pointed out that a guarantee of £200 would be necessary for this meeting. Mr. J.H.Harris said that the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society would be willing to undertake half the necessary guarantee. It was then

RESOLVED: "That the question of the remaining half of the necessary guarantee be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report to the Executive."

On Minute 278c(81 - 2 - 5) - European Co-operation - Draft Questionnaire, the Chairman reported that a telegram had been received from Herr Heile agreeing in principle to the British amendments to the Draft Questionnaire, and suggesting that a meeting of the representatives of the English, French and German Committees should be held at the Hague or at Brussels before or immediately after Christmas, in order to formulate the final draft of the Questionnaire. Herr Heile had been informed that it was considered unnecessary to hold such a meeting and that the draft questionnaire could quite well be agreed upon by correspondence. He had been asked to indicate any particular points in the British amendments to which he took exception. It was

RESOLVED: "That this action be approved."

On Minute 278d (79) - London Regional Federation, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution in this minute be amended to read:-

"That this amended report, annexed to these Minutes be approved."

284. TANGIER. After discussion, on the motion of Miss Ruth Fry, it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That a memorandum on the present International Statute of Tangier and its resultant anomalies and difficulties, including, if possible, a statement by Sir Charles Hobhouse incorporating his recent information, be prepared and circulated to the members of the Executive Committee."

- (b) "That a sub-committee consisting of Miss Ruth Fry, Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Thomas Inskip and Sir Walter Napier, be appointed to draw up a minimum scheme for the amendment of the worst difficulties and to discuss the matter with interested persons and bodies in this country such as the Board of Trade, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of British Industries, with a view to getting the matter laid before the League as the more hopeful of the two alternatives mentioned above."

285. OFFICE RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE - INTERIM REPORT. The Chairman presented to the Committee an interim report from the Office Re-organisation Committee and it was

RESOLVED: "That this report annexed to these Minutes be received."

286. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Welcome Committee (Lady Gladstone reported) With the exception of Minute 157, the minutes of the Committee dated December 3rd, 1929, were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (155) Secretary's Report; (156) Composition of Committee for 1930; (157) International Friendship Scheme; (158) Reception to Students; (159) Representative of Welcome Committee at General Council Meeting.

On Minute 157 - International Friendship Scheme, after considerable discussion it was agreed that the recommendations in this minute be not at present accepted in view of the financial situation of the Union. The Committee considered that it was not for the League of Nations Union to take the initiative in this scheme. It was then

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to see Mr. Dickin and explain the views of the Executive Committee in regard to his International Friendship and World Service exhibition proposals."

- (b) Education Committee (Miss Stawell attended to report on these Minutes.) The Minutes of the Committee dated December 5th, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (153) Composition of the Committee for 1930; (154) List of Meetings - Teachers and Schools; (155) Report of Universities and Colleges; (156) Armistice Day, 1929; Message to the Schools; (157) Children's League of Nations; (158) Report of Joint Committee of Enquiry; (159) Communication from the Headmaster of Berkhamsted; (160) Work among Juniors. (Minute 323 of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the General Council); (161) League of Nations Teaching Exhibition; (162) School leaving age; Minute 177 of the Executive Committee; (163) 1930 Summer Schools.

On Minute 157 - Children's League of Nations, it was reported that 7,700 children had already enrolled.

- (c) Office Committee (Mr. Worsley reported.) With the exception of Minute 56 (Membership Subscriptions - Library) which, together with Mr. Headicar's comments thereon, were referred to the Library Committee for consideration, the minutes of the Committee dated December 3rd, 1929 were approved and adopted.

These Minutes included (52) Half-Yearly revision of Wages and Salaries; (53) Mr. Everett Reid; (54) Grading; (55) Sussex Campaign; (56) Membership subscriptions; (57) Lady Constance Howard; (58) Mrs. Paterson; (59) Composition of Committee; (60) Mr. Archer.

287. REAPPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES. It was

RESOLVED: "That those committees which have not already been reconstituted for 1930 be reappointed to serve during that year."

288. CO-OPTATIONS. It was reported that the sub-committee appointed at the last meeting (Minute 277) had met and had recommended the Executive Committee to co-opt Mr. Arthur Pugh, Mr. Rennie Smith and Mr. H.S. Syrett. Mr. Rennie Smith and Mr. Syrett had intimated their willingness to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee to the best of their ability if elected. Mr. Pugh much regretted that he would be unable to accept an invitation to serve on the committee. It was then

RESOLVED: "That a cordial invitation be conveyed to Mr. Rennie Smith and Mr. H.S. Syrett to serve on the Executive Committee."

289. FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS ON THE FINAL AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the following be supported:- amendments proposed by the Kent Federal Council and the London Regional Federation to section (c) of the Executive Committee's Statement on the Organisation of Peace; amendment proposed by the Keyworth Branch to the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council's proposal to amend Rules 1 and 15a."

- (b) "That the following be opposed:- amendment proposed by the London Regional Federation to section (b) of the Executive Committee's Statement on the Organisation of Peace; amendments proposed by the Kent Federal Council and the Nottinghamshire Federal Council to the London Regional Federation's resolution concerning the organisation of the Union; amendment proposed by the Nottingham Branch to the Executive Committee's proposal to amend Rule 1(ii).
- (c) "That the attention of the Kent Federal Council be drawn to the fact that the amendment standing in their name to the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council's resolution concerning the General Council, does not appear to be in order, but that the Executive Committee propose to consider their suggestion and possibly to make recommendations on this matter to the June meeting of the Council;
- That the Melksham Branch and the Harleston and District Branch be asked to withdraw the amendments standing on the Agenda paper in their names having regard to the fact that the Executive Committee is considering similar proposals in connection with re-organisation."
- (d) "That the Chairman be empowered to arrange for individual members of the Executive Committee to move those resolutions at the General Council meeting standing in the name of the Committee."

290. FIVE POWER NAVAL CONFERENCE - PROPOSED DINNER TO DELEGATIONS. Lady Gladstone reported correspondence between the Union, the Foreign Office and 10, Downing Street, concerning the Executive Committee's proposal to give a dinner to the delegations to the forthcoming Five Power Naval Conference. A letter had recently been received from the Foreign Office expressing the hope that in view of the heavy programme already arranged for the delegates, the Union would not persevere with this proposal. It was agreed that the Union should abide by the Prime Minister's decision.
291. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Financial Statement for the period ending December 9th, 1929, showed a Bank Balance of £2,206 14s. 5d. The Committee noted that the Bank Overdraft on December 9th, 1928 was £1,466 8s. 9d.
292. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the following 13 new branches, 11 Junior Branches, 2 Junior Groups, 7 Corporate Members and 2 Corporate Associates, be formally recognised and the Union's seal affixed to the Certificates."

BRANCHES: Ashtead, Surrey; Barnack, Northants; Carmarthen - St. Davids, Carmarthenshire; Cotgrave, Notts; Darvel, Scotland; Grafton Underwood, Northants; Huthwaite, Notts; Kington, Warwicks; Leighs (Great and Little Leighs) Essex;

Mullion and District, S. Cornwall; Pitsford, Northants; Southwold, Suffolk; Walsingham, Norfolk. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Goxhill Wesleyan School, Barrow-on-Humber; St. Paul's Girls' School, Birmingham; Grammar School, Burford; Junior Branch, Hampstead; High School, Kettering; Girtonville College, Liverpool; Stebonheath Boys' Central School, Llanelli; Boys' Modern School, Luton; County School for Girls, Perth; High School for Girls, Stroud; Municipal Secondary School, Wolverhampton; JUNIOR GROUPS: 3rd Seven Kings Company Girl Guides, Ilford; 7th Stockport Guides and Rangers, Stockport. CORPORATE MEMBERS: McCheyne Memorial Church, Dundee; Duke Street E.U. Congregational Church, Leith; Augustine Church of Scotland Guild of Friendship, Glasgow; Education Committee of the Long Eaton Co-operative Society; Bristol Club, Brighton; Meltham Baptist Church, Yorks; Avenue Congregational Church, Erith. DELETION: United Kingdom Commercial Travellers Association, Sunderland Branch. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Welland Women's Institute; Manea Mothers' Union. DELETION: Lingfield Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 2,855 Branches, 773 Junior Branches, 17 Junior Groups, 3058 Corporate Members and 562 Corporate Associates, and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and who are not known to have died or resigned is 806,493 of whom 315,086 have paid a subscription in 1929 as compared with 302,049 at this date last year.

293. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was reported that a special meeting of the Executive Committee would be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 11 a.m. It was agreed that the next ordinary meeting of the Committee should be held on January 16th.
294. STAFF PARTY. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the fact that the Annual Staff Party would be held on January 25th, 1930.

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 18TH, 1929 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Norman Angell, Colonel Carnegie, Lord  
Cecil, Miss Courtney, Sir Willoughby  
Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Ruth Fry,  
Miss Guinness, R.S.Hudson, Sir Thomas  
Inskip, Philip Kerr, Sir Walter Napier,  
Lady Parmoor, Rennie Smith, H.S.Syrett,  
H.D.Watson and Herbert Worsley, together  
with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

295 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr. L.J.Cadbury,  
Mr. A.S.Duff Cooper, Vice-Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe,  
Captain L.H.Green, Mr. J.H.Harris, Commander Kenworthy,  
Sir John Power, Lord Queenborough, Mr. Charles Roberts  
and Lady Selborne.

296 NAVAL POLICY. At the request of Lord Cecil the  
Committee considered two Statements on Naval Policy  
/annexed to these Minutes/ and discussed the desirability  
of formulating a policy in connection with the forth-  
coming Five-Power Naval Conference. The Committee also  
considered four resolutions submitted by the Chairman.  
It was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Murray and Mr. Philip Kerr  
be asked to draw up a Statement in the  
light of the discussion that had taken place,  
which might be suitable for transmission  
to H.M.Government by the Executive Committee  
of the Union."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That this special meeting of the Executive  
Committee be adjourned until 11 a.m. on  
Thursday, January 9th, 1930, for consideration  
of the Statement to be drawn up by Professor  
Murray and Mr. Philip Kerr."

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 9TH, 1930, AT 11 a.m. D

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Willoughby  
Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone,  
Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, R.S.Hudson,  
Dr.C.W.Kinmins, Sir Walter Napier, H.S.Syrett,  
H.D.Watson, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch,  
together with the Secretary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mr.L.J.Cadbury,  
Miss K.D.Courtney, Mr.H.H.Elvin, Captain L.H.Green, Lady  
Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Thomas Inskip, Commander  
Kenworthy, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Mrs. Walter  
Runciman, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith, Mr.Rennie  
Smith and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
2. SIR WILLOUGHBY DICKINSON. The Chairman, on behalf of  
the Committee, congratulated Sir Willoughby Dickinson on  
his well merited elevation to the House of Lords.
3. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE - APPEALS  
STAFF. The Committee considered the following recom-  
mendations of the Reorganisation Committee:-
  1. That Mr.W.J.Hawkey be appointed to assist  
Colonel Fisher for one year as from January 1st,  
1930, at a salary of £1,000 per annum, plus  
expenses.
  2. That Colonel Douglas Clapham, D.S.O.,O.B.E.,  
be appointed for six months on trial to assist  
Colonel Fisher with salary at the rate of  
£400 per annum, plus expenses.

Mr. Syrett supported these recommendations and it was

RESOLVED: "That subject to the approval of the Finance  
Committee the above recommendations of the  
Reorganisation Committee be approved and a  
adopted, and that the appointments be made  
under the following conditions, namely:

Conditions attached to the temporary  
appointment of Mr. Hawkey as 1st  
Assistant to the Director of Appeals.

1. Mr. Hawkey will be responsible  
to the Director of Appeals.
2. Mr. Hawkey will be required to  
devote the whole of his time to  
the service of the Union.
3. The appointment will be for one year  
from January 1st, 1930.
4. Salary will be paid monthly at the  
rate of £1,000 a year.
5. Subsistence allowances and travelling  
expenses will be granted at rates  
fixed from time to time by the  
Executive Committee.
6. Leave will be granted at the rate of  
three working days for each complete  
month of service.

Conditions attached to the temporary appointment of Colonel Clapham as 2nd Assistant to the Director of Appeals.

1. Colonel Clapham will be responsible to the Director of Appeals.
  2. Colonel Clapham will be required to devote the whole of his time to the service of the Union.
  3. The appointment will be for six months from January 1st, 1930.
  4. Salary to be paid monthly at the rate of £400 a year.
  5. Subsistence allowances and travelling expenses will be granted at rates fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee.
  6. Leave will be granted at the rate of three working days for each complete month of service."
4. NAVAL POLICY. The Committee considered a draft Introductory Statement and four Resolutions drawn up by Professor Murray and Mr. Philip Kerr, in accordance with minute 296 of the Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 18th, 1929. The Chairman referred to a letter he had received from Sir Charles Hobhouse in which Sir Charles expressed the view that the Committee, in considering these Statements on Naval Policy, was going outside its proper functions. After discussion, the Introductory Statement and Resolutions were adopted (as attached) for transmission to H.M. Government. It was also agreed that the Introductory Statement (without the resolutions) with the following paragraph added, should be published and circulated to branches:-

It seems to the League of Nations Union that by keeping these new facts clearly in sight the Conference can safely and practically provide for at least one large and simultaneous reduction of armaments. The largest naval unit now permitted by treaty is the battleship of 35,000 tons. But, as long as the same maximum figure is accepted by all, there is no technical reason why it should not be reduced. The only limit to such reduction is the necessity that the largest warship should be capable of dealing with the largest merchantman afloat. The Union is advised that this end can be secured, with an ample margin of safety, by fixing the limit for the largest warship at 10,000 tons with guns not exceeding 8 inch.



The basis on which the Five Power Naval Conference is summoned is the Pact of Paris, whereby all members of the Conference have renounced war as an instrument of national policy and have promised in future not to seek a settlement of their disputes except by peaceful means. Those who are members of the League of Nations have laid down in the Covenant the specific means of settlement to be applied, and accepted the all-important principle that no nation is to be judge in its own quarrel.

It is only by keeping these facts clearly in view that the purpose of the Conference can be achieved: viz. to limit and reduce the burden of naval armaments. So long as war was a lawful instrument of national policy, armaments were bound to be competitive and constantly increasing, being based in each case on the inevitable though unattainable claim that each nation should be stronger than its probable enemy.

For the British Empire to-day, the ratification of the Pact of Paris together with the Covenant of the League, limits the lawful use of armaments to

I. Police Action.

- (a) Ordinary measures short of war for maintaining order, putting down piracy, various forms of illicit traffic, etc.\*
- (b) International action under the Covenant for preventing or stopping war.

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\* Navies may lawfully be used for the following, among other, services:-

Plague; famine; earthquake; fire afloat or ashore; rescue and relief work afloat and ashore; shipwreck; collision; towing; salvage; medical aid; refugees; surveying; research; exploration; suppression of piracy and slave trade; visits of ceremony; escort; showing the Flag to fellow-subjects overseas.

(b) International action under the Covenant for preventing or stopping war.

## II. Self-defence against Aggression.

This danger has been made much more remote, by the existence of the Pact and the Covenant, and the task of meeting it, should it occur, has been considerably lightened, since all Members of the League of Nations are by treaty bound to support the nation attacked against the aggressor.

### Resolutions.

1. The extent of British commerce and essential communications renders a considerable number of cruisers necessary. The actual number is dependent on the number of exposed positions requiring defence, and the probable strength of attack upon them.

Any agreement reducing the probable scale of attack will enable us to reduce the number of our cruisers.

2. The tonnage and armament of the units of the British Navy should be such as to give those units a fighting strength not less than that of the corresponding units of any foreign navy.

If by international agreement the maximum tonnage and armament of foreign ships are reduced, a similar reduction may be made in British ships.

3. There is no limit to the reduction contemplated in the preceding paragraph except that for the purpose of protecting oceanic routes we must have ships capable of dealing with any armed merchantman afloat.

For this purpose a ship of not more than 10,000 tons, armed with guns of not greater calibre than 8" would be sufficient.

4. As to total strength, our requirements will be affected by the extent of assistance we may reasonably hope to receive under the provisions of the Covenant of the League of Nations.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 16TH,  
1930 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
P.J.Noel Baker, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie,  
Lord Cecil, Sir Willoughby Dickinson, Admiral  
Drury-Lowe, Major Walter Elliot, Captain L.H.Green,  
Miss Guinness, J.H.Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth,  
Sir Charles Hobhouse, Sir Walter Napier, Lady  
Parmoor, W.J.Salmon, W.S.Sanders, H.D.Watson,  
Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with  
the Secretary.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney,  
Mr. A.S.DUFF Cooper, Mr. H.H.Elvin, Miss Ruth Fry, Lady  
Hall, Commander Kenworthy, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Sir John Power,  
Mrs. Walter Runciman, Lady Selborne, Miss Constance Smith,  
Mr. Rennie Smith and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
6. MINUTES. Subject to the deletion of the words "as the  
more hopeful of the two alternatives mentioned above" in  
Minute 284(b), and to the following decision on Minute  
288, the Minutes of the meeting held on December 12th, 1929,  
and of the Special Meetings held on December 18th, 1929 and  
January 9th, 1930, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 288 (12.12.29) - Co-optations, the  
Committee was informed that the usual form of  
invitation had been sent to Mr. Pugh, who had  
replied that the many calls on his time prevented  
him from accepting the invitation to serve on the  
Executive Committee. Captain Green suggested  
that in future official letters of invitation  
to serve on the Executive Committee should be  
accompanied by a private note from the sponsor or  
sponsors of any particular person suggested for  
co-optation. It was agreed that this practice  
should be followed so far as possible in future.  
It was then

RESOLVED: "That Captain Green be asked to see  
Mr. Arthur Pugh and to urge him to  
reconsider his decision."

7. OFFICE RE-ORGANISATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT. This report,  
circulated on January 15th, was fully discussed, and it was

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

In conformity with the report of the Office Reorganisation  
Committee, and in order to reduce the rate of Headquarters'  
expenditure as nearly as possible to the £35,200 a year  
authorised by the General Council as from 1st May next, it  
was further

- RESOLVED: 1. "That Mr. Macartney be asked to resign as from April 30th."
2. "That Mr. Adie be asked to resign as from February 28th."
3. "That Mr. Bagnall be asked to resign as from April 30th;

That the Chairmen and other honorary officers of the Union's County Federations be consulted upon the question whether, and if so in what manner, Headquarters may make use of paid County Secretaries to relieve Regional Representatives of some of their secondary or superogatory duties."

4. "That as from February 1st, Mrs. Downer be transferred to the Speakers department."
5. "That Miss Henson be appointed Travelling Secretary for Training Colleges at her present salary of £250 a year, so soon as this appointment shall have been approved in writing by the B.U.L.N.S."
6. "That the Welcome Committee and Dame Adelaide Livingstone be informed that half the annual cost (excluding overheads) of Dame Adelaide's department must be raised by means of subscription dinners, luncheons and the like, before December 31st, next."
7. "That no permanent whole-time paid appointment be made to replace Miss Hinton Smith when she retires on June 30th."
8. OTHER BUSINESS. Consideration of the remainder of the business on the agenda was adjourned till the next meeting of the Committee.

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The Reorganisation Sub-Committee submits the following report:

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

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

The Sub-Committee has held twelve meetings and considered a large number of proposals. It was decided by the General Council that before any changes are made which go beyond the ordinary action of the Executive, the proposals of the Sub-Committee should be discussed with a Committee of Twelve representing the Regions and Principal Branches.

Measures recommended.

A.1. ORGANISATION OF THE OFFICE.

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

In order to prevent the loss of time and the difficulty of consultation which ensue from too much routine business going always through the hands of the chief officer, the Secretary has proposed and the Sub-Committee approves, a plan for increasing the authority of the Deputy Secretary and three Assistant Secretaries. By this the daily work of the Union will in future be divided into three sections, each section comprising certain of the existing departments: Administrative (under Mr. Freshwater), Education (under Mr. Thomas), Publicity and Politics (under Mr. Eppstein). The Industrial Advisory Committee under Mr. Mills will constitute a fourth section. Some elasticity will however be necessary in any case.

To safeguard the position of the Secretary and to avoid certain causes of friction, we recommend that a Member of the Executive be found who can attend the Office daily for an hour or two, and act as Deputy (with all powers) to the Chairman. This Deputy Chairman should also be Chairman of the Office Committee. It shall be suggested to the Deputy Chairman that regular meetings (weekly if convenient) of the General Secretary, the Deputy Secretary and three Assistant Secretaries be held under the presidency of the Deputy Chairman. The Vice-Chairman's position and powers should, of course, continue unaffected by this new appointment.

A.ii RELATIONS WITH BRANCHES.

The feelings of Branches towards the Executive vary greatly in different places. In some, however, there seems to be a feeling that in its relations to Branches Headquarters is too aloof. It does not do all it could in the way of stimulus and friendly counsel, and makes itself felt rather too preponderantly by pressing for money and sending somewhat complicated directions for action.

We recommend

(1) That better arrangements be made, if possible, for the reception of visitors to the Union. This is very difficult in our present premises.

(2) That a Branch Sub-Committee of the Executive be formed to meet once a month and deal specially with questions affecting the relations of Branches and Headquarters.

(3) That the Consultative Committee, representative of Regions and larger Branches should act more effectively as a liaison committee between Branches, Counties, Federal Organisations and Headquarters; that it should have powers of initiative, not merely of passive consultation, and that it should meet regularly twice a year in quarters when the General Council is not meeting. It has also been suggested that this committee could save a good deal of the time of the Council and probably be able to settle, or prepare for settlement, many of the more controversial questions.

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

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

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

(7) The public meetings department appears to be over-worked, and in consequence not always able to select the most suitable kind of speaker for particular meetings and localities. This is a serious matter and the Sub-Committee suggests that more attention should be paid to it. In particular that the new Branch Sub-Committee should at times assist the public meetings department in dealing with it.

B. FINANCIAL.

(1) The Sub-Committee has recommended that the lease of No. 13 be got rid of, that certain reductions be made in the Staff and that certain small economies recommended by the representative of Sir John Mann in his examination of the Office be put into effect. They also recommend that in the appeals for membership used at meetings and appended to pamphlets, etc., a phrase should be added explaining that the 1s.0d. and 3s.6d. subscriptions do not appreciably help the funds of the Union, and urging all those who can afford it to subscribe £1 or at least 5s.0d.

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

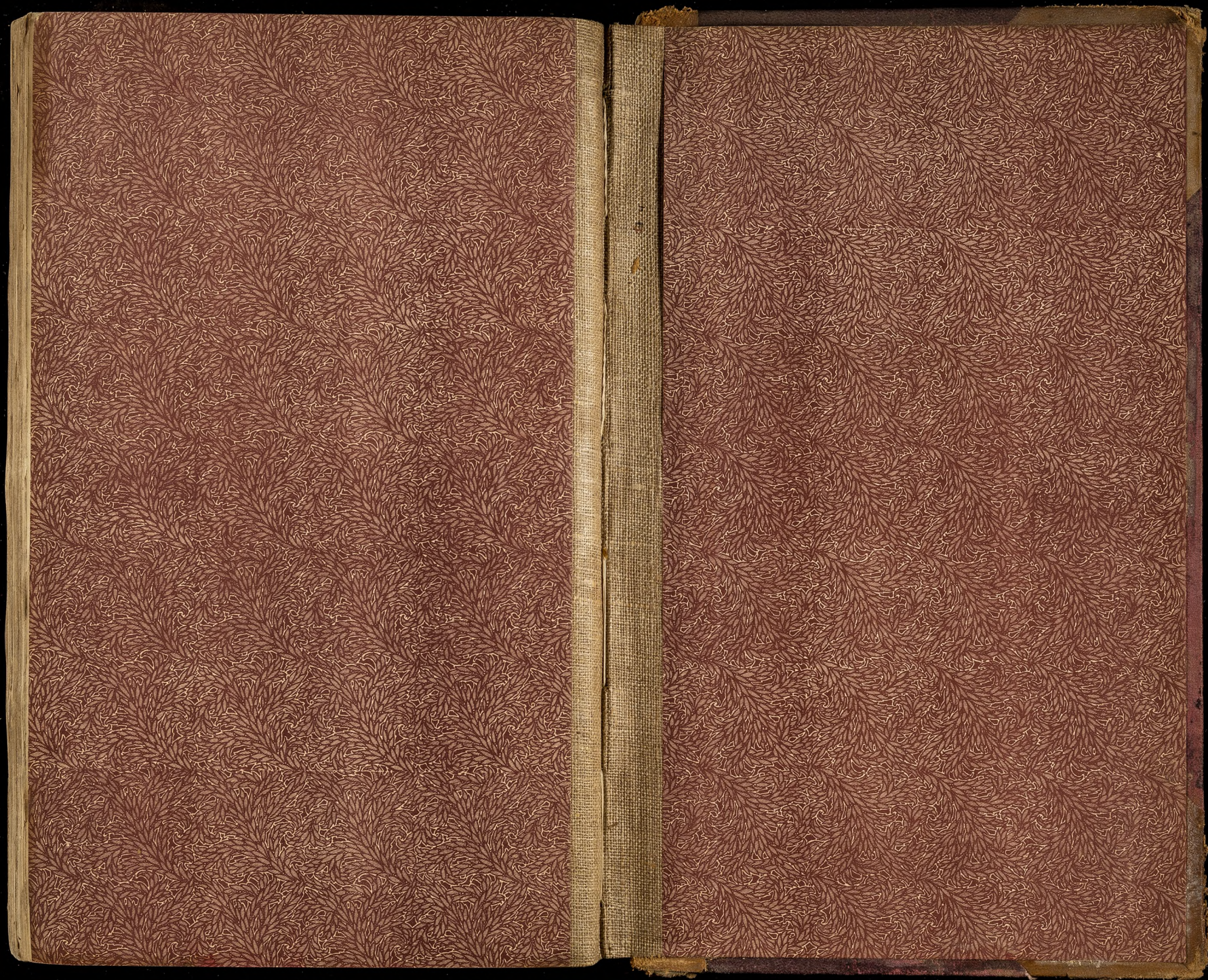
These measures in the Sub-Committee's opinion can be taken at once without consulting the Committee of Twelve.

(2) It has been proposed to increase both the profits and effectiveness of HEADWAY and our other literature by creating a special publishing company, in which the Union should hold 51 per cent. of the shares, to undertake the whole work. This scheme has been referred to a special sub-committee with outside advice. The Sub-Committee believe that either by this means or some other the commercial aspects of the Union's publications could be improved. The matter is still under consideration by the Special Committee.

(3) The Union Travel Agency, under the able management of Miss Tynan has provided a source of profit, and can easily be expanded. The Secretary has been asked in consultation with Miss Tynan to propose detailed steps. This also should be discussed by the Committee of Twelve.

(4) As the Executive already knows a special Appeals Committee has been formed in connection with the Finance Committee, and two Appeal Officers have been added to Colonel Fisher's staff. Colonel Fisher has propounded a scheme for obtaining a much larger number of Foundation Members. The main idea of the scheme is as follows: If the Union had 100,000 Foundation Members that would bring in an income to Headquarters of £37,000 and suffice for all Headquarters expenditure on the present scale. Headquarters could therefore afford to give up the rest of the contributions it receives from Branches. The proposal is to offer to each County a remission of all payments to Headquarters on membership subscriptions of less than £1, as soon as the County in question has a certain quota of Foundation Members. This quota would be the due proportion of 100,000 to be expected of that County according to its population, wealth, etc., calculated on the present quota basis. Colonel Fisher is proceeding with the initiation of this scheme. Details must be discussed with the Committee of Twelve.

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







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