

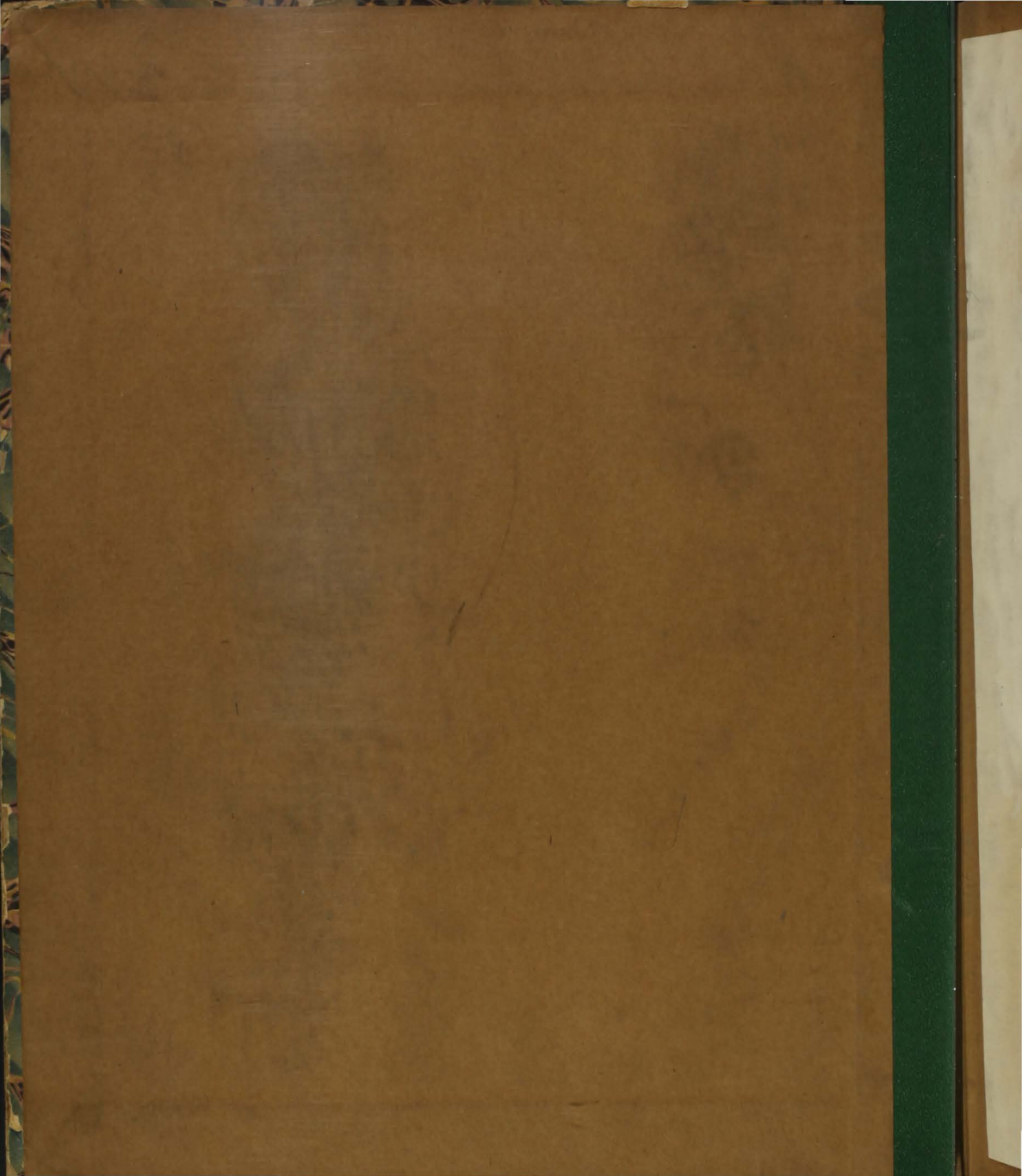
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 5 p m on Monday 16 January 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Bacon, Blanco White, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Davies, Mrs Drake, Durbin, Finer, Fletcher, Franklin, Fraser, Gaitskell, Greaves, Haldane, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Martin, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, Webb, Woolf, Galton, Parker, Hughes.

1 Hon Secretary It was decided, after discussion and division, to create this post forthwith and to appoint Mrs Cole. The Rules Subcommittee was asked to consider the relation of this post to that of the General Secretaries.

2 Hon. Research Secretary Referred to the Research Committee.

3 Committees, Terms of Reference and Personnel

(1) Finance and General Purposes Committee It was decided to appoint such a committee numbering not more than 12 members, to deal with business between Executive Committee meetings and any matters delegated to it. Its Minutes were to come before the E.C. for ratification. The following members were elected: the Officers (Cole, Mrs Cole, Davies, Wansbrough), Arnold, Durbin, Fletcher, Gaitskell, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison and Ramage. It was decided that Mitchison should deputise for Wansbrough during his illness as Asst Treasurer. The Treasurers and Joint Secretaries were to consider immediate financial questions and report to the F.G.P.C.

(2) An ad hoc Committee to consider revisions in Basis, Rules, Bylaws for and organisation of local groups, societies, etc, and to draw up standing orders for the E.C. It was decided to appoint a committee of 8 persons, to consist of Blanco White, Mrs Cole, Davies, Mrs Drake, Fletcher, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison and Ramage. A report was to be made to either the E.C. or F.G.P.C., whichever met first.

(3) ⁺An ad hoc committee to consider Publications It was decided to appoint such a committee of 5 persons, to consist of Mrs Blanco White, Mrs Cole, Robson, Webb and Woolf. This was also to report to the E.C. or F.G.P.C., whichever met first.

(4) ⁺Research Committee It was decided that this committee should organise the research programme and committees etc, and should number about 15 members, to consist of Mrs Bolton, Cole, Mrs Cole, Dudley Collard, Mrs Drake, Durbin, Finer, Franklin, Gaitskell, Miss Lawrence, Martin, Mitchison, Robson, Wansbrough, Woolf.

(5) Summer School Committee Full authority was given to the existing committee to carry on its work. It was recommended that G.Wilson, Mayhew and Hughes should be coopted. The suggestion that Dartington be taken again this year was approved.

(6) Social Activities Committee It was decided to add Charles Smith to the existing committee.

(7) Other Committees It was decided to continue existing committees and sub-committees of either society unless superseded by the above.

- 4 Attendance at Committees It was decided that the Hon. Officers should have the right to attend all committees as ex-officio members if they so desired. All members of the E.C. were to have the right to attend meetings of other committees but not to vote unless members of those committees. Notices were only to be sent out to non-members for meetings of the F.G.P.C. and Research Committee.
- 5 Executive Committee Meetings It was decided that the E.C. should normally meet at least once in two months at 5.15 p.m. on a Monday.
- 6 Subscriptions from Joint Members It was reported that members falling due to either Society were being asked for a joint subscription equal to both those previously paid.
- 7 Membership Drives It was decided that existing plans should be carried out.
- 8 Distribution of Publications It was reported that the winter number of the NFRB Quarterly and the January number of Fabian News had been sent only to members of the respective societies. It was decided that for the present both publications should be continued and should be sent to all members.
- 9 Future Staff Arrangements It was decided to refer the matter to the F.G.P.C.
- 10 Office Arrangements, Bookshop, etc The Officers were asked to report to the F.G.P.C. on this matter.
- 11 Conferences and Lectures It was decided to carry out the existing plans of each society. Further plans were to be placed before the F.G.P.C. and E.C. in due course.
- 12 Book Boxes The officers were asked to report on this matter to the F.G.P.C. The Publications Committee were asked to consider the possibility of giving members bibliographical advice.
- 13 Fabian Society cheques sent into NFRB offices It was decided to pay these into the local Westminster Bank branch.
- 14 Date of Meetings
- (a) Executive Committee February 20 at 5.15.
 - (b) Finance & General Purposes February 6 at 5.
 - (c) Publications Committee January 30 at 5.
 - (d) Rules etc Sub-committee January 24 at 5.

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FABIAN SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the OFFICERS held at 7 p m on Monday 16 January at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Mitchison (for Wansbrough), Galton, Parker, Hughes.

1 Premises It was decided to recommend that 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, should be the joint society's headquarters and that NFRB's premises should be given up from 30 June 1939. To find the necessary accommodation for the joint society and the University Labour Federation it was suggested that extra rooms should be obtained in the neighbourhood and that the tenants on the top floor of 11 Dartmouth Street might be approached to exchange their present rooms for this alternative accommodation, if necessary with compensation for disturbance. It was assumed that even with this extra accommodation some alteration in the use of the existing premises would be necessary to house the joint society. It was suggested that the bookshop's activities might be limited primarily to the sale of the society's publications, that the ground floor could then be used largely for office purposes, and the present common room for a library and research room.

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of research work.

(6) The local societies shall encourage their members to join the parent society as full members.

MINUTES of meeting of COMMITTEE appointed to consider revisions in BASIS, RULES, BYLAWS for and organisation of local groups, societies, etc, and to draw up standing orders for the Executive Committee held on Tuesday 24 January 1939. (7)

FABIAN SOCIETY & NEW FABIAN RESEARCH BUREAU (3)

AGENDA for meeting of Committee to consider revision in basis, rules, bylaws for and organisation of local groups, societies etc; and to draw up standing orders for E.C. to be held at 11, Dartmouth Street at 5.15p.m. on ~~Wednesday~~, Tuesday, January 24th, 1939.

(Members: Blanco White, Mrs Cole, Davies, Mrs Drake, Fletcher, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison and Ramage)

- 1 By laws for local Societies and groups
 1. County of London
 2. Womens' Group
 3. Nursery
 4. Special Subject Groups
 5. Provinces.
- 2 Revision of Basis
- 3 Standing Orders
 1. Relation of the Hon. Secretary and General Secretary
 2. Powers of Committees
 3. Publications
 4. Research Sections and Committees
- 4 Amendments to Rules

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- (3) Local societies shall affiliate to the parent society for a fee to be fixed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, for which the secretary shall obtain notice of all activities of the parent society and such publications as are ordinarily sent out to members.
- (4) Members of local societies shall have the right to attend the summer school, lectures and any other activities for which a reduction in fees is given to members of the parent society on similar terms, provided evidence is supplied by the secretary of the local society that their subscriptions are paid up.
- (5) The parent society shall give all the help it can to the local societies, particularly in the organisation of research work.
- (6) The local societies shall encourage their members to join the parent society as full members.

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BASIS, RULES, BYLAWS etc SUB-COMMITTEE 23.1.39 : SUGGESTIONS ON THE AGENDA

1 Bylaws for Local Societies and Groups

1. County of London

Suggested that these bylaws should be repealed, as they no longer seem necessary.

2. Women's Group

Suggested that Minutes of Executive Committee governing it be discussed with Mrs Drake, and any suggestions for alteration be put before the Women's Group for their views.

3. Nursery

Suggested that existing arrangements be continued.

4. Special Subject Groups

Suggested that these bylaws should be repealed, as they no longer seem necessary.

5. Local Fabian Societies

Suggested that the existing bylaws should be replaced by the following:-

- (1) Local Fabian Societies shall adopt the conditions of membership stated in Rules 2 & 4 or such other conditions as have been sanctioned by the Executive Committee. All their members shall accept these conditions.
- (2) Subject to the above, local societies shall enjoy complete autonomy as to the election of their officers, members and associates, the conduct of their business and the disposal of their funds, and shall not be bound by any resolution of the parent society.
- (3) Local societies shall affiliate to the parent society for a fee to be fixed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, for which the secretary shall obtain notice of all activities of the parent society and such publications as are ordinarily sent out to members.
- (4) Members of local societies shall have the right to attend the summer school, lectures and any other activities for which a reduction in fees is given to members of the parent society on similar terms, provided evidence is supplied by the secretary of the local society that their subscriptions are paid up.
- (5) The parent society shall give all the help it can to the local societies, particularly in the organisation of research work.
- (6) The local societies shall encourage their members to join the parent society as full members.

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2 Revision of Basis

Suggested that Cole's proposals be considered. (5)

3 Standing Orders

The following are suggested:-

1. Relations of Hon. Secretary and Office Staff

- (1) Responsibility for the day to day running of the office, the sending out of material, etc, shall fall upon the paid staff.
- (2) The office shall consult the Hon. Secretary re agendas and proposals for committees.

2. Powers of Committees

- (1) Finance and General Purposes Committee (It is suggested that any draft approved by the present Committee should be referred to the FGPC for their views.)
 - (a) This Committee shall be appointed each year by the new Executive Committee after its election. It shall consist of not more than 12 members. Any vacancies which occur shall be filled by the Executive Committee.
 - (b) It shall deal with all matters delegated to it by the Executive Committee and any business arising between meetings of the Executive Committee.
 - (c) Its minutes shall come before the Executive Committee for ratification.
 - (d) It shall have the power to appoint any sub-committees it wishes. It shall have the right to appoint coopted members on to these sub-committees.
- (2) Research Committee (It is suggested that any draft approved by the present Committee should be referred to the Research Committee for their views.)
 - (a) This shall be appointed each year by the New Executive Committee after its election. Its membership shall not be limited to that of the E.C. It shall consist of about 15 members. The E.C. shall fill any vacancies.
 - (b) It shall supervise the research work of the society and create such sections and committees for the carrying out of this work as it thinks fit. Membership of such research sections and committees shall not be limited to members of the society.

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- (3) Summer School Committee It is suggested that the present bylaws be referred to the committee concerned for consideration. (6)
- (4) Social Activities Committee It is suggested that its existing powers should continue.

3. Publications

All work submitted to the society for publication shall be referred to readers appointed by the appropriate research committee or by the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration. If the readers report favourably it shall come before the Executive Committee for final approval. No publication shall take place without approval of the Executive Committee.

4. Attendance at Committees (Executive Minute)

It was decided that the Hon. Officers should have the right to attend all committees as ex officio members if they so desired. All members of the E.C. were to have the right to attend meetings of other committees, but not to vote unless members of those committees. Notices were only to be sent out to non-members for meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Research Committee.

5. Executive Committee Meetings (Executive Minute)

It was decided that the E.C. should meet normally at least once in two months at 5.15 p.m. on a Monday.

4 Amendments to Rules

Suggested that consideration be left over till there has been longer experience of the working of the present rules.

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MINUTES of meeting of COMMITTEE appointed to consider revisions in BASIS, RULES, BYLAWS for and organisation of local groups, societies, etc, and to draw up standing orders for the Executive Committee held on Tuesday 24 January 1939.

Present Davies (chair), Blanco White, Mrs Cole, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Ramage, Galton, Parker, Hughes. Apologies were received from Mrs Drake.

1 Bylaws for Local Societies and Groups

(1) County of London It was recommended that these bylaws should be repealed.

(2) Women's Group It was decided to refer the relevant Minutes of the Executive Committee to its secretary and to ask for any suggestions for their amendment.

(3) Nursery It was decided to refer the relevant minutes of the Executive Committee to its secretary and to ask the Nursery for any suggestions for their amendment. It was felt that 25 would be a better maximum age for membership than the present age, and the Nursery were asked to consider this proposal.

(4) Special Subject Groups It was recommended that these bylaws should be repealed.

(5) Local Fabian Societies It was decided to refer to these Societies for consideration a proposal that the existing bylaws should be repealed and replaced by the following:

- (i) Local Fabian Societies shall adopt the conditions of membership stated in Rules 2, 3 & 4, or such other conditions as may be sanctioned by the Executive Committee. All their members shall accept these conditions.
- (ii) Subject to the above, local societies shall enjoy complete autonomy as to the election of their officers, members and associates, the conduct of their business and the disposal of their funds.
- (iii) Local societies shall affiliate to the parent society for a fee to be fixed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, for which the secretary shall obtain notice of all activities of the parent society and such publications as are ordinarily sent out to an individual member.
- (iv) Members of local societies shall have the right to attend the summer school, lectures and any other activities for which a reduction in fees is given to members of the parent society on similar terms, provided evidence is supplied by the secretary of the local society that their subscriptions are paid up.
- (v) The local societies shall encourage their members to join the parent society as full members.

2 The Basis and Amendment of Rules It was recommended that

- (1) The Basis should be shortened and the amended portion incorporated in Rule 2, with the necessary consequential alterations in other Rules.
- (2) New members should be asked to accept Rules 1-4 (amended) as a condition of membership.
- (3) The following revised draft of Rule 2 should be sent out to the Executive Committee for their comments, with the necessary consequential amendments to Rules 3 and 4.

"The Society consists of Socialists. It therefore aims at the establishment of an equalitarian state of society through the collective and democratic ownership and control of the economic resources of the community.

The Society, believing in equal citizenship of men and women in the fullest sense, is open to persons irrespective of sex, race or creed, who commit themselves to its aims and purposes and undertake to promote its work.

The Society shall be affiliated to the Labour Party. Its object shall be the furtherance of socialism and the education of the public on socialist lines, by the holding of public and private meetings, lectures, discussion groups, conferences and summer schools, the promotion of research into political, economic and social problems, national and international, the publication of books, pamphlets and periodicals, and by any other appropriate methods."

3 Standing Orders

- (1) Relations of Hon. Secretary and Office Staff It was recommended that no standing orders should be laid down on this subject.
- (2) Powers of Committees The following standing orders were recommended:
 - (i) Finance and General Purposes Committee It was recommended that the following should be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for their views:
 - (a) This Committee shall be appointed each year by the new Executive Committee after its election. It shall consist of not more than 12 members. Any vacancies which occur may be filled by the Executive Committee.
 - (b) It shall deal with all matters delegated to it by the Executive Committee and any business arising between meetings of the Executive Committee.
 - (c) Its minutes shall come before the Executive Committee for ratification.
 - (d) It shall have the power to appoint any sub-committees it wishes. It shall have the right to appoint any member of the society as a member of any sub-committee.

- (ii) Research Committee It was recommended that the following should be referred to the Research Committee for their views:
 - (a) This Committee shall be appointed each year by the new Executive Committee after its election. Its membership need not be limited to that of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may appoint additional members from time to time.
 - (b) It shall supervise the research work of the society and create such sections and sub-committees for the carrying out of this work as it thinks fit. Membership of such research sections and committees need not be limited to members of the society.
- (iii) Summer School Committee It was recommended that the present bylaws be provisionally approved subject to consideration by the committee concerned.
- (iv) Social Activities Committee It was recommended that this committee should be appointed by the Executive Committee at its discretion.

4 Publications

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

5 Attendance at Committees (Based on Executive Minute)

The Hon. Officers shall have the right to attend all committees as ex officio members if they so desire. All members of the Executive Committee shall have the right to attend meetings of other committees, but not to vote unless members of those committees. Notices are only to be sent out to non-members for meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Research Committee.

6 Amendments to Rules

It was recommended that consideration be left over until there had been longer experience of the working of the present rules.

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FABIAN SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the PUBLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE held at 5 p m on Monday 30 January 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Mitchison, Robson, Woolf, Galton, Parker, Hughes.

1 Work nearing completion

(1) Central and East European Reports It was decided that these should be brought out both as a book and as separate pamphlets if possible. A publisher was to be approached and an attempt made to get a special grant towards publication.

(2) Rent Rebates It was decided that this should be republished in a revised edition at a price to be fixed in accordance with its length. It was not to be sent out to former NFRB members who had received an earlier edition unless they asked for it.

(3) Labour in the West Indies It was decided that this should be published when revision was completed.

(4) Population Questions It was decided that final arrangements for its publication should be made with the Hogarth Press.

(5) Police Reform (Publication approved by NFRB Executive subject to readers' approval.) It was reported that revision was now in progress to meet readers' criticisms.

(6) Training of Teachers (Publication approved by NFRB Executive - if not to be published by the Labour Party - when criticisms of Labour Party Education Committee had been considered.) It was decided to approach the N.U.T. for financial assistance towards cost of publication when ready.

(7) Distribution It was reported that revision was to be undertaken before submission to Allen & Unwin for publication.

(8) Chemical Industry To be revised.

2 Reports on Fabian Society and NFRB Publications These were deferred for further consideration.

3 Relations with Victor Gollancz Ltd It was decided to continue the arrangements NFRB had made for the publication of pamphlets.

4 Relations with other Publishers It was decided to publish books with the publishers offering the best terms.

6 Printers Estimates received were reported. It was decided to continue printing of the Fabian News with Standing. The Hereford Times were to be asked to submit revised estimates.

7 Format of Pamphlets and Periodicals

- (1) It was decided to retain the Quarterly and Fabian News; the latter was to retain its existing format for the March issue.
- (2) It was decided that pamphlet covers should have a standard design, with different covers for different series.
- (3) It was decided that a general research, an international research, and a general propaganda series should be published.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 5 p m on Monday 6 February 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, SW 1. (9)

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Arnold, Durbin, Gaitskell, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Ramage, Galton, Parker, Hughes. Apologies were received from Wansbrough.

1 Premises The Minutes of the Officers' Meeting and Report on Accommodation required and available were considered. It was decided:

(1) That the Society should be housed, if possible, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, as from June 1939. Parker was asked to approach the existing tenants and offer alternative accommodation. Failing agreement, further suitable accommodation was to be secured in the neighbourhood.

(2) That the common room should be used as a library and research room in the daytime, but should be available for meetings and social use in the evenings by arrangement.

(3) That the book box service should be discontinued.

(4) That the bookshop should normally confine its sales to the Society's publications and books ordered by members.

(5) That the present shop should be used largely as an office.

2 Minutes of Research Committee These were in general approved. It was decided:

(1) To publish the Central and East European Reports as a book, but to refer the proposal to publish also as pamphlets to the Executive Committee. A report on the cost and the possibility of a subsidy was to be considered.

(2) Not to send out RENT REBATES to members, but to treat it as a reprint.

(3) To resubmit 'Labour in the West Indies' to readers after it had been revised.

3 Minutes of Rules Committee These were in general approved. It was decided to defer sending out bylaws for local societies for consideration until the Executive Committee had discussed proposals re Basis.

4 Standing Orders The following were approved after considering the suggestions of the various sub-committees.

(1) Powers of Committees

(i) Finance and General Purposes Committee

(a) This Committee shall be appointed each year by the new Executive Committee after its election. It shall consist of not more than 12 members. Any vacancies which occur may be filled by and from the Executive Committee.

(b) It shall deal with all matters delegated to it by the Executive Committee and any business arising between meetings of the Executive Committee.

(c) Its minutes shall come before the Executive Committee for ratification.

(d) It shall have the power to create sub-committees and to appoint any member of the society as a member of any sub-committee.

(ii) Research Committee

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

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

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

(3) Attendance at Committees The Hon. Officers shall have the right to attend all committees as ex officio members if they so desire. All members of the Executive Committee shall have the right to attend meetings of other committees, but not to vote unless members of those committees. Agendas are only to be sent out to non-members of these committees for meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Research Committee.

5 Research Committee Standing Orders The following were received:

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

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

6 Revision of the Basis It was decided that:

(1) The Basis should be shortened and the amended portion incorporated in Rule 2, with the necessary consequential alterations in other Rules.

(2) New members should be asked to accept the Rules as a condition of membership.

(3) The following revised draft of Rule 2 should be sent out to the Executive Committee for their comments. The necessary consequential amendments to Rules 3 and 4 were to be considered later.

"The Society consists of Socialists. It therefore aims at the establishment of an equalitarian state of society through the collective and democratic ownership and control of the economic resources of the community.

The Society, believing in equal citizenship of men and women in the fullest sense, is open to persons irrespective

of sex, race or creed, who commit themselves to its aims and purposes and undertake to promote its work.

The Society shall be affiliated to the Labour Party. Its activities shall be the furtherance of socialism and the education of the public on socialist lines, by the holding of public and private meetings, lectures, discussion groups, conferences and summer schools, the promotion of research into political, economic and social problems, national and international, the publication of books, pamphlets and periodicals, and by any other appropriate methods."

(4) It was recommended that a provision be included when the rules were revised to make a three quarters majority necessary for an alteration of Rules 1-4.

7 Financial Statement This was discussed. It was decided that:

(1) Galton and Howell should be paid pensions of £200 and £120 respectively from the date of their retirement at the end of June 1939.

(2) Hughes should be paid £275 a year from the end of June 1939 and £300 a year from the end of December 1939.

(3) Miss Gibson and Jeeves should be paid £221 a year from the end of June 1939.

(4) A decision on the appointment of a Research Secretary was deferred until further information was available at the next meeting.

8 Spring Conferences It was decided to hold a weekend conference on 'German Advance to the South East' at the end of March. The International Section were to be asked to consider sessions and speakers.

9 Autumn Lectures It was suggested that a course should be given on 'Dictatorship and Democracy'.

10 Date of Next Meetings

(1) Executive Committee - February 20 at 5 15.

(2) Finance & General Purposes - March 29 at 5.

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JOHN PARKER
Joint General Secretaries

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 5 15 p m on Monday 20 February 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Bacon, Blanco White, Mrs Cruchley, Davies, Mrs Drake, Finer, Franklin, Gaitskell, Guest, Miss Lawrence, Martin, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, Webb, Woolf, Galton, Parker, Hughes. Apologies were received from Mrs Cole, Durbin, Fraser, Haldane and Humphreys.

1 Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee of 16 January 1939
These were approved.

2 Minutes of Meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee of 6 February 1939 These were corrected and approved. It was decided

(1) to publish the Central and East European Reports as a book. The possibility of a cheap edition for guinea members was to be investigated. The question of bringing out the chapters as separate pamphlets was to depend upon the receipt of a subsidy. The Finance and General Purposes Committee were asked to discuss the financial implications of the membership rules.

(2) to pass the following standing orders:

(i) Finance and General Purposes Committee

(a) This Committee shall be appointed each year by the new Executive Committee after its election. It shall consist of not more than 12 members. Any vacancies which occur may be filled by and from the Executive Committee.

(b) It shall consider and deal with all matters delegated to it by the Executive Committee and any business arising between meetings of the Executive Committee. It shall have power to act in case of urgency.

(c) Its minutes shall come before the Executive Committee for ratification.

(d) It shall have the power to create its own sub-committees and to appoint any member of the society as a member of such sub-committees.

(ii) Research Committee

(a) The Research Committee shall consist of members of the Society. It shall be appointed each year by the new Executive Committee after its election. The Executive Committee may at any time appoint additional members.

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

(iii) Publications

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

(iv) Attendance at Committees

The Hon. Officers shall have the right to attend all committees as ex officio members if they so desire. All members of the Executive Committee shall have the right to attend meetings of other committees, but not to vote unless members of those committees. Agenda are only to be sent out to non-members of these committees for meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Research Committee, unless other agenda are specially requested.

(3) to recommend the following suggestions for the revision of the Rules to the Annual Meeting:

(a) The Basis should be shortened and the amended portion incorporated in Rule 2, with the necessary consequential alterations in other Rules.

(b) New members should be asked to accept the Rules as a condition of membership.

(c) Rule 2 should be revised as follows:-
(The necessary consequential amendments to Rules 3 and 4 to be considered later.)

"The Society consists of Socialists. It therefore aims at the establishment of a society in which equality of opportunity will be assured and the economic power and privileges of individuals and classes abolished through the collective ownership and democratic control of the economic resources of the community. It seeks to secure these ends by the methods of political democracy.

"The Society, believing in equal citizenship in the fullest sense, is open to persons irrespective of sex, race or creed, who commit themselves to its aims and purposes and undertake to promote its work.

"The Society shall be affiliated to the Labour Party. Its activities shall be the furtherance of socialism and the education of the public on socialist lines, by the holding of meetings, lectures, discussion groups, conferences and summer schools, the promotion of research into political, economic and social problems, national and international, the publication of books, pamphlets and periodicals, and by any other appropriate methods."

(d) A three quarters majority of those present should be necessary to change Rules 1-4, and this provision should be included in those rules.

(4) to ask members of the Executive Committee to send in to the office before the next meeting a suggested draft of lectures on WHERE STANDS DEMOCRACY? for the Autumn course.

- 3 Delegate to Labour Party Conference Miss Susan Lawrence was selected.
- 4 Nomination for Election to the National Executive It was decided not to nominate a candidate this year.
- 5 Date of Annual General Meeting This was referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

- 6 Socialist Medical Association It was decided to allow their request for affiliation.
- 7 Duplicator Arrangements for the purchase of a new duplicator were left to the office in consultation with the Treasurer.
- 8 Differences with Roddick Colvin & Clark These were left to Mitchison and Parker to deal with.
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STATEMENT OF THE SOCIALIST MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1952

£ s d

Balance forward	10 10 11		
Income	4 2 11 6		
Expenses	204 14 6		
Balance carried forward	2 8 12 1		
	164 14 10		

Loss Distribution		£ s d	
A/C retained	100 10 0		
Depreciation of			
Furniture	20 14 0		
Equipment	200 10 0		
Printing	20 10 0		
Stationery	20 10 0		
Telephone	20 10 0		
Electricity	20 10 0		

- 6 Socialist Medical Association It was decided to allow their request for affiliation.
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FABIAN SOCIETY [NEW FABIAN RESEARCH BUREAU] 37 GREAT JAMES STREET LONDON W C 1

Income & Expenditure Account for six months to 31 March 1939

Expenditure	£	s	d	Income	£	s	d
Rent	48	18	4	Subscriptions	486	8	6
Gas & EL Light	11	9	0	Donations	165	0	0
Postages	40	1	2½				651 8 6
Office Running	134	9	4	Dinner	1	12	0
QJ Deficit	16	10	11	Pamphlets	13	8	2½
Books "	4	8	11½	Conferences	29	5	5
Salaries	301	3	3				44 5 7½
Fabian News	8	8	9	Transfer from Sweden Account	16	6	0
			565 9 9	Do. Manchester Grp	1	11	6
Surplus	148	1	10½				17 17 6
	713	11	7½				713 11 7½

General Account

Less Distribution				Balance (surplus at 30.9.38)	625	19	0½
A/C written off	110	16	8½	Add surplus for six months	148	1	10½
Depreciation of furniture	22	14	0				774 0 11
Reserve for bad debts	20	0	0				153 10 8½
Balance surplus at 31.3.39	620	10	2½				774 0 11
	774	0	11				

General Statement of Affairs at 31.3.39

Liabilities	£	s	d	Assets	£	s	d
Sundry Creditors	25	16	5	Cash at Bank, in Hand, and Stamps	238	18	0½
General Account:				Stocks of Stationery, Furniture, pamphlets and Library	204	1	7
Surplus of assets over liabilities at 31.3.39	620	10	2½	Sundry Debtors	171	12	6
				Less Reserve	20	0	0
				Expenses paid in advance	51	14	6
	646	6	7½		646	6	7½

Research Account

Balance to 31.3.39	97	17	8	Cash at Bank	365	5	8
Received for quarter to 30 June 1939	300	0	0	Stock	15	0	0
	397	17	8	Rent paid in advance	17	12	0
					397	17	8

The amount shown for Sundry Debtors in these accounts includes an estimate of the amount due from Messrs Gollancz. Subject to this I have to report that I have examined the subjoined accounts and statement of affairs, and have received all the information and explanations that I have required, and in my opinion they present a true and correct view of the affairs of the Bureau at the above date.

QUARTERLY ACCOUNT OF FABIAN RESEARCH BUREAU

<p>RENT 26 2 6 GAS & EL LIGHT 7 8 11 POSTAGES 11 14 4 OFFICE RUNNING 45 19 3½ BOOKS 9 2 SALARIES 148 1 6 FABIAN NEWS 8 8 9 DINNER ACCOUNT 3 6</p>	<p>CONTRIBUTIONS 228 19 0 DONATIONS 60 0 0 PAMPHLETS 8 1 5 QUARTERLY 2 12 6½ CONFERENCES 21 8 5</p>
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32 2 4½

Surplus 246 7 11½
 74 13 5½

321 1 4½

321 1 4½

NEW FABIAN RESEARCH BUREAU :: 37 GREAT JAMES STREET LONDON W C 1

Accounts for six months to 31.3.39

Quarterly Account

	£ s d	£ s d		£ s d	£ s d
Rent	26 2 6		Subscriptions	228 19 0	
Gas & EL Light	7 8 11		Donations	60 0 0	
Postages	11 14 4				
Office Running	45 19 3½			288 19 0	
Books	9 2		Pamphlets	8 1 5	
Salaries	148 1 6		Quarterly	2 12 6½	
Fabian News	8 8 9		Conferences	21 8 5	
Dinner Account	3 6				
	246 7 11½				32 2 4½
Surplus	74 13 5½				
		321 1 4½			321 1 4½

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

EXTRACT from EXECUTIVE MINUTES : 20.2.39

(5) Local Fabian Societies It was decided to refer to these Societies for consideration a proposal that the existing bylaws should be repealed and replaced by the following:

- (i) Local Fabian Societies shall adopt the conditions of membership stated in the Rules, or such other conditions as may be sanctioned by the Executive Committee. All their members shall accept these conditions.
- (ii) Subject to the above, local societies shall enjoy complete autonomy as to the election of their officers, members and associates, the conduct of their business and the disposal of their funds.
- (iii) Local societies shall affiliate to the parent society for a fee to be fixed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, for which the secretary shall obtain notice of all activities of the parent society and a copy of such publications as would be sent to an individual member for such subscription fee.
- (iv) Members of local societies shall have the right to attend the summer school, lectures and any other activities for which a reduction in fees is given to members of the parent society on similar terms, provided evidence is supplied by the secretary of the local society that their subscriptions are paid up.
- (v) The local societies shall encourage their members to join the parent society as full members.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1 at 5 p m on Wednesday 29 March 39.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Humphreys, Mitchison, Ramage, Galton, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Arnold, Durbin, Gaitskell and Wansbrough.

1 Minutes of Executive Committee of 20 February 1939 These were considered.

2 Finance

- (1) Form of Annual Statement This was agreed.
- (2) Auditor It was decided that when the accounts for the present year had been closed and audited the Treasurer should make arrangements for having the accounts audited gratis.
- (3) Research Secretary It was decided to accept the offer of special grants for such an appointment in the coming year. This post was to be advertised at £200 a year and was to start about the end of June 1939; Laski, officers and Durbin to act as appointing committee.
- (4) Relations with Printers It was decided to place a trial issue of the Quarterly with the St George's Press, Macclesfield.
- (5) Duplicator It was decided to ratify its purchase.
- (6) Position of Members in Arrears It was decided not to send pamphlets, books, or voting papers for Executive elections to any members more than three months in arrears with subscriptions.
- (7) Expenditure on Two Guinea Members It was decided to budget in future for sending such members books at a cost to the Society of about 7/6 a year.
- (8) Publication of memos exceeding 16,000 words It was decided not to publish pamphlets at a higher price than 1/- without the agreement of the Finance and General Purposes Committee or Executive Committee. The office were asked to keep pamphlets within lengths suitable to carry out such a policy.

3 Publications

- (1) Population Pamphlet Its publication was ratified.
- (2) South Eastern Europe It was decided to approach Allen & Unwin for better terms. Publication was to take place at an early date.
- (3) Labour in the West Indies Its publication was ratified.
- (4) Work of Popular Front in France Further opinions were to be obtained. It was suggested that certain sections, including that on Holidays with Pay, might form a suitable pamphlet.
- (5) Facts and Figures It was decided that Cole, Gaitskell, Ramage, M. Webb, Parker and Hughes should act as readers. It was suggested that an International Facts and Figures might also be considered for the next General Election.
- (6) Book on France Mrs Cole and Parker were asked to consult with the suggested authors and place a more finished scheme before the Executive Committee.

(1) Consequential Amendments to Rules It was decided to recommend the following:

RULE 3 - Delete "confining membership . . . opinion" and replace by "Rule 2".

RULE 4 - Delete "(a) all those . . . political party" and replace by "all those willing to accept the Rules of the Society".

RULE 5 - Delete "or Basis" on line 11.
Insert after "for that purpose." on line 12: "Any alteration of or addition to Rules 1-5 shall only be adopted if supported by not less than three quarters of the members present at such Annual or Special Meeting."

(2) Circulation of Rules to Local Societies It was decided to submit the relevant rules and bylaws to the local societies for their consideration.

(3) Fabian Nursery Letter from the Secretary re age limit considered. It was decided to take no action.

(4) Women's Group It was decided to await a report from Mrs Drake.

5 General

(1) Premises It was decided not to ask the present tenants at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, to leave. All necessary alterations were to be made to the Society's premises to suit the needs of the amalgamated Society. The office was to consult the Treasurer about any expenditure which this entailed.

(2) Programme of Autumn Lectures It was decided to accept Cole's outline on 'Where Stands Democracy?' as a basis of discussion; a number of alterations were proposed.

(3) Future Conferences It was decided to hold a weekend conference in mid-May on Greater London Problems.

(4) Relations with Conference of Economists and Economic Historians It was decided to cooperate with this; it was reported that Mayhew had agreed to act as secretary of this conference.

(5) Date of Annual Meeting It was decided to hold this at 6 p m on Friday 16 June at the Small Livingstone Hall.

(6) Arrangements for Election of Executive Committee It was announced that nominations were to be invited in the April issue of Fabian News. It was decided that brief biographical notes should be added to the names of all candidates for election.

(7) Fabian Meeting at Annual Conference of the Labour Party It was decided to arrange such a meeting.

(8) Date of next meeting of Executive Committee This was fixed for May 15 at 5 p m.

F. W. GALTON
JOHN PARKER
Joint General Secretaries

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CORRESPONDENCE relating to APPOINTMENT of RESEARCH SECRETARY ::; for consideration by meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee to be held on Wednesday 29 March 1939

John Parker to A. Emil Davies - 6 March 1939

. . . I would like to raise again the question of a Research Secretary. You may remember that we were asked to go into the finances of the Society again and report on this matter to the Finance and General Purposes Committee on March 29. . .

If the question of sending out the Eastern Europe book and/or pamphlets to members can be satisfactorily dealt with - as now seems likely - by publishing a book at the publisher's expense, this obstacle ought to be removed. Our existing estimates for next year (and a full year) allow for sending out pamphlets to our members. The sum put down as a pamphlets subsidy is the net sum estimated as being required to cover publications including copies for members after receiving receipts from sales. It is based on our previous experience and allows for the larger membership.

I think however some extra allowance should be included for sending books to two guinea members. I suggest that we should allow 7/6 per member per year (this should allow for one large and one small book being sent out at cost price to us). There are about 330 paid up members of the joint Society at present paying two guineas or more. This would cost approximately £123, and I think we should allow for this sum as an extra expense in our estimates. (The cost of the actual sending out of publications has already been allowed for in postage, office running etc.)

This means that we should be facing a small deficit of about £13 on the year April 1939 - March 1940 (we estimated a surplus of £110) and a little less in an ordinary year. This does not seem to me to be a very serious matter, and I think that our estimates of likely income and expenditure are definitely on the conservative side. I feel however that the Finance and General Purposes Committee will be a little doubtful as to whether they ought to take the risk of appointing a Research Secretary straight away.

Personally I feel very strongly on the matter, and think it essential for the wellbeing of the Society that we should appoint a Research Secretary to start work from the date of Galton's retirement. I do not feel that Hughes and myself can give proper attention to all sides of the Society's work after fusion of the two offices and the increase in our present work which will naturally follow. If the joint Society is to carry out research, bring out publications, organise lectures, conferences and summer schools, and carry on the Fabian Society's work as a body for prospective candidates it is essential to have an extra person who can take over a certain amount of responsible work. It will be easiest, I suggest, to delegate supervision of Research, and so enable the work as a whole to be properly done (although I do not suggest there should be too rigid a departmentalisation).

To help meet the Finance and General Purposes Committee's fears about expenditure in the first year I have endeavoured to find money specially for the appointment of a Research Secretary. £5 has already been sent me for this purpose, and Miss Judson has offered £100 from her trust (subject to the approval of the other trustees, which she thinks will be given as

she created the trust). I wondered whether it would be possible for you to secure a grant of £100 from the Billson Trust for the same purpose. You did mention to me at a talk one day that it might be possible to ask the trust for a grant for a special piece of work. In view of the very great importance of making this appointment at an early date - especially for the period when the fusion is coming into operation - I would urge that this proposal is well worth consideration.

If we could guarantee the Research Secretary's salary for the first year, then the estimates for next year would show a likely surplus of about £200 after meeting reasonable obligations in the way of books to two guinea members. This would, I think, meet the legitimate anxieties of the F G P C. Once the joint Society has got under way I see no reason why we should not be able to pay the Research Secretary out of our ordinary funds. If we were not able to do so then we should have to abolish the post at a later stage and cut down the Society's activities. To do this immediately after fusion however would, I think, be a very grave mistake, and would create an impression among many members that they had been let down over the amalgamation.

Durbin came to see me after the last meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which he left before the question of the Research Secretary came up. He also feels very strongly on the subject, and agreed to act as Hon. Research Secretary on the assumption that a paid Research Secretary would be appointed. He feels he could not do any useful work in this capacity without a paid Research Secretary.

A. Emil Davies to John Parker - 8 March 1939

Research Secretary

I agree with you completely as to the necessity, if Hughes and you are to perform the work hitherto done by Galton as well as yourselves. I had already in mind the question of making a grant of £100 from the Billson Fund. I have mentioned it to Fletcher, who agrees, and although it will be necessary to secure the consent of Pease, the third trustee, you may take it for granted that this is alright.

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Draft CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS to RULES ::: for consideration
by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at their meeting
on Wednesday 29 March 1939

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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 5 15 p m on Monday 15 May 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Mrs Cruchley, Davies, Mrs Drake, Durbin, Finer, Franklin, Gaitskell, Guest, Haldane, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Martin, Mitchison, Ramage, White, Woolf, Galton, Parker and Hughes. Apologies received from Arnold and Bacon.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 20 February 1939 These were approved.
- 2 Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee These were approved.
- 3 Executive Committee Election Mrs Beadle, D. Freeman and Miss Bulmer were appointed as tellers. The Secretaries were to appoint another suitable member.
- 4 Arrangements for Annual General Meeting
 - (a) Consideration of Annual Report Detailed alterations were suggested; it was agreed that the NFRB section should be enlarged and the revised report sent out over the names of the Executive Committee.
 - (b) Consideration of the Annual Accounts These were accepted. It was suggested that the FGPC should go into the future form of the accounts.
 - (c) Alterations in the Rules It was agreed
 - (i) to submit all those proposed by the Rules Committee to the Annual General Meeting on behalf of the Executive Committee.
 - (ii) to defer consideration of the bylaws relating to local societies and the Summer School.
 - (d) Chair at Annual General Meeting It was decided that Cole should act as chairman.
- 5 Appointment of Research Secretary It was decided to accept the Selection Committee's recommendation and appoint R.J. Padley. It was decided that he should only undertake any outside work by permission.
- 6 Report on Autumn Lectures This was accepted.
- 7 Report on Proposed Book on France This was accepted. It was decided to refer a decision as to whether the project should be carried out to the Executive Committee or Finance & General Purposes Committee in mid June.
- 8 Charles King's Letter It was decided to take no action on this.
- 9 Proposed Revised Edition of FREEDOM IN OUR TIME This was referred to the Research Committee.
- 10 Nomination of member of Trust for using endowment for Socialised Medicine It was decided to ask Dr Haden Guest to represent the Society.
- 11 Arnold's Letter re storage of MSS in time of war This was referred to the Officers or Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- 12 LCC Elections It was decided that any names sent in to the London Labour Party should be unofficial suggestions.

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13 Mrs Drake's Letter offering portrait of Mrs Webb to the Society
It was decided to accept this offer with thanks. Mrs Drake was
to be asked to define the condition more precisely.

14 Date of Meetings

(a) Research Committee May 23 at 2 30 p m.

(b) Finance & General Purposes Committee To be fixed by new
~~Executive~~ Committee.

F. W. GALTON
JOHN PARKER
Joint General Secretaries

MINUTES of a meeting of the RULES COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, on Monday 15 May 1939 at 4 p.m.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, Miss Lawrence, Ramage, Blanco White, Galton, Parker, Hughes.

1 Alterations in Rules It was decided to suggest to the Executive Committee that the following changes should be submitted to the Annual General Meeting:

RULE 2 To read as follows:-

"The Society consists of Socialists. It therefore aims at the establishment of a society in which equality of opportunity will be assured and the economic power and privileges of individuals and classes abolished through the collective ownership and democratic control of the economic resources of the community. It seeks to secure these ends by the methods of political democracy.

"The Society, believing in equal citizenship in the fullest sense, is open to persons irrespective of sex, race or creed, who commit themselves to its aims and purposes and undertake to promote its work.

"The Society shall be affiliated to the Labour Party. Its activities shall be the furtherance of socialism and the education of the public on socialist lines, by the holding of meetings, lectures, discussion groups, conferences and summer schools, the promotion of research into political, economic and social problems, national and international, the publication of books, pamphlets and periodicals, and by any other appropriate methods."

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RULE 9 Delete "All books . . . shall be approved" and insert: "No book, pamphlet or tract submitted to the Society shall be published unless approved".

2 Local Societies Bylaws It was pointed out that these could be altered by the Executive Committee without reference to the Annual General Meeting. It was decided to defer consideration until a later date.

F. W. GALTON
JOHN PARKER
Joint General Secretaries

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of members only held on Friday 16 June 1939 in the Livingstone Hall, Broadway, S.W.1. There were about 60 persons present.

- 1 The Chair was taken by G.D.H.Cole, the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- 2 The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the New Fabian Research Bureau were taken as read.
- 3 The Annual Report and Accounts were discussed and approved.
- 4 The Chairman expressed the Society's regret at the retirement of Pease, Galton and Howell after such long periods of service.
- 5 Mrs Sidney Webb addressed the meeting and wished the joint Society a successful future.
- 6 Rules The following alterations in the Rules were discussed and approved:

RULE 2 - To read as follows:-

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Further alterations submitted by Jesse Hawkes were, after some discussion, defeated.

- 7 There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7 15 p.m.

J.D.H.C.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Friday 16 June 1939 after the Annual General Meeting, at 7.15 p.m. at the Lesser Livingstone Hall, Broadway, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Finer, Gaitskell, Guest, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, White, Woolf, Galton, Parker and Hughes.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 15 May 1939 These were approved.
- 2 Report of Scrutineers on Election for the Executive Committee
This was received.
- 3 Cooptions of further members to the Executive Committee It was decided for the present to fill only 5 places. Franklin, Galton, Haldane, Humphreys and Webb were coopted. Members of the Executive Committee were asked to send to the secretary any nominations they wished to make for further cooptions to be put before the next E.C.
- 4 Appointment of Hon. Officers It was decided to appoint the following: President, Mrs Sidney Webb; Chairman, G.D.H.Cole; Hon. Secretary, Mrs Cole, Hon. Research Secretary, E.F.M.Durbin.
- 5 Appointment of Committees
 - (a) Finance and General Purposes Committee G.D.H.Cole, M.I.Cole, A. Emil Davies, E.F.M.Durbin, H.Franklin, H.Gaitskell, H.Humphreys, S.Lawrence, G.R.Mitchison, J.Ramage, W.A.Robson, G.R.Blanco White.
 - (b) Research Committee P.Arnold, H.V.Berry, I.M.Bolton, G.D.H.Cole, Margaret Cole, Dudley Collard (Haldane Society), E.Drake, E.F.M.Durbin, H.Finer, H.Franklin, H.Gaitskell, L.Haden Guest, S.Lawrence, J.H.Martin, G.R.Mitchison, W.A.Robson, Michael Stewart, L.Woolf.
 - (c) Social Committee F.Acheson, Mrs Appelbe, I.M.Bolton, O.Cruchley, H.R.Simmons, C.G.P.Smith.
 - (d) Tracts and Propaganda Committee M.I.Cole, E.Davies, E.F.M.Durbin, J.Ramage, Michael Stewart, M.Webb, A.Blanco White.
- 6 Proposed Book on France It was decided not to proceed with this book owing to the inability to obtain the authors desired.
- 7 Election of Delegate to Labour Woman's Conference The General Secretary and Hon. Secretary were empowered to send forward any name submitted by the Fabian Women's Group.
- 8 Report on Autumn Lectures It was suggested that Leonard Barnes and Masaryk should be invited to fill the places still vacant.
- 9 Format of Fabian News Proposals for its alteration were deferred for further consideration.
- 10 Appointment of members to sign cheques on the Society Account from 1 July 1939 The following resolution was approved:- "It is resolved by the Executive Committee that the Westminster Bank Limited and National Provincial Bank Ltd be and are hereby empowered to honour cheques signed on behalf of the Fabian Society by any two of the following members jointly, namely:- Albert Emil Davies (Treasurer), Margaret Is el Cole (Hon. Secretary), Horbert John Harvey Parker (General Secretary), and to act on any instructions given jointly by any two of the persons thus authorised with regard to any account or transactions of the Fabian Society and that all previous instructions given to the Westminster Bank Limited and National Provincial Bank Ltd be and are hereby cancelled."

11 Honorary Member It was decided to elect Lord Addison as an honorary member.

12 Date of Next Meetings

- (a) Executive Committee - July 10 at 5 p.m.
- (b) Finance & General Purposes - Not fixed.
- (c) Research Committee - July 3 at 4.30 p.m.
- (d) Tracts & Propaganda Committee - June 26 at 5 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the TRACTS AND PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE held on Monday 26 June 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), Ramage, Stewart, Mrs White, Parker and Hughes.

- 1 Chairman Mrs Cole was appointed.
- 2 Committee's Terms of Reference The following were suggested to the Executive Committee:- "To consider and report upon the preparation for publication of pamphlets and other propagandist material calculated to carry out the objects of the Society as defined in Rule 2 and to assist its recruitment, other than those coming under the purview of the Research Committee."
- 3 Suggestions for Work The following proposals were put forward and discussed:-
 - (1) Continuation of Tracts
 - (i) Propaganda for sections of the community (e.g. teachers, doctors, etc.
 - (ii) A series of Facts for Londoners, etc.
 - (iii) Popular studies of useful facts (London Survey, Acts of Parliament, Powers of Public Bodies, etc).
 - (iv) General Socialist Theory.
 - (v) Popular pamphlets on books issued by the Society (e.g. Democratic Sweden).
 - (2) Leaflets Preparation and circularisation on suitable subjects was to be considered.

It was also decided that the Association for Education in Citizenship should be approached to prepare and issue a pamphlet on the Acts affecting young workers who have just left school.
- 4 Suggestions re Personnel for 3 The following proposals were put before the Committee and approved:-
 - (1) - 3 (1). H.G.Wells to be invited to revise This Misery of Boots with assistance from a research worker. (Mrs Bianco White to approach.
 - (2) - 3 (1) (ii). Filson to be approached re a standard pamphlet on Facts for a Provincial Town, to serve as a guide to other towns.
 - (3) - 3 (1) (ii). Lady Simon to be approached for tract on Facts for Mancunians.
- 5 Finance It was decided to ask the Finance and General Purposes Committee to investigate the financing of the Committee's work. It was felt that some special grants would be required. (Suggested that Jowett and Simon might finance Facts on Cardiff and Manchester etc.)
- 6 Pamphlets and Tracts in Stock A list was to be put before the next meeting of the Committee.
- 7 Speakers' List This was to be prepared in the office.
- 8 Sales of Literature Proposals to increase these were to be examined. It was suggested that local societies should be asked to push sales at their meetings. This was also to be done by speakers going out from the Society.

- 9 Questionnaire for Members This was to be drawn up in cooperation with G.D.H.Cole, asking what work they would be willing to do. It was to be circulated in the early autumn.
- 10 Suggestion from Mrs Blanco White for an appeal to the shopkeeping class This was to be circulated to the Committee and other suitable persons for comments.
- 11 Fabian News It was suggested that this should include a monthly guide to pamphlets. The good ones were to be starred.
- 12 Other Work Members of the Committee were asked to send in any suggestions.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the TRACTS AND PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE held at 5 pm on Tuesday 11 July 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), G.D.H.Cole, Davies, Stewart, Mrs Blanco White, Parker, Hughes, Padley.

1 Minutes of meeting on 26 June 1939 were approved after the terms of reference had been altered in accordance with the wishes of the Executive Committee so that the last sentence read: "other than pamphlets coming within the purview of the Research Committee."

2 Finance It was announced that the Executive had made a special grant of £50 from the Publications Fund to this committee.

3 Suggestions for Work

(1) Propaganda for sections of the community. The following were put forward and discussed:-

(a) Technicians Decided to leave till after technicians' conference.

(b) Teachers Mrs Blanco White to prepare a draft for the committee's consideration from material to be solicited from Mrs Dennington, Hill, Postgate, Sexton, Stewart, Souch, the N.A.L.T. and the Manchester Fabian Society.

(c) Executive Engineers Suggestions to be obtained from Gibbins, Philip Mair, and Grahame Miller.

(d) Doctors Suggestions to be invited from Gillespie, Petersfield, Roberts, and Somerville Hastings.

(e) Social Workers Suggestions to be invited from Irene Barclay, Dora Tarrant and Ernest Hermon.

(2) It was reported that Filson had offered to prepare a synopsis of Facts for a Provincial Town and had begun work on Facts for Londoners. Lady Simon was prepared to cooperate on Facts for Manchester.

(3) Popular Studies of Facts

(a) This Misery of Boots Wells reported to be willing to revise this if draft submitted to him by the office. G.Chester, M.Hann and A. Wiltshire were to be asked to consider the draft.

(b) Building Societies Parker to approach Ellen Wilkinson and the Haldans Society re a 2d pamphlet of 5000 words on Building Societies. This was to be ready by the Election.

(c) Community Centres This was to be published.

(d) Local Government Rights R.H.S.Crossman to be approached.

(4) Case for Socialism Tawney was to be approached re a book on this.

(5) Control of Profits G.D.H.Cole to be asked to write 5000 words.

(6) Biography Keir Hardie - Paton to be approached for pamphlet and George Lansbury for foreword.

(7) Reprints It was decided not to consider reprinting any Tracts or Leaflets at present. It was suggested that No.243 (L.C.C. 1869-1937, by A.Emil Davies) might be revised and turned into a 6d pamphlet when sold out.

- 5 Mrs Blanco White's Memorandum Mrs Blanco White to obtain material from Vinter's MSS on Distribution and from Charles Smith and then to write to the office for any further material.
- 6 Next Meeting This to be held on 20 September 1939 provided that there was sufficient business.

R. J. PADLEY
 Research Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 10 July 1939 at 5 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Galton, Haldane, Humphreys, Ramage, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Durbin, Pritt, Robson and White.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of June 16 These were approved.
- 2 Minutes of Research Committee of July 7 These were corrected and approved. It was decided:
 - (a) To approach the New Statesman and Nation as to the possibility of a joint pamphlet on the Refugee Problem by Doreen Warriner.
 - (b) To empower the officers to take any necessary steps to follow up Mr Foyle's letter.
 - (c) To ask Miss Lawrence to prepare a short memo on the changes necessary to make local government statistics and reports comparable. This was to be submitted to the Local Government Section and, if they approved, to the Royal Statistical Society, the National Institute of Economic Research, and the Association of Municipal Corporations, with a request that they should approach the Ministry of Health on the matter.
- 3 Report from Tracts and Propaganda Committee This was accepted. The terms of reference were slightly amended to read: "To consider and report upon the preparation for publication of pamphlets and other propagandist material calculated to carry out the objects of the Society as defined in Rule 2 and to assist its recruitment, other than pamphlets coming under the purview of the Research Committee."
- 4 Publications Fund It was decided to accept the offer of £100 towards such a fund; £50 of this was allotted to the work of the Tracts and Propaganda Committee. This fund was to be replenished when required by the Executive Committee; no attempt was to be made to compensate it for publications sent to members.
- 5 Arrangements for Future Publications
 - (a) Books
 - (1) Food Policy Allen & Unwin were to be approached re publication; The Research Committee were asked to appoint readers.
 - (2) Volume of Autumn Lectures Allen & Unwin were to be approached re publication.
 - (b) Booklet Unemployment Services This was to be published if readers and publishers recommended in favour. The officers were empowered to make any necessary decisions.
 - (c) Pamphlets
 - (1) Industrial and Social Legislation of Popular Front in France This was to be published when revised by Padley if approved by Mrs Pickles and Dobbs.
 - (2) The Case for a National Investment Board This was to be published if approved by Cole, Davies and Durbin.
 - (d) Tract Community Centres A decision as to publication was referred to the Tracts and Propaganda Committee.
- 6 Future Conferences
 - (a) Scottish Societies with Scottish University Parties (Sept 30 - October 1). To be assisted from the office; financial guarantee if necessary.
 - (b) Economists (October 7-8). To be assisted from the office.
 - (c) Election Post Mortem (c. December 9-10). This was to be discussed later.
 - (d) Position of Managers under Socialism This was to be organised early in October.

- 7 Future Dinners It was decided to invite
 - (1) Maisky in late September or early October.
 - (2) Tawney or some other suitable speaker on USA in early December.
 - (3) Morrison on 1940 LCC elections in the Spring.

- 8 Auditor The payment of a fee of five guineas was authorised.

- 9 Labour Women Miss Spencer and Mrs Keeling were nominated to represent the Society at the National Conference of Labour Women 1939.

- 10 Autumn Lectures The following were to be invited to take the chair:
Addison, Martin, Shiels, Lady Rhondda, Cole, Salter.

- 11 Date of Next Meeting This was fixed for 18 September 1939 at 5 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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Decisions

(1) Terms of Reference

Suggested:- "To consider and report upon the preparation for publication of pamphlets and other propagandist material calculated to carry out the objects of the Society as defined in Rule 2 and to assist its recruitment, other than those coming under the purview of the Research Committee."

(2) Main Heads of Work

Suggested:- (a) Pamphlets

- (i) Propaganda for sections of the community (e.g. teachers, doctors, etc).
- (ii) A series of Facts for Londoners, etc.
- (iii) Popular studies of useful facts (London Survey, Acts of Parliament, Powers of Public Bodies, etc)
- (iv) General Socialist Theory.
- (v) Popular pamphlets on books issued by the Society (e.g. Democratic Sweden).
- (b) Leaflets Preparation and circularisation on suitable subjects was to be considered.
- (c) Guid to Useful Pamphlets To be issued in Fabian News.

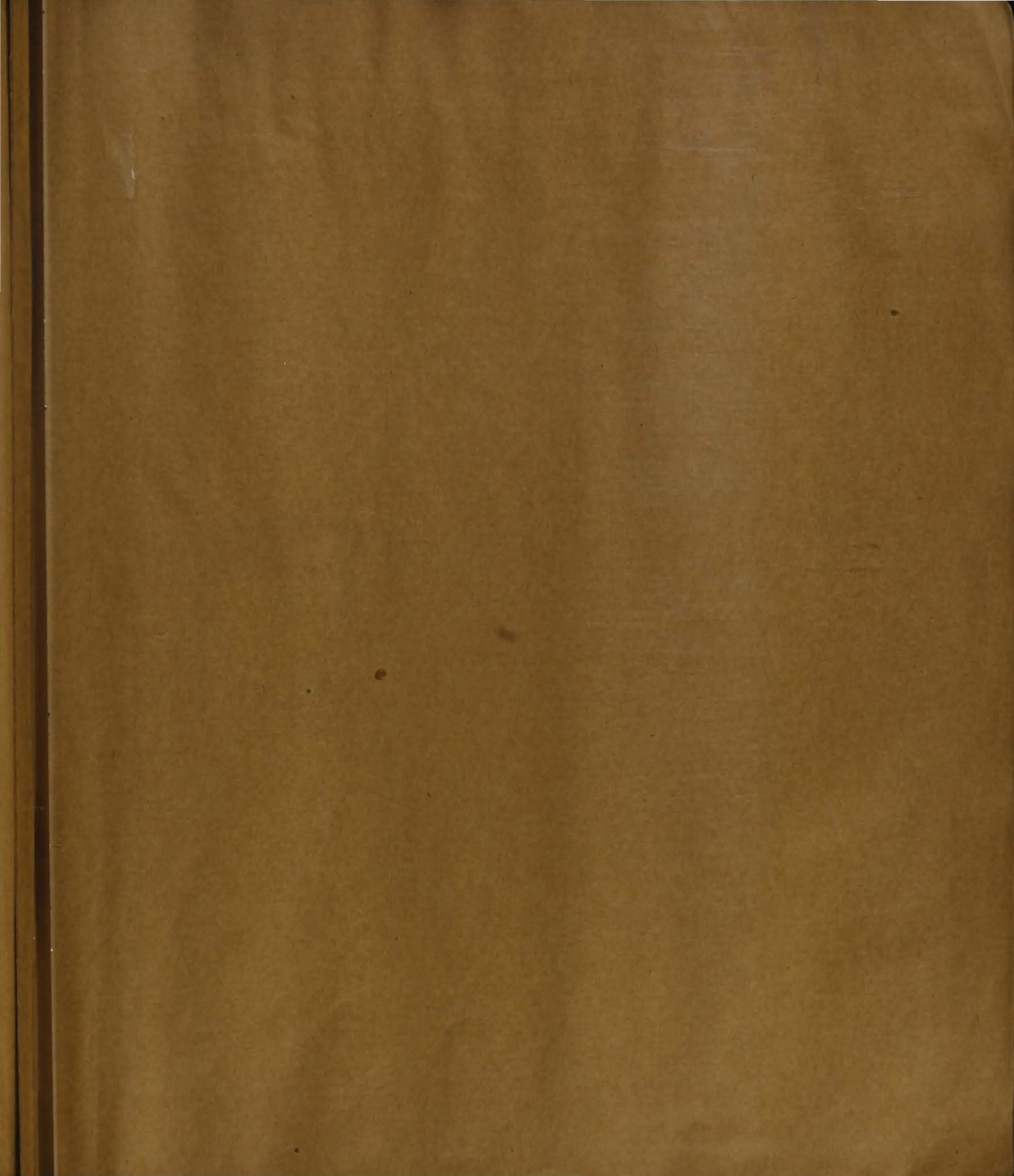
(3) Finance Agreed to ask Finance and General Purposes Committee for guidance. Suggested special fund to be raised.

(4) Suggestions for immediate work

- (a) Blanco White - scheme submitted for consideration: Quarterly
- (b) Simon - Manchester offprint.
- (c) Filson - Provincial Town
- (d) Wells - revised Misery of Boots

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MARGARET COLE
Hon. Secretary



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

TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee is being held on Monday 4 September 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 5 p.m. A copy of the agenda is enclosed.

All members of the Executive Committee, if in London, are asked to attend.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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

A meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE will be held, if practicable, on Monday 4 September 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 5 p.m.

Members Cole, Mrs Cole, Davies, Durbin, Franklin, Gaitskell, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, Blanco White.

All members of the Executive Committee present in London are asked to attend.

A G E N D A

- 1 The activities of the Society in the event of war

- 2 Any other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

EMERGENCY MEETING Monday 4 September 1939 at 5 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Report on action already taken
- 2 Short report on Financial Position of Society
 - (a) Cash in hand
 - (b) Commitments and likely revenue in next month and quarter
 - (c) New draft of letter for subscription reminders
- 3 Question of Evacuation
- 4 Question of Staff
- 5 Role and Activities of the Society in time of war.
 - (a) Report on work of Labour Party, L.R.D., P.E.F.
 - (b) Suggested work on war aims etc
 - (c) Suggested work on immediate home issues etc
 - (d) Other business
- 6 Existing Arrangements
 - (a) Autumn Lectures
 - (b) Fabian News
 - (c) Fabian Quarterly
 - (d) Conferences
 - (i) Economists
 - (ii) Managers
 - (iii) Any others
 - (e) Publication of pamphlets in conjunction with New Statesman and Nation
 - (f) Special cheap edition of A PLAN FOR DEMOCRATIC BRITAIN for members (3/6 edition to Fabians for 2/6)
 - (g) Disposal of secondhand books
- 7 Decisions re work in hand or proposed
(Question of finance and purchase of paper should be considered)
 - (1) Books
 - (a) Russia's Value as an Ally
 - (b) Schultz's book on Civil Liberties
 - (c) Government Control of Private Industry (8 chapters in)
 - (d) Polly Hill's book on Unemployment Services
 - (e) Charles Smith's book on Food Policy
 - (f) Book of Lectures
 - (g) Suggested booklet on Birmingham Housing

(2) Pamphlets

- (a) Mayhew's National Investment Board
- (b) Mayhew's draft of Public Works Schemes
(to follow the end of Rearmament)
- (c) Bowen's National Investment
- (d) Roger Simon on Local Government Finance
- (e) Babbage on Community Centres
- (f) Facts and Figures
- (g) France and the Popular Front
- (h) Zilliacus - Blue Print for World Peace Union

(3) Work of Tracts and Propaganda Committee
(see R. Padley's report)

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of an Emergency Meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday 4 September 1939. All members of the Executive Committee able to be present were invited.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Miss Lawrence, Pritt, Ramage, Parker, Hughes and Padley. Apologies were received from Durbin, Franklin, Gaitskell, Galton.

- 1 Action taken by Office It was reported that copies of all publications and originals of important MSS and publishing agreements and a list of members and addresses had been sent to Bakewell, Dorbyshire, for safe keeping. This was approved. It was decided that a duplicate list of members should be sent to G.D.H.Cole.
- 2 Financial Position of Society This was reported on; it was decided to revise letter for subscription reminders to meet new situation.
- 3 Question of Evacuation It was decided for the time being to continue use of the London office.
- 4 Question of Staff It was reported that Mayhew had been called up. As some other members of the staff were also likely to be called up, it was decided to make inquiries about voluntary help. The General Secretary in consultation with the Hon. Secretary was empowered to make special arrangements re hours of work etc as necessary.
- 5 Activities and Organisation of the Society in Time of War It was agreed that the Society should draw up a new programme beginning with work on war aims etc, watching and criticising war legislation, orders in council, etc. It was recommended that the Executive Committee should suspend all committees and sections and should delegate powers of action between meetings to the officers, who should organise research and other activities. It was suggested that the Executive Committee should suspend its quorum rule if necessary during the war and obtain indemnity later from the Society's annual meeting.
It was recommended that cooperation on suitable work should take place with the Labour Party, Haldane Society, P.E.P., U.D.C., and L.R.D. It was decided to offer the Society's services to the Labour Party for research work during the war.
- 6 Existing Arrangements
 - (a) Autumn Lectures It was decided to suspend any decision about holding these until the Executive Committee met. The Friends Hall was to be approached as to possibility of cancellation.
 - (b) Spring Lectures It was decided to cancel booking of Livingstone Hall.
 - (c) Fabian News A joint number for September and October was to be issued containing an article by G.D.H.Cole on The Work of the Society in War Time.
 - (d) Fabian Quarterly The existing number was to be scrapped and material collected for a suitable issue in the new circumstances. It was suggested that articles on war aims should be included in an early issue.
 - (e) Conferences It was decided to cancel the conference on 'The Position of Managers under Socialism'; one was to be arranged, if possible on war aims, in October.
 - (f) Publication of Pamphlets in conjunction with New Statesman and Nation Cole was to go further into this question.
 - (g) Special Cheap Edition of A PLAN FOR DEMOCRATIC BRITAIN It was decided to send out a leaflet offering this to members.
 - (h) Disposal of Secondhand Books It was decided to insert a notice offering them for sale to members in the Fabian News; a list was to be cyclostyled for sending to those interested.

7 Decisions on Work in Hand or Proposed

(1) Books It was reported that Routledge had agreed to publish 'Unemployment Services'.

It was decided to take no further action for the time being on the following: Russia's Value as an Ally, the Book of Lectures, Food Policy and the suggested booklet on Birmingham Housing.

Schultz was to be asked to go ahead with book on Civil Liberties and Robson was to be consulted as to possibility of publishing Government Control of Private Industry with new introduction and conclusion.

(2) Pamphlets It was decided to publish Mayhew's National Investment Board. No action was to be taken on other completed work for the time being.

(3) Tracts and Propaganda Committee Publications It was decided to consider revision of Community Centres with a view to publication. Further action on all other work was to be deferred.

8 Meeting of Executive Committee It was decided to call this on Monday 18 September 1939 at 5 p.m. The General Secretary and Hon. Secretary were entitled to call an emergency meeting if necessary.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Circumstances permitting, the meeting of the Executive Committee already arranged at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1, for 5 p.m. on Monday 18 September 1939 will be held to consider lines of work on war aims, etc.

If an earlier meeting is necessary or the above has to be cancelled further notification will be sent out.

Please inform us at once of any change in your address.

JOHN PARKER

General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the OFFICERS of the Society held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 4 p m on Monday 11 September 1939.

Present G.D.H.Cole (Chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Durbin, Parker, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Preliminary Memorandum on the Work of the Fabian Society in War Time
This memorandum, prepared by the Hon. Secretary and General Secretary, was read and discussed. It was decided to approach the following persons: "

Group 1 - Local Government

- (1) Local Government organisation Miss Beach Thomas, Mrs Bolton, Davies (LCC), Finer, Franklin, Gillett, Hill (NALGO), McColl, Robson.
- (2) Housing Dobson, Lewis, J.H. & Mrs Martin, G.Wilson.
- (3) Education Mrs Drake, T.Weaver.
- (4) Health Services Bowlby, S.Churchill, A.Sayle, M.Symons.
- (5) Food Control Mrs Beaumont, Gaitskell, Smith.
- (6) Community Centres etc Babbage, Mrs Bolton, N.Booth, Hermon, Terence Young.

Group 2 - Finance and Financial Policy

- (1) War Finance Durbin offered to send copies of reports on which he was working.
- (2) Price Policy Cole. /See 3 (3)/

Group 3 - Economic Organisation

- (1) Overseas Trade Gaitskell, Jay.
- (2) Agriculture Jackson, Nash, Skilbeck.
- (3) Control of Commodities Cole; specialists for each industry: Cotton - C.T.Saunders. Coal - J.O'B.Cunynghame. Iron and Steel - R.W.B.Clarke. Chemicals - Binns. Transport - J.H.Wilson. Water - Franklin. Gas - Caustin. Electricity - Haldane. Shipping - Mitchison.
- (4) Organisation of Labour Mrs Rackham, Fearnaine.
- (5) Trade Union Organisation (to be watched)
- (6) Wages Kuczynski, Mrs Rackham.

Group 4 - Political and Social

- (1) Constitution Jennings, Greaves, F.Hardie, Laski.
- (2) Civil Liberties Finer, Schultz, Franklin.
- (3) Independent Labour Movement Tawney.
- (4) Health Services Beach Thomas, Bunbury, S.Churchill.

These persons were to be approached for information and with a request to keep watch on the subjects concerned, with a view to submitting suggestions to the Labour Party or to preparing a pamphlet as circumstances required. Schultz and Tawney were to be asked to proceed with work for publication.

- 2 Descriptive Account of Governmental Control over the Individual and National Economy Mrs Cole was asked to prepare an article for the FABIAN QUARTERLY, which could be offprinted as a pamphlet, in accordance with scheme (1) for immediate work in the Memorandum.
- 3 The Home Front in War Time G.D.H.Cole to consider writing a pamphlet on this subject, in accordance with scheme (2) for immediate work in the Memorandum.

- 4 Circular to Members Mrs Cole to draft circular for submission to members, asking for voluntary assistance.
- 5 Autumn Lectures Inquiries to be made with a view to holding the lectures at 2 p m on Saturdays in the small lecture room at Friends House.
- 6 Future Meetings of Committees to be held at 4 p m, and inquiries were to be made with a view to lunchtime meetings.
- 7 War Aims It was decided that those members of the Society attending the meeting at the Union of Democratic Control offices on September 13 should report to the Executive Committee before taking any further action.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday 18 September 1939 at 5 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Please make a special effort to be present.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of Executive Committee meeting of 10 July 1939
(enclosed)
- 2 Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of 4 September 1939. (enclosed)

Further Reports

- (a) Financial Position
- (b) Suggested cooperation with Labour Party, Haldane Society and other bodies

Decisions Required

- (a) War time organisation
- (b) Conference on War Aims
- (c) Publications
 - (i) National Investment Board
 - (ii) Book on Civil Liberties
 - (iii) Government Control of Private Industry
 - (iv) Joint publication of pamphlets with New Statesman & Nation

- 3 Minutes of Officers' Meeting of 11 September 1939.

Decision Required

Autumn Lectures

- 4 Suggested Article on Society's War Work
- 5 Other Business
- 6 Time and Date of further Meetings

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 18 September 1939 at 5 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Durbin, Finer, Franklin, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Ramage, White, Parker, Hughes, Padley. Apologies received from Mrs Drake, Galton, Haldane, Robson and Woolf.

- 1 Minutes of Executive Committee meeting of 10 July 1939 Approved.
- 2 Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee of 4 September 1939 These were corrected and approved. Further reports were made on the financial position and relations with the Labour Party, Haldane Society and other bodies. Miss Lawrence was to be sent copies of the correspondence with Middleton. The Cooperative Union and Party were to be approached.
 - (a) War Time Organisation It was decided to correct the second part of the first paragraph of this minute to read: "It was recommended that the Executive Committee should suspend any committee or section where expedient, should delegate full powers of action between its meetings to the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and further that all members of the Executive Committee likely to be available should be invited to attend meetings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee."
 - (b) Conferences It was decided to hold the following:
 - (i) WAR FOR WHAT on October 14-15 in London. The programme was to be drawn up by the officers.
 - (ii) THE WAR ON THE HOME FRONT on December 2-3. A draft programme was to be submitted to the next Finance & General Purposes Committee.
 - (c) Publications
 - (i) National Investment Board. To be published with preface by Durbin.
 - (ii) Book on Civil Liberties. To be submitted to the ad hoc committee for full criticism when written.
 - (iii) Book on Government Control of Private Industry. Completed chapters to be submitted to Robson for his opinion as to the possibility of publication in new circumstances, with a new chapter on wartime controls and new conclusion pointing morals.
- 3 Minutes of Officers' Meeting of 11 September 1939 These were approved. It was decided to hold the autumn lectures on Saturday afternoons at 2.15 at the Conway Hall with any necessary changes in the programmes. The officers were empowered to make alterations in prices etc.
- 4 Cole's Article on Society's War Aims This was amended and approved for publication in Fabian News.
- 5 Purchase of Paper It was decided to spend about £25 on further stocks of Gestetner paper and to pay a deposit to the Hereford Times to secure full ownership of paper reserved for the Society.
- 6 Report of Social Committee This was accepted. The holding of a lunch on October 11 was authorised.
- 7 Time, Date and Place of Further E.C. and F.G.P.C. Meetings It was decided to hold these in the lunch hour when possible, preferably at the Trade Union Club. The next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee was to take place on Monday 9 October.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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

OFFICERS' MEETING 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, on Wednesday 20
September 1939 at 2 45 p m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Suggested Weekend Conference October 14-15.
- 2 Mrs Crossman's offer of work.
- 3 Question of Publication of Cole's Tract
 "The Home Front".
- 4 Appeals for money from large donors.
- 5 Middleton's letter.
- 6 Other business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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

MINUTES of meeting of OFFICERS held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 2 45 p m on Wednesday 20 September 1939.

Present G.D.H.Cole, M.I.Cole, A.E.Davies, E.F.M.Durbin, H.D.Hughes.

- 1 Weekend Conference Details of programme and speakers for a Conference on a possible peace settlement were arranged.
- 2 Mrs Crossman's Letter A letter from Mrs Crossman offering voluntary assistance in the office for 3 days a week was received. It was decided to accept, and to pay a return fare from Oxford each week if required for the time being.
- 3 Tract - The Home Front Publication by the Society of a 3d tract by Cole on 'The Home Front' was approved. Proofs were to be read by the officers.
- 4 Special Appeal for Donations The September issue of FABIAN NEWS containing Cole's article on 'The Fabian Society in Wartime' was to be used as the basis of a special appeal for donations to selected individuals.
- 5 Mr Middleton's Letter Susan Lawrence was to be sent copies of the correspondence between the Secretary and Middleton re cooperation in wartime research and asked to raise the matter on the National Executive Committee.
- 6 The price of lecture tickets was fixed at 15/-, 10/- and 6/- for the public and 12/6, 8/6 and 5/- for members.

H. D. HUGHES
Assistant Secretary

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

PLEASE NOTE PLACE AND TIME

A meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE will take place on Monday 9 October 1939 at 1 p m at the National Trade Union Club, 10 Great Newport Street, W.C. A cold buffet lunch will be served (price 2/-).

If you are unable to come, please inform us not later than Saturday morning.

MEMBERS G.D.H.Cole, M.I.Cole, Davies, Durbin, Franklin, Gaitskell
Humphreys, S.Lawrence, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson.

A G E N D A

- 1 Staff in relation to war
- 2 Relations with Labour Party:
Middleton's letter
- 3 Conferences
- 4 Report on work put in hand
 - (a) War aims
 - (b) Local government
 - (c) Price policy
 - (d) Other subjects
- 5 Publications - Marwick's pamphlet
- 6 Report on Pakenham research
- 7 Other business
- 8 Date of next meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

NOTE All members of the Executive are invited to attend if possible

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday 9 October 1939 at 1 p m at the National Trade Union Club, 10 Great Newport Street, W C 2.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Durbin, Franklin, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, White, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Pritt and Woolf.

- 1 Staff in relation to war An offer of full time assistance in the event of Hughes's departure was considered. Further inquiries were to be made as to financial and legal implications.
- 2 Relations with Labour Party It was announced that the Society's offer of help had been welcomed by the National Executive and that Parker had been invited to join the International Sub-committee of the National Executive as the representative of the Society, to keep in touch with the Party's work on war aims.
- 3 Conferences It was decided to hold a weekend conference in London on 2-3 December 1939 on The Home Front in War Time. Suggestions were made as to sessions and speakers.
- 4 Lectures (a) It was reported that, owing to another engagement, Laski was unable to come on Saturday, October 21. It was decided to offer to motor him up from Cambridge. If he was unable to come the following were to be approached: Tawney, Cripps.
(b) It was decided that members of the E.C. should be allotted free seats on the platform at lectures and be allowed to purchase similar seats for their wives at the lowest price charged in the hall.
- 5 Report on work in hand This was to be written up and circulated by The Hon. Secretary.
- 6 Publications It was decided to authorise
 - (a) the publication of Marwick's pamphlet on SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT at 6d.
 - (b) the publication of Simon's pamphlet on LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE, when revised, with a preface by Robson.
 - (c) the publication of a tract by Brailsford on INDIA should he be prepared to write one.
- 7 Report on Pakenham research This was accepted. It was decided that a written statement should be sent to Pakenham.
- 8 Date of next meeting This was fixed for Monday 6 November at 1 p m at the Trade Union Club.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER S W 1

A meeting of the TRACTS AND PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE will be held
at 4 p m on Wednesday 8 November 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street.

- A G E N D A
- 1 Minutes of previous meeting
 - 2 Report on above
 - 3 Report on Tracts published or in hand since the outbreak of war
 - 4 Proposals for further work

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the TRACTS AND PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE held at
4 p m on Wednesday 8 November 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, SW1.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), Ernest Davies, Ramage, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 11 July 1939 were approved.
- 2 Report on Pre-War Work It was reported that all work resulting from the previous meeting of the committee had been suspended in view of the war, with the exception of Babbage's work on Community Centres, which was being rewritten to deal with evacuation.
- 3 Report on Tracts approved by the Finance & General Purposes Committee
It was reported that since the outbreak of war the F & G P C had approved publication of the following Tracts:- Cole: THE WAR ON THE HOME FRONT; Brailsford: DEMOCRACY FOR INDIA; and, subject to approval by readers, Zilliacus: RELATIONS WITH USSR. Also Joint Socialist Medical Committee: HEALTH SERVICES; Children's Nutrition Council: EVACUATION.
- 4 Future Publications It was decided that all future tracts should be submitted to lawyers to be read for libel.
Smith to be asked to submit a draft on Food Policy in Wartime on the basis of his synopsis. The following suggestions were made for future work:-
 - (a) Directory of Controls and Controllers: material to be obtained for Robson from Arnold, Sir Arthur Salter and D.Barber of the R.D.A.
 - (b) The pamphlet we should like to see dropped on the German people. Wells to be approached.
 - (c) Ernest Davies to prepare proposals for next meeting on Socialism and War.
- 5 Propaganda It was decided:
 - (a) To appeal for funds to send a cyclostyled Newsletter to members who had been called up.
 - (b) To offprint articles from Fabian News giving facts for local Labour Parties. The following topics to be considered for future issues: Education, Food Committees, Soldiers' Rights, Rents.
- 6 Membership of Committee It was decided that W.E.Williams should be invited to join the Committee.
- 7 Next Meeting To be held on 29 November 1937.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

A meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE will take place on Monday 6th November, 1939 at 1 p.m. at the National Trade Union Club, 12 Great Newport Street, W.1. A buffet lunch will be served (price 2/-)
If you are unable to come, please inform us not later than Saturday morning.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of F & G P C of October 9 (enclosed)
 - 2 The Hon. Secretary's report on work in hand (already circulated)
 - 3 Finance (report on position to be made)
 - 4 Typewriters
 - 5 Conferences, lunches, etc
 - (a) Consideration of resolutions sent in by Mithison and Ramage
 - (b) Decision re spring lectures
 - (c) Suggested Food Policy conferences
 - (d) Other proposals
 - 6 Local Fabian Societies
 - 7 Letter from Ethical Union (enclosed)
 - 8 Publications
 - (a) Offer from Macmillan re publication of autumn lectures ("Where Stands Democracy?")
 - (b) Arrangements re likely new tracts & pamphlets
 - (i) Health Services in War
 - (ii) Relations with USSR
 - (iii) Food
 - (iv) Evacuation - Children's Nutrition Council
 - 9 London Labour Party
 - (a) Confirmation of nomination of Mrs Drake as Society's representative on Executive Committee
 - (b) Appointment of delegates to Annual Conference (The Society has 560 members affiliated to LLP and is entitled to three delegates)
 - 10 Relations with National Council for Civil Liberties
 - 11 Staff and air raid warnings
 - 12 Date of next meeting
 - 13 Other business
- JOHN PARKER Gen. Sec.

Members of FGPC: Cole, Mrs Cole, Davies, Durbin, Franklin, Gaitskell, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Mithison, Ramage, Robson, White.

All members of the Executive Committee who are able to attend are invited to the above meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

For consideration by FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE at their meeting on Monday 6 November 1939:

Item 5 (a) on Agenda

Resolutions proposed by Mitchison and seconded by Ramage:-

- (1) That in the absence of previous instructions from the Executive Committee, the time occupied by speakers on the paper and in answer to questions do not exceed one half of the duration of any Conference session.
- (2) That the Chairman of any Conference session be requested to attend other sessions and to call in priority on those who have not previously addressed the Conference.

Item 7 on Agenda

Copy of letter from the Ethical Union:-

THE ETHICAL UNION
12 Palmer Street S W 1
October 30th 1939

Ethics & Economics Trust of the Ethical Union

Dear Mr Parker,

It has been suggested that the above Trust whose object is in your hands, should for the time being deal with the changes which War has brought about in the amount and distribution of National Income; also that be possible to estimate how much is paid in the service of destruction, as opposed to the utilities of life. The incidence of present taxation direct and indirect to come into consideration in connection with above.

My colleagues will be meeting about mid-November to prepare a scheme if possible, and in the meantime I want to ask you if your Research section is functioning upon any work of this kind? If so have you an approved investigator (not liable for military service) who could work independently on our behalf, although in collaboration with the Fabian Research section? Lastly, could your Research section suggest a suitable subject within the scope indicated above?

The Ethical Union is not a political organisation, neither is it committed to any school of economic theory, but it has an earnest desire to get at fundamental truth on these matters by the systematic study of facts.

I estimate that should my colleagues agree to the independent collaboration herein indicated, that it would be possible for a maximum fee of £50 pounds to be guaranteed for the services of a suitable reliable investigator or investigators, it being understood that the Report produced would be at the disposal of the Ethical Union for publication if desired.

I shall be grateful if you can favour me with a reply, on or before November 11th.

Thanking you, I am yours faithfully,
(Sgd) NELLIE FREEMAN Hon. Sec.

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

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Notice of adjourned meeting

There will be a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on Monday 13 November 1939 at 1 30 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, to consider the remainder of the agenda adjourned from November 6 and any other matters that may arise in the interval.

JOHN PARKER

General Secretary

MEMBERS Cole, Mrs Cole, Davies, Durbin, Franklin, Gaitskell, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, White.

N B All members of the Executive Committee are invited to attend.

AGENDA for adjourned meeting of FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE at 1.30 p.m on Monday 13 November 1939 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

- 1. Conferences, lunches, etc.
 - a. Spring Lectures
 - b. Food Policy Conferences
 - c. Lunches
 - d. Christmas dance
 - e. Resolutions submitted by Mitchison and Ramage
- 2. Local Fabian Societies
- 3. Summer School
 - Appointment of 1940 Committee
- 4. Letter from Ethical Union
- 5. Publications
 - a. Tract on Food
 - b. Suggestion by Nicholson
 - c. Report of Tracts Committee
- 6. Relations with National Council of Civil Liberties
- 7. Staff and Air Raid Warnings
- 8. Fabian Women's Group
- 9. Other Business
- 10. Date of Next Meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

Financial Position at 3 November 1939

		£	s	d
Cash at Bank and in hand	3/11/39	225	4	4
Post Office account (less owing to Rabl etc (£140))		<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		285	4	4
		£	s	d
November commitments (estimated)		334	11	7
December " " "		<u>258</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>
		593	4	1

		1938 (both bodies)			1939		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
<u>Income</u> -	September	400	10	2	280	8	10
	October	404	2	1	376	4	1
	November	337	12	8			
	December	242	16	5			

September Income

	1938			1939		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Subscriptions	83	15	2	65	16	0
Donations	154	11	6	200	0	0
Lectures	114	11	0			
Conferences	3	15	3			
Publications &c	43	18	3	14	12	10
	<u>400</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

October Income

Subscriptions	151	0	5	205	9	9
Donations	34	5	0			
Lectures	174	7	0	81	13	0
Conferences				18	1	8
Publications &c	44	9	8	72	19	10
	<u>404</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

November Income

Subscription	188	12	0
Donations	55	16	0
Lectures	73	12	0
Publications &c	39	12	8
	<u>337</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

December Income

Subscriptions	157	14	0
Donations	49	8	6
Publications &c	31	15	11
Conferences	3	18	0
	<u>242</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>

MINUTES of the adjourned meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday 13 November 1939 at 1 30 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Franklin (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, Parker and Hughes.

- 1 Conferences, Lunches etc It was decided:
 - (a) not to hold spring lectures in 1940.
 - (b) to hold a weekend conference on Food Policy in January 1940.
 - (c) to hold a delegate weekend school on Food Policy in mid-February 1940.
 - (d) to ask the New Statesman & Nation to notice future lunches in 'The Coming Week'.
 - (e) to hold a Christmas dance in conjunction with the National Council for Civil Liberties.
 - (f) that the office should prepare a short paragraph of instructions to chairmen at conference sessions; it was suggested that questions should be discouraged at such meetings when not 'specialist'.
- 2 Local Fabian Societies It was decided to create these where suitable.
- 3 Summer School It was decided to hold this in 1940. The following were appointed Executive Committee representatives on the Summer School Committee: Mrs Cole, Davies, Franklin, Humphreys, Ramage, Robson, Blanco White.
- 4 Letter from Ethical Union This was referred to the Research Committee.
- 5 Publications
 - (a) Tract on Food This was to be published if approved by readers (Somerville Hastings and John Morgan).
 - (b) Tract on 'The Fifth Column' It was decided not to proceed with this under the Society's name.
 - (c) Report of Tracts Committee This was approved. It was suggested that Thomas Mann or Maurice Bonn should be asked to prepare 4.(b) if Wells refused. It was decided to approach the Labour Party about cooperation on 5(a).
 - (d) Schultz's pamphlet on Law of Public Meeting etc Publication was authorised subject to readers' approval (Galton and Jennings).
- 6 Relations with National Council for Civil Liberties These were reported on.
- 7 Staff and Air Raid warnings It was decided that the juniors should go to shelters when warnings sounded. The staff as a whole were advised to take shelter. Notices to this effect were to be put up in the office.
- 8 Fabian Women's Group It was reported that Mrs Crossman had offered to act as secretary; the possibility of reviving the group was to be investigated.
- 9 Sara Hall Trust It was reported that the Society should be able to benefit from its funds as described in Galton's letter.
- 10 International Section It was decided to ask the following to serve in future: Woolf (chair), Brailsford, Joan Bulmer, Gaitskell, A.T.K. Grant, Helen Grant, Vandeleur Robinson, Doreen Warriner, Arnold-Forster, Zilliacus, Tawney, Greaves.
- 11 Date of next meeting of Executive Committee To take place at the office on December 11 at 2 p m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday 6 November 1939 at 1 p m at the National Trade Union Club, 12 Gt Newport St, W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Franklin, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, Woolf, Parker and Hughes.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee of October 9
These were approved. It was announced that the conference on 'The Home Front' had been transferred to December 9-10.
Robson's report on the Society's obligations to its staff if called up was received; it was decided to take no further action for the present.
- 2 Hon. Secretary's Report on work in hand This was approved. It was decided to place the work on War Aims etc under a reconstituted International Section; a meeting of the Research Committee was to be called in the near future to coordinate work and to reconsider that put in hand on War Economics.
- 3 Financial Report This was approved. It was decided to approach suitable individuals for donations in the near future. The office was to consult with the Treasurer re purchase of paper.
- 4 Typewriters The office was to consult with the Treasurer re purchase of typewriter in part exchange.
- 5 Publications
 - (a) Where Stands Democracy? It was decided to accept Macmillan's offer to publish the autumn lectures; a royalty was to be asked for on a second edition.
 - (b) Tracts It was decided to authorise publication of 'Health Services in War', 'Relations with USSR', 'Evacuation', subject to readers' approval and subsidies where promised. Woolf, Forster and Pritt were appointed as readers of 'Relations with USSR' and Miss Lawrence and Mrs Drake of 'Evacuation'.
- 6 London Labour Party
 - (a) Mrs Drake's nomination to the Executive Committee was confirmed.
 - (b) It was decided to appoint Alderman Emil Davies LCC, Hugh Franklin and H.D.Hughes as delegates to the Annual Conference.
- 7 Other business It was decided to adjourn the meeting till Monday 13 November 1939 at 1 30 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, to complete business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday 11 December 1939 at 2 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meetings of **Finance** and General Purposes Committee of November 6 & November 13 (enclosed)
- 2 Minutes of Research Committee of November 6 (enclosed)
- 3 Auditors

The following resolution is proposed by the Hon. Treasurer:

"That the offer of Mr J. Ian Robertson, A.C.A., that his firm, Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co., Chartered Accountants, 36 Basinghall Street, E.C.2, should act as auditors to the Society without charge should be accepted."

- 4 Publications

Charles Smith's book on Food Policy has been accepted by Routledge subject to necessary revision.

- 5 International Discussion Group

This has been set up at the request of members. It meets weekly to hear papers. Its members are drawn by invitation from members of the Society.

- 6 Weekend Conferences

It is suggested that one be held in February on 'The Role of the Labour Party in Wartime'

- 7 Other business

- 8 Date of next meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Mrs Drake, Franklin, Haldane, Ramage, Robson, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Mitchison, Pritt, Blanco White and Woolf.

- 1 Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee (November 6 & 13)
These were approved.
 - (1) Weekend Conference on Food Policy It was decided to hold this on February 3-4; Orr was to be offered a 3rd class return fare with sleeper and hotel accommodation.
 - (2) Delegate One Day School on Food Policy This was to be held late in February or early in March.
 - (3) Report of Tracts Committee It was reported that readers were against publication of 'Health Services in War'. It was decided to approach representative Socialists for their views on Wells' 'Rights of Man' for publication with it as a pamphlet, with an introduction by Wells.
- 2 Minutes of Research Committee (November 16) These were approved with a verbal amendment to item 5.
 - (1) Correspondence with Ethical Union It was agreed to undertake the work asked and to appoint Miss Polly Hill to carry it out. Arrangements about expenses etc were to be made by the office. Bedford was suggested as the first centre.
 - (2) War Economics Committee A report on progress was made.
- 3 Financial Report This was accepted.
 - (a) It was agreed to submit claims for grants to the Billson Trust and Sara Hall Charities. It was reported that the former had paid £90 on deposit into the Society's account.
 - (b) It was decided to send out WHERE STANDS DEMOCRACY? to all two guinea members.
 - (c) It was decided to pay the Hereford Times for a stock of cover paper in 12 monthly instalments.
 - (d) It was reported that 67 new members and associates had joined since July 1.
 - (e) It was decided to invite new members and associates to a sherry party at the office on January 8 from 6-8 to meet members of the Executive Committee; Davies's offer to provide the sherry was accepted with thanks.
- 4 Auditors The following resolution was passed: "That the offer of Mr J. Ian Robertson, A.C.A., that his firm, Pegg, Robertson, Antroub & Co., Chartered Accountants, 36 Basinghall Street, E.C.2, should act as auditors to the Society without charge should be accepted." It was agreed to thank Mr F.W. Bacon for his past services as auditor.
- 5 Publications
 - (1) Food Policy It was reported that Routledge had agreed to publish this, subject to the Society taking 50 copies at a reduced rate for resale to members. This was agreed.
 - (2) Health Services pamphlet It was agreed to publish four memos by R. Beach Thomas if revised to form a suitable pamphlet.
- 6 International Discussion Group It was decided to remit further arrangements for its organisation to Ramage and the officers, who were to report back.
- 7 Weekend Conference on 'The Role of the Labour Party in Wartime' It was decided to propose a programme for consideration by the next F G P C.
- 8 Date of next meetings It was decided to hold an E C in January and an F G P C in February, and to continue alternate meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month: (1) FGPC - Jan 8; (2) EC - Feb 12; (3) FGPC - Mar 11 etc. These were to be held at 4 p m at the office.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday 8 January 1940 at 4 pm at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Emil Davies, Franklin, Ramage, Blanco White, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Durbin and Robson.

- 1 Report on Membership It was reported that paid up membership on 1 January 1940 amounted to 1715; those in arrears numbered 168, of which 73 were more than 4 months overdue. It was decided to remove the latter group from the Society's books if they did not pay up after receiving a special appeal.
- 2 Financial Statement This was accepted. It was decided that no action could be taken on Haden Guest's proposals, as the Society was not a 'charity'.
- 3 Executive Committee Membership
 - (1) Hugh Gaitskell's resignation It was decided to report this to the Executive Committee.
 - (2) Submission of new names to E.C. It was decided to suggest for cooption Mrs Bolton, Crossman, Ernest Davies, Creech Jones and Mary Sutherland.
- 4 Leap Year Dance and Social It was decided to hold this.
- 5 Letter from Davies re a Member It was decided to refuse admittance to meetings and to the summer school to this member.
- 6 Report on International Group This was accepted. It was decided that the chairman should be a member of the Society and that non-members should be encouraged to join within a certain period.
- 7 Labour Party in Wartime It was decided to hold a weekend conference on this subject; suggestions were made as to speakers and programme.
- 8 London Labour Party Peace Aims Conference It was decided to send Franklin, Ramage and Hughes as delegates, with such other members of the Executive Committee as wished to attend.
- 9 New Publications
 - (1) Reprint of Robson's article from Political Quarterly as a tract It was decided to investigate costs and to publish if the Tracts Committee approved it as not likely to involve undue expense.
 - (2) Tract on France It was decided to publish this subject to readers' approval (Robson and Chatham House French expert).
- 10 Research Work for Ethical Union It was reported that Polly Hill had obtained a post in the civil service and therefore could not undertake this work. It was decided to approach Miss Beach Thomas and offer the work to her; if she was unable to accept the following were to be considered: Henry Smith, Peggy Jay and Ruth Fasnacht.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

Members more than four months in arrears at 8 January 1940

Mark Auliff	Edmund Lucas	Mr & Mrs P Vinter
B G Barnett	H D McIntosh	J van Overloop
H W Wells	N C MacIver	E von Hofsten
S H Best	R C Master	G H Walker
D F Buckley	Kenneth May	E Irene Walker
D A Cassie	Dr E Meyer	F Watson
R Channell	J S Middleton	R W Western
S H Crack	A M Miller	Bryce Wood
D Dering	P E Miller	Allan Young
D Deolin	N H Moller	C H Wilmet
E G Devons	C Newby	Rev G C N Webb
E Dunn MP	A D K Owen	
L Dunstan	Mrs G H Parfitt	
R Edwards	G H Parfitt	
F Elkington	G G Raphael	
H Finer	P Rennell Rodd	
D Gordon	M Rogers	
H Gordon Dean	Camille Rose	
Rev A Hall	R C Roth	
J C Harris	Jaladhi Lal Roy	
J D Howard	Harry Samuels	
Mrs B Hunter	Lady Sanderson	
M R Jellicoe	W Stephen Sanders	
A E Jolis	D M L Shelmerdine	
E J Jones	J Smeal	
P Kleinhandler	A B S Soper	
Hans Kohn	S Poplar D L P	
E C Lascelles	R Taylor MP	
J Lewis	M S Terry	
Mrs N Lloyd	J G C Thistle	
Lord Lothian	F E Towndrow	

Analysis of Membership at 1 January 1940

Paid up - Full Members and Associates

Less than 10/-	132	
10/- & 10/6	610	(579 + 13)
Over 10/6 & under £1	27	
£1 & £1/1/-	550	(516 + 34)
Over £1/1/- & under £2	26	
£2 & £2/2/-	214	(191 + 23)
Over £2/2/-	60	
Honorary wartime & pensioner members	28	
	1647	(including 70 'joint' members)

Subscribing Bodies: 10/6	5	}	24
£1/1/-	6		
£2/2/-	10		
Over £2/2/-	3		

Local Societies: 5/-	1	}	6
10/6	1		
£1/1/-	3		
£2/2/-	1		

Library Subscriptions: 7/6	30	}	38
5/-	8		

TOTAL PAID UP SUBSCRIPTIONS 1715

Arrears

Members & Associates (73 more than 4 mths)	164
Subscribing bodies	4
Local Societies	4
Book box subscribers	13

TOTAL ARREARS NOT YET CROSSED OFF 185

Number of Fabian News sent to members etc ..	1900
Number of Fabian News sent for members of Local Societies	137
Number of free copies sent out	74

TOTAL FABIAN NEWS SENT 2111

Short Summary (excluding 'joints')

	Fabian Society		N F R B	
	No.	%	No.	%
			1/4/38	
Library Subscriptions	38	2.3	14	1.8
Under 10/-	161	9.7	31	4.0
10/- & under £1	630	38.4	323	41.6
£1 & under £2	551	33.5	256	33.0
£2 & over	265	16.1	152	19.6
	1645	100.0	776	100.0

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday 12 February 1940 at 4 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 11 December 1939 (enclosed)
- 2 Minutes of meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee of January 8 (enclosed)
- 3 Executive Committee Membership
 - (a) Resignation of Hugh Gaitskell
 - (b) Cooption of new members

The FGPC suggest that the following be approached: Mrs Bolton, Crossman, Ernest Davies, Creech Jones, Mary Sutherland.

- 4 Arrangements for Election of new Executive Committee, Annual Report, Annual General Meeting, etc
- 5 Research Projects

It is suggested that these should be referred for decision to the Research Committee to be held in near future after a general discussion (Date to be fixed)

- (a) State Control of Industry in the 1930s
 - (b) Economic Development of the African Colonies
 - (c) The Effect of the War on Culture
 - (d) The State and the Family
- 6 Report on appointment of Research Worker to carry out work for the Ethical Union

The Hon. Secretary and Gen. Secretary suggest that Mrs Peggy Jay LCC be appointed

- 7 Financial Report

8 Publications

(a) Book on Government Control of Private Industry

The sub-committee (Robson, Mrs Cole & Parker) recommend that it should not be published. It is suggested that the material collected should be used in further research.

(b) Book by Doreen Warriner on Economic Development of Eastern Europe after Hitler (readers to be appointed)

(c) Tract on the Needs of the People

It is suggested that a tract based on Sir John Orr's speech at the recent conference should be published.

9 Report on Conferences

It is suggested that one on Ministry of Supply Questions should be held near London on Apl 28-29.

10 Report on Proposed Reorganisation of Women's Group

11 Labour Party Conference (Whitsuntide 1940)

(a) Appointment of delegate

(b) Nomination of candidate for election to Executive Committee (if any)

12 Date of Next Meetings

(a) Executive Committee

(b) Finance & General Purposes Committee

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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

A meeting of the TRACTS AND PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE will be held at the Fabian Society office, 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 5 30 pm on Wednesday 14 February 1940.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 8 November 1939
(enclosed)

- 2 Report on proposal for a series of essays
on H.G.Wells's Rights of Man

- 3 Consideration of proposals for future work:
 - (1) Socialism and War
(Ernest Davies' outline enclosed)
 - (2) Railway Nationalisation
(Ernest Davies' outline enclosed)
 - (3) Reprinting of Robson's article on
'Evacuation, Town Planning and War'
from Political Quarterly
 - (4) Community Centres
(W.Babbage's draft enclosed)

- 4 Any other business

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

Members are asked to bring suggestions for future tracts to this meeting.
N.B. A tract should be not more than 6,500 words in length.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 12 February 1940 at 4 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Drake, Durbin, Franklin, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, Woolf, Parker and Hughes. Apologies from Mrs Cole, Davies, Humphreys, Galton, Guest.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 11 December 1939 These were approved.
- 2 Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee of 8 January 1940
These were approved. It was decided to ask the Tracts Committee to consider a tract on the Report of the Royal Commission on Location of Industry.
- 3 Executive Committee Membership
 - (1) The resignation of Hugh Gaitskell was accepted with regret.
 - (2) It was decided to ask the following to serve as members for the remainder of the year: Mrs Bolton, Crossman, Ernest Davies, Creech Jones, Mary Sutherland.
- 4 Arrangements for Election of new Executive Committee, Annual General Meeting, Annual Report, etc It was decided to invite nominations for the Executive Committee in the April NEWS, nominations to close on Monday 22 April, ballot papers to be issued with the May NEWS, the poll to close on Monday 20 May, the election results to be announced in the June NEWS, with which the notice of the Annual General Meeting to be sent out. The Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday 17 June. A draft of the Annual Report was to be submitted to the Executive Committee meeting on April 29.
- 5 Research Projects After some discussion it was decided to refer (a) Economic Development and Social Policy of the African Colonies, and (b) The State and the Family, and (c) State Control of Industry in the 1930s, to the Research Committee for further discussion with a view to submitting two projects to the Leverhulme Trust for grants. Preference was shown for (a) and (b).
- 6 Appointment of Research Worker to carry out work for the Ethical Union
The appointment of Mrs Peggy Jay ICC was confirmed.
- 7 Financial Report This was accepted. It was decided, with the Treasurer's consent, to purchase a year's supply of duplicating paper, envelopes etc.
- 8 ICC Chairmanship It was decided to congratulate the Treasurer on his election to this office.
- 9 Publications
 - (a) Proposed book on Government Control of Private Industry It was decided to accept the report of the sub-committee (Robson, Mrs Cole and Parker) against publication. The material was to be filed for use in further work.
 - (b) Book by Doreen Warriner on Economic Development of Eastern Europe after Hitler Woolf, Yates and Mitrany appointed as readers.
 - (c) Tract on The Needs of the People It was decided to publish Sir John Orr's speech as a tract if he agreed.
- 10 Conferences It was decided to hold a specialist conference by invitation on April 27-28 to deal with Ministry of Supply questions.

- 11 Proposed Reorganisation of Women's Group Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake and Mrs Spikes were to take the necessary steps for this purpose. If any alteration of bylaws was necessary it was to be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 12 Labour Party Conference (Whitsuntide 1940)
 - (a) Miss Susan Lawrence was appointed as the Society's delegate.
 - (b) It was decided not to nominate any candidate for the National Executive.
- 13 Newsletter for Serving Members The Hon. Secretary and the General Secretary were to act as an Editorial Committee; Robson and Mitchison were to be consulted if need arose. Copies were to go to the Executive Committee as issued.
- 14 Date of Next Meeting
 - (1) March 11 - The Finance & General Purposes meeting fixed for this date was to become a meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - (2) April 29 - Executive Committee.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the TRACTS AND PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE held at 5 30 pm on Wednesday 14 February 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Mrs Cole, Ernest Davies, Ramage, Hughes, Padley.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 8 November 1939 These were approved.
- 2 Report on Tracts approved at previous meeting It was reported that FOOD IN WARTIME, by Charles Smith, and EVACUATION, by F. Le Gros Clark and R.W. Toms, had been published.
It was decided not to continue with the proposals for publications on Relations with USSR, Health Services in Wartime, Directory of Controls and Controllers, and the symposium on Wells' Rights of Man.
- 3 Publications It was decided to publish Orr on Nutrition and, if thought fit by the Honorary Secretary, Babbage on Community Centres.
- 4 Future Work
 - (a) The Case for Railway Nationalisation Ernest Davies to prepare a tract; this to be read for publication by Ramage and George Ridley.
 - (b) How to Pay for the War A symposium of opinions to be obtained on Keynes' revised scheme. This to consist of four 1200 word essays and a reply. One opinion to represent the non-technical working class point of view. Authors to be chosen from Durbin, Clarke, G.D.H. Cole, Jay, Pethick Lawrence and Harold Clay.
 - (c) Why I Fight W.G. Shebbeare to be approached for a tract on why a young socialist soldier supports the war.
 - (d) Songs for Socialists Publication of a selection of Labour songs to be considered.
 - (e) Cole to be approached re publication of lecture on The Economic Future of the World.
 - (f) Socialism and War Deferred for further consideration of possible authors.
- 5 Next Meeting Not fixed.

RICHARD PADLEY
Research Secretary

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday 11 March 1940
at 4.15 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of February 12 (enclosed)
 - (1) Executive Cooptions
 - (2) Leverhulme Research Projects

- 2 Autumn Lectures - suggested programme etc

- 3 Assistant Secretaryship - arrangements if
 Hughes is called up

- 4 Conferences
 - (1) Position re private conference on Supply
 (April 27-28)
 - (2) Suggested conference on Political Principles

- 5 Report on Women's Group

- 6 Reception to New Members in April

- 7 Other Business

Some financial information is enclosed about various
of the Society's activities. This is to be put before
the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 11 March 1940 at 4 15 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Creech Jones, Davies, Mrs Drake, Franklin, Galton, Guest, Miss Lawrence, Robson, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Ernest Davies, Durbin, Haldane, Miss Sutherland and Woolf.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of February 12 These were approved. It was announced that all those invited to join the Executive Committee had accepted.
- 2 Autumn Lectures It was decided to hold these on 'What Are We Fighting For?' in a suitable hall capable of holding about 500 persons on Thursday evenings at 6 15 from the beginning of October.
- 3 Assistant Secretaryship It was reported that Hughes might be called up in the near future. Should this happen it was decided to allot him £100 yearly whilst away on service. The Gen. Secretary, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were appointed as a sub-committee to take any necessary steps to fill the wartime vacancy. They were given powers to coopt and to offer a salary up to £250 a year.
- 4 Conferences
 - (1) Private Conference on Supply The position on this was reported. The Gen. Secretary and the Hon. Secretary were empowered to take any necessary action on the matter.
 - (2) What will Great Britain be like after the war? It was decided to hold a weekend conference on this subject on June 1-2. The drafting of a detailed programme was referred to the Gen. Secretary, Hon. Secretary and Miss Lawrence.
- 5 Report on Women's Group This was received.
- 6 Reception to New Members The Chairman and Hon. Secretary offered to invite them to sherry at the office on April 29 at 6 p m.
- 7 Scottish Fabian Conference Hughes's report was received.
- 8 Means Test Report It was decided to appoint Robson, Mrs Drake, Franklin and Polly Hill as a committee (with powers to consult) to draw up a report on this subject.
- 9 Evacuation Book It was reported that difficulty was being experienced about publication. Franklin offered to approach Messrs Routledge. Power was given to the Gen. Secretary and Hon. Secretary to arrange publication if necessary with a small subsidy.
- 10 Recordership of Croydon The committee decided to send their congratulations to Mr G.R. Blanco White on this honour.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

COST of VARIOUS ACTIVITIES of the FABIAN SOCIETY :: Notes for consideration by the Executive Committee at their meeting on Monday 11 March 1940

The following is a brief note, for the information of the Executive Committee, of the cost to the Society of its various activities. It should be observed that, except in the case of the Lectures, no allowance is made for office expenses, postage, printing, typing, etc. It is assumed that these are borne on the general account; and it would be almost impossible, and certainly a great waste of labour, to ascertain what proportion of running costs should be borne by any one activity.

(1) Lunches Surplus of £6 on five lunches. Most of the surplus is attributable to the Keynes lunch; but none show a loss.

(2) Conferences Surplus of £31 on three conferences, all held in London. This is probably rather higher than might ordinarily be expected, as the expenses were low, and the conference on War Aims attracted an unusually large attendance. It can be assumed, however, that conferences will pay for their hotel outgoings and leave something to spare. The circulation of the summary report (not included in the costing) is a fair sized item, and I should be glad to know whether it is considered valuable.

(3) International Discussion Group There will probably be a slight net loss on this, the exact amount depending on the number of meetings held during the summer. It can hardly be more than two or three pounds, against which we should set the enrolment of a dozen or so new members.

(4) Dances Only two have been held: the first made a profit of £3, the second (which was crowded out) of about £4.10.0.

Summarising, therefore, these four activities, it would seem that in no case is there serious loss to the Society, and that if they are taken as a whole there is an appreciable gain apart from their advertising value in making and keeping membership. If the Summer School were included the gain would be a good deal more; but it is quite impossible to predict what the financial result will be of a Summer School held in wartime.

(5) Tracts The cost at present of issuing an ordinary Tract is about £18.10.0 for a print of 5,000, of which roughly 2,000 copies are distributed to members and for review purposes etc. On a production basis, the cost of the copies of each Tract distributed in return for subscriptions received is about £7.10.0. Of the four Tracts published since the outbreak of war:

THE HOME FRONT has cleared its total cost.

EVACUATION (of which 1250 copies were bought on special terms by outside organisations) has nearly cleared its total cost, and probably will do so.

FOOD IN WARTIME (which was a rather more expensive production) will easily clear the cost of copies other than members' copies. It has not been out long.

INDIA was a loss on any calculation.

(6) Pamphlets Taken as a whole, the research pamphlets represent a loss, though occasionally one, such as GERMAN AND CZECH, or THE CITY TODAY, strikes a popular demand and sells rapidly. A shilling pamphlet, with a free list of approximately 1000 (including members' copies) gets back its total cost and makes a surplus on an average sale of 1000; a sixpenny, with a free list of 2000, does the same on a sale of 2000. Up to the end of 1937 the average annual loss, assuming about 5 pamphlets published in a year, was about £40. 1938 was a very good year, but in 1939 sales, especially Gollanz's sales, dropped fairly heavily. This was partly because we did not find a best-seller, and partly because the amalgamation removed over 1000 potential buyers to the free list. This year is likely to show a further immediate decline, as most of the pre-war issues may have to be written off.

(7) Fabian News and the Fabian Quarterly are net liabilities. The News costs about £70 a year, the Quarterly rather over £100. A little revenue is derived from sales of the Quarterly, but not much. Sales through Gollanz, partly by reason of their great delay in publishing it, have fallen almost to zero, and in future Gollanz will not handle it at all.

(8) Books These are all net gain, with the exception of the first book ever produced by NFRB. The actual sums range between £6.10.0 for ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (to September last) to £113 for THE BRITISH CIVIL SERVICE and £70 for PUBLIC ENTERPRISE (both to end of 1938). It is obviously impossible to give any annual estimate of revenue from books; but as there have yet been no financial statements on either the 1938 Lectures, HITLER'S ROUTE TO BAGDAD or UNEMPLOYMENT SERVICES, and as BRITISH FOOD POLICY has been accepted for publication, there will obviously be some substantial revenue accruing during the next financial year, quite apart from any new work which may be produced. This can be set off against the loss on pamphlets mentioned in Section (6).

(9) Lectures 1939 The Lectures showed a final deficit of £49. Fifty pounds had already been expended before the war - this included printing the syllabuses. A further £27 was involved in the change of venue - overprinting of syllabuses, new tickets, forfeiture of guarantee to Friends' Hall, etc. This expenditure would not be incurred again, and there is room for a good deal of saving on the advance publicity and printing. It would seem, therefore, that a little luck might enable us to break even, though we should not be able to count on the lectures as a source of revenue while the war lasts. (Income from reprints, if the lectures are reprinted, I have counted as revenue from books.)

Summarising all the foregoing, I think we may say that, in very general terms,

- (a) Items 1-4 - the more or less social activities - will bring in enough to pay for Fabian News.
- (b) The Lectures ought to be able to cover their own expenses.
- (c) Tracts will mean a deficit, but not a large one, provided the subjects are carefully chosen.
- (d) Revenue from books will more than cover loss on pamphlets, probably on Tracts as well.
- (e) If the Summer School is anything like as successful as last year's, it should easily account for the deficit on the Quarterly. This would mean that these activities of the Society balance with one another, and that the entire sums taken in subscriptions, donations, etc, are available for office running. It seems to me that this is a healthy condition of things.

MARGARET I. COLE
Hon. Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 29 April 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Bolton, Margaret Cole, Emil Davies, Ernest Davies, Drake, Galton, Humphreys, Creech Jones, Lawrence, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, Sutherland, Blanco White, Woolf, Parker, Hughes.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 11 March 1940 Approved.
- 2 Autumn Lectures
 - (a) Hall The Central Hall was favoured; if not free, the Essex and Conway halls to be approached.
 - (b) Chairmen

Oct 3	Sankey or Snell
10	Woolf or Creech Jones
17	Gollancz or Cripps
24	Bevin or Creech Jones
31	Greenwood
Nov 7	Pritt
- 3 Annual Meeting
 - (a) Annual Report Considered in detail and approved.
 - (b) Financial Statement " " " " "
- 4 Members A list of members joining and in arrears was considered and appropriate action taken.
- 5 Tellers David Freeman and E.J.Howell to be asked to serve.
- 6 Publications The following were approved: LABOUR'S NEXT STEP, THE STATE AND THE RAILWAYS - Ernest Davies.
The Hon. Secretary and Asst Secretary were authorised to proceed with the preparation of a socialist songbook.
The synopsis of a pamphlet on Ireland was to be submitted to Prof. Meredith, S.Kyle and Denis Ireland.
- 7 Conference on Post War Settlement To be arranged.
- 8 Assistant Secretary & Research Secretary Report received.
- 9 Resolution by Mrs Drake After discussion, the previous question was moved and carried by 10/4.
- 10 Women's Group The Secretary to be informed that the Rules did not permit resolutions to be submitted by the Society to the Annual Conference of Labour Women.
- 11 Date of Meetings An expanded Research Committee with executive power to meet at 4 15 p m on Monday 20 May 1940.

FABIAN SOCIETY :: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET LONDON S W 1

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT for

	£	s	d	£	s	d	last year	£	s	d
Office Expenses:-										
Salaries	1371	5	8				}	1657	0	5
Housekeeper	61	6	4					204	5	6½
Coal, light, etc	170	5	6					158	12	9
Mortgage interest, rates, less receipts for subletting	60	14	6					102	16	8
Rent, Great James St, less receipts for subletting	36	13	4					209	1	11½
Postages, parcels, telephone, etc ...	329	10	6				}	392	13	11½
Office and stationery	305	6	3					32	1	6
Despatch of Fabian News	43	8	0							
General Printing	61	14	6							
				2440	4	7				
				265	10	0				
Pensions				50	8	4				
Sweden Book Account				12	19	2				
Research Account balance										
Affiliation Fees and Grants:-										
Labour Party	23	3	9					31	7	9
London Labour Party	4	13	4					5	3	10
Sundry	3	15	6					1	1	9
								31	12	7
Balance transferred from										
Lectures and Conferences Account				19	6	0				
Publications Account				172	1	3				
				2992	1	11				

BALANCE SHEET as

Liabilities	£	s	d	£	s	d	last year	£	s	d
Sundry Creditors	111	13	4							
Deposits at Credit	234	6	7							
				345	19	11		367	5	8½
Special Funds:-										
For Research	30	14	2					3	6	6
Scholarship Fund	8	7	9					180	2	6
Staff Pension	180	2	6							
				219	4	5				
Bad Debt Reserve				20	0	0		20	0	0
Loan on Mortgage				2500	0	0		2500	0	0
Revenue Account:-										
Balance at 31 March 1939 - NFRB	620	10	3							
Less Fabian Society	173	14	1							
				446	16	2				
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	332	1	11					114	14	3
				3199	18	7				

year ended 31 MARCH 1940

	£	s	d	last year	£	s	d
Subscriptions	1919	18	8	}	2229	18	7
Special Donations	547	10	0				
Sales of Library Books	80	7	7				
Balances transferred from							
Bookshop Account	26	5	10				
Summer School	85	17	11		165	15	9
Balance as per Balance Sheet	352	1	11				

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at 31 MARCH 1940

Assets	£	s	d	£	s	d	last year	£	s	d
Cash at Bank				116	2	1		364	14	0½
Sundry Debtors:-										
Pamphlets and Tracts	21	18	4							
Royalties	112	16	7					177	0	8½
Deposit Account	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>							
				137	18	6				
Stock:-										
Tracts	54	0	0							
Library	25	0	0							
Furniture	66	18	0							
Paper, stencils, etc	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>					224	1	7
				245	18	0		200	0	0
Investment Account				200	0	0		200	0	0
Freehold Property				2500	0	0		2500	0	0

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	£	s	d	BOOKSHOP		
	£	s	d	last year		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Purchase of Books and Publications ..	118	1	1	156	7	3
Balance transferred to General Account	26	5	10			
	<u>144</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>			

PUBLICATIONS						
Stock of Pamphlets etc at 31 March (estimated)	104	0	0			
Printing Tracts and Pamphlets	344	18	0	203	13	10
-do- Fabian News	74	8	6	90	11	0
-do- Quarterly	109	19	6	79	12	6
	529	6	0			
	<u>633</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>			

LECTURES, CONFERENCES						
Expenses:-						
Conway Hall Lectures	189	1	3	288	6	8
Conferences	74	10	11	155	4	3
Lunches	56	10	9			
Dances	55	13	0			
At Home	20	12	3	18	4	10
Dinner	14	4	11			
-do- balance from NFRB	3	18	6			
International Discussion Group	6	14	3			
Livingstone Hall Lectures (1939)	23	8	0			
	<u>444</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>			

1939 SUMMER						
Expenses of Summer School	547	0	1	522	11	5
Balance transferred to General Account	85	17	11			
	<u>632</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>			

STAFF PENSION						
Balance forward	180	2	6			

SCHOLARSHIP						
Grants	11	0	0	12	10	0
Balance forward	8	7	9	3	6	6
	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>			

PROPERTY						
Fredhold Property	2500	0	0			

SUNDRY RESEARCH						
Expenses	18	9	2			
Balance forward	30	14	2			
	<u>49</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>			

INVESTMENT						
Investment (Post Office Bank deposit)	200	0	0			

ACCOUNT

	£	s	d	last year		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
Sales of Books and Publications (non-Fabian)	144	6	11	219	9	3
	<u>144</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>			

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ACCOUNT

Sales of Tracts and Pamphlets	241	17	10	402	17	5
Royalties	156	18	5			
Advertisements	5	11	0	13	16	0
Soldiers' News Letter	2	17	6			
Stock of Books at 31 March 1940	54	0	0			
Balance transferred to General Account	172	1	3			
	<u>633</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>			

ETC ACCOUNT

Admission Receipts:-

Conway Hall	139	7	0	415	1	0
Conferences	105	6	4	175	17	7
Lunches	68	2	6			
Dances	65	6	0			
At Home	20	10	0	15	9	6
Dinner	12	0	6			
International Discussion Group	14	15	6			
Balance transferred to General Account	19	6	0			
	<u>144</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>			

SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts from Summer School	632	18	0	904	12	9
	<u>632</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>			

FUND

Balance from 1938/39	180	2	6
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FUND

Balance from 1938/39	3	6	6
Donations	16	1	3
	<u>19</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>

ACCOUNT

Loan on Mortgage	2500	0	0
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FUNDS

Donations	49	3	4
	<u>49</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

ACCOUNT

Balance forward	200	0	0
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NOTE on FINANCE

The General Revenue Account shows a debit balance of £356.9.11, compared with an estimated debit of £70. This is due to two main factors - a loss of approximately £50 on the Autumn Lectures, which on the average bring in a surplus of £175 a year, and a fall in the amount of special donations to £547, whereas the Fabian Society and NFRB have in the past raised as much as £1,400 in this way, and it was estimated that the joint Society might raise £700. On the other hand, it is gratifying to note that subscriptions total just £100 more than the amount received by both societies, that the Summer School did rather better than average, that receipts on books published for the Society are up, and that conferences, lunches, social activities and the International Affairs Group are all covering their expenses (not of course allowing for overheads).

The Expenditure figures approximate very closely to what was anticipated. Compared with the previous year there is of course a considerable increase in pamphlets, tracts and the Quarterly, with a larger free circulation, and in general printing. The revised format of the NEWS is however considerably cheaper to produce, but this is offset by the cost of filling and dispatching it together with the tracts and pamphlets sent out to members.

For EC on 29 Apr 40

<u>Jan</u>	Joan Barraclough (A)	G Nyren
	T Burns	J Light
	Stephen Murray	?Pratuit
	Raymond West	H C Dent
	P W Johnson	C S A Benham
	Maurice G Blackburn	<u>Mar</u> Michael Ashcroft
	Mary F Hillman	D Sington
	Wm Piercy	Bosworth Monck
	P Lamartine Yates	Wm Kershaw Duckworth
	Christina Yates	W Durham
	H E Caustin	Donald Sandral
	A T Hoffler	Pictorial Charts
	Donald Bobin	Gabrielle Irwin
	Norma Shebbeare	B Holtz Smith
	G Bishop	R Bassett
	M Briscoe	Philip Butler
	Jessie Hudson	<u>Apl</u> G Archibald
	Alan B Catling	Dorothy H Archibald
<u>Feb</u>	Mrs Mary Whelan	Dennis Adams
	C P Wright	Peter McG Bulwer
	J F Burnet (A)	C A R Crosland
	P M Short	Thomas Newmark
	Dr A Fraser	Dorothy E Keen
	Julius Meinl	Hector Hughes
	Birmingham Public Library	Doris Smith
	Joan Bourne	J W Saunders
	N A Berkoff	J W G Cameron
	V Adamson	Dr Wm A MacIlrath
	W T Blake	Dennis Bell
		C Eric Pring
		J Stewart Cooke

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

MEMBERS in ARREARS to whom FINAL LETTER has been sent :: 29 April 1940

Paul Anderson	J McLellan
Edward Baars	Geoffrey Le M Mander
Donald Barber	Mrs Clare Millikan
Herbert Betuel	C M Napper
National Society of Brass and Metal Mechanics	Ronald Ogden
J Gordon Campbell	K C Harvey Parker
Dr Stella Churchill	Mrs K M Parker
M E B Colbran	J G Pattison
De A E Croke	Mrs Ruth Pearson
G W Dillon	The Hon. Mrs Lion Phillimore
P M Dott Memorial Library	A Reingand
Mrs E M Evans	H R C Rowley
John W Farnsworth	M Schonfeld
Donald M Fraser	Max Seligman
Herbert R Gibbs	W D Sharp
Annabel Harper-Nelson	Brian Simon
H O Heather	B S Sullivan
G C Jennings	Dr Edith Summerskill
Rosamond Jevons	G W Thomson
J F Kingscote	Harold L Walker
D W S Lidderdale	Richard F Watt
E Lipscombe	Mrs Peter Whitelock
	D W Young

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For Minutes of
Combined Executive +
Research 2/15/40

See Research
Minute Book

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday 10 June 1940 at 4 30 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1. Please make every effort to be present.

The following motion is put down at the request of the chairman:

"That the Committee cannot endorse the General Secretary's action in removing certain members of the Society from the list of members without consulting the Executive Committee or giving the members concerned a chance of answering the questions raised concerning their eligibility for membership".

Relevant documents are enclosed.

JOHN PARKER

MINUTES of a special meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 4 30 pm on Monday 10 June 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Crossman, Davies, Mrs Drake, Franklin, Haldane, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, Parker, Hughes. Apologies received from Humphreys, Susan Lawrence, Mary Sutherland and Woolf.

- 1 Hermann Levy Tract M.I.Cole and R.J.Padley to see Levy and suggest redrafting tract. Research pamphlet on industrial health to be put in hand. The latter was to be shown to Ramage, Hardie, White and Thompson for their comments.
- 2 Expulsion of Members Correspondence received from I.Montagu, Bernard Shaw, the Chairman, the General Secretary, G.R.Shepherd, L.Woolf and S.Lawrence. Resolved:
 - (a) That in the opinion of the Executive Committee, on the existing rules of the Society and the constitution of the Labour Party, the eight persons who have been named as having been transferred to associateship have not ceased to be members of the Fabian Society by reason of the fact that they ceased to be eligible to be individual members of the Labour Party.
 - (b) All future questions of expulsion to be placed before the Executive Committee, and the individuals to be informed before any expulsion should take effect.
 - (c) The Executive Committee does not propose to accept for membership candidates who are not eligible for individual membership of the Labour Party.
- 3 Anglo French Project
 - (a) Minutes of sub-committee of May 29 were endorsed.
 - (b) Powers to appoint an editor-research worker for one year were given to a sub-committee consisting of Margaret Cole, Crossman, Zilliacus and John Parker. Yates to be appointed as additional research worker if funds available from Rowntree.
 - (c) The working editorial committee (and the Chairman) were given full powers to proceed with a regular bulletin and the preparation of supplements etc for existing journals.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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for Special Meeting of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE to be held on Monday 10 June 1940, at 4 30 p.m at the Fabian Society offices, 11 Dartmouth St, S W 1.

- 2 Anglo-French Project
 - (a) Minutes of meeting of sub-committee of 29 May 1940 (enclosed) *
 - (b) Arrangements for appointment of research worker
- 3 Hermann Levy Tract - proposed publication
- 4 Research Secretary's Salary (deferred from last meeting of the Executive Committee)
- 5 Other business

* See Research etc
Minute Book

Summary of the Facts

Mr Ivor Montagu wrote in to the office after seeing the notice of the Executive Elections in the Fabian News to ask why he had not received a ballot paper. He was told that as he was a member of the Communist Party he was not eligible for full membership of the Fabian Society and therefore was not entitled to vote for the Executive Committee. He replied indignantly protesting at his transference to the ranks of the associates without having been informed directly that this had been done. He went on to ask why all sympathisers with Soviet Russia had not been treated in the same way including our President, Mrs Webb. Subsequently a letter was received at the office from Bernard Shaw saying that Montagu had been in touch with him and also asking if all sympathisers with Russia were to be expelled. These two letters were shown to the Hon. Secretary and the Chairman, and the Executive has been called at the latter's request to go into the matter. Mr Montagu's position has been referred to Mr George Shepherd, the Labour Party National Agent, who has promised to submit a considered reply in the immediate future.

JOHN PARKER General Secretary

Chairman's Statement

Dear John,

Margaret showed me last night the letters from Montagu and Bernard Shaw. . . I cannot help thinking that you were very ill-advised if, as I understand, you removed certain fully paid-up members of the Society from the members' to the associates' list without either informing the Executive or informing the members themselves of the change in their status. Such action seems to me both a gross violation of elementary principles of justice, in that it involves condemning the individual without giving him a chance to put his case, and also a remarkable usurpation of authority on your own part in a matter of principle which ought to have been determined by the Executive Committee. You will doubtless remember that when the new rules came into operation the question was definitely raised whether existing members who had joined under the old rules of either Society, or under the transitional rules in force for the first year of the amalgamation, should be asked to sign the new Constitution; and it was agreed that they should not be asked to do this. I, for one, regarded this as meaning that nothing would be done to disturb existing members - at any rate without a further decision of the Executive.

There seem to be three points involved: first, any member, before being struck off or transferred to the associates' list, has surely a right to be informed of what is being done, and given a chance of answering any allegations against him. Apart from this, to transfer a man from the members' to the associates' list without informing him, and then to continue to take his subscription, is to obtain money under false pretences. On both these grounds what has been done seems to me to be wholly indefensible. Secondly, any decision to exclude or transfer a member is surely a matter of policy, which ought to be determined by the Executive Committee, and reported to the Annual Meeting if the exclusion is made on grounds of principle applicable to a number of individuals. I cannot regard it as any part of the duties of the General Secretary to take action in such a matter without consultation with the Executive.

These two issues, raising matters of elementary justice and general principle in the government of the Society, stand on a different footing from the third issue, to which I will come in a moment. Before I do so, I must

(4)

add that in my view the refusal of ballot papers for the Executive election to certain members under the conditions above described, is sufficient to invalidate the election, and I shall feel compelled to put this point strongly to the Executive. It could conceivably be put right by the issue of late ballot papers to the members concerned, and by holding up the election results until these papers, if returned, have been added to the totals already counted - of course, under supervision of the scrutineers. This might possibly re-validate the election. At present my feeling is that it is invalid.

The third issue is of quite a different order, since it raises a matter of policy. It is arguable that we ought, under our new rules, to exclude existing members who would not be eligible to join now under the amended rules. Personally I should be strongly opposed to this, and I believed that this was the view which the Executive had taken. Existing members stand, of course, on a different footing from persons desiring to join now that the new rules are in force; but in the case of new members I do not think that the General Secretary has any right to reject an application on the ground of his personal belief that the applicant is ineligible under the rule. I should have thought his correct course in any case of doubt was to write and ask the prospective member whether he was in a position to accept the rules of the Society. A negative answer would of course settle the matter; and any doubt remaining ought surely to be reported to the Executive Committee.

G. D. H. COLE

General Secretary's Statement

(1) In my opinion Mr Ivor Montagu was not entitled to be a full member of the Fabian Society either before or after the amalgamation, which has not altered its position as a political body affiliated to the Labour Party. He joined the Fabian Society over twenty years ago and (according to his own statement) became a member of the Communist Party nine years ago. On doing so, he should have informed the Society of his position, when he could either have resigned or have been transferred to the ranks of our associates. Members of the Society must know from its rules that it is affiliated to the Labour Party, and on leaving or being expelled from the Labour Party, whether they inform the office or not, they must expect the Labour Party's rules about membership to come automatically into operation.

(2) In support of my statement that the amalgamation has not altered the position of members I would point out that:

- (a) The New Fabian Research Bureau definitely refused membership to those who were not eligible to be members of the Labour Party (NFRB Rule 3: 'Membership shall be open to individual members of the Labour Party or to such members of bodies affiliated to it as are not members of any other political party. Associateship shall be open to other persons . . . interested in the objects of the Bureau, at the discretion of the Executive Committee'). Whilst General Secretary of the New Fabian Research Bureau I always endeavoured to carry out this rule, and when it came to my notice that subscribers were not eligible to be members they were automatically transferred to associateship. (This did not often happen and in practice made no difference save the removal of their right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.)
- (b) The Fabian Society, as a political body affiliated to the Labour Party, must have accepted the Labour Party's overriding rules about membership. I assumed that this meant that those who were not eligible to belong to the Labour Party were naturally classified as associates.

In any case, I did not think the matter of very great importance to the vast majority of the membership, as there is no practical difference between the privileges given to members and associates save with regard to affiliation through the Society to the Labour Party and of voting for the Executive Committee and at the Annual General Meeting. I assumed that those to whom these matters were of importance must have fully understood the position with regard to membership of a body which was affiliated to the Labour Party.

(3) What has happened

Only persons known to be ineligible to be members of the Labour Party have been transferred to associateship. In any case of doubt a member would either be written to and asked as to their exact position or, if that did not solve the difficulty, the case would have been brought before the Executive Committee.

In November last when our affiliation fee to the London Labour Party became due, a purge of members who were in arrears with their subscriptions was carried out to prevent the payment of unnecessary affiliation fees. All the London members (and then those in the country) were gone through to see that we did not pay affiliation fees for persons not eligible to be members of the Labour Party. Sir Stafford Cripps, George Strauss, Sir Charles Trevelyan, Mrs Van der Elst, Lord de la Warr and Commander Young were thus placed in the ranks of the associates. (George Strauss later rejoined the Labour Party and was again entered as a full member of the Fabian Society.) At a later date it was announced in the press that George Mathews (Labour Candidate for Mid-Beds) and John Morris (Strauss's Secretary) had joined the Communist Party and resigned their Labour Party membership. They also were then made associates. Ivor Montagu himself, during his controversy in our publications with Arnold-Forster about the war, definitely stated in a covering letter that he had been a member of the Communist Party for the past nine years. He was then entered as an associate. When Pritt was expelled from the Labour Party he approached me about his membership of the Society, and after discussion he agreed that he would have to become an associate until such time as he was able to rejoin the Labour Party.

When the ballot papers for the recent Executive Committee election were sent out they went automatically to all full members of the Society and not to associates.

(4) The Validity of the Elections

This is of course a matter for the Executive Committee to decide. I would point out, however, that only 8 persons - apart from Pritt - have been transferred since the amalgamation to the ranks of the associates, and there are 12 votes separating the last of the successful members of the new Executive Committee and the first unsuccessful candidate.

JOHN PARKER

Dear Mr Barker,

I have to thank you for your letter, dated 29th May 1940, and would first draw your attention to the terms of affiliation to the Labour Party. Clause III of the Party's Constitution and Standing Orders reads as follows:

Each affiliated organisation must

- (a) Accept the Programme, Principles and Policy of the Party.
- (b) Agree to conform to the Constitution and Standing Orders of the Party.
- (c) Submit its Political Rules to the National Executive Committee.

The Fabian Society is affiliated to the Party under Clause II of the Constitution as a 'Socialist Society' and has the same rights and responsibilities as any other affiliated organisation.

Unlike Trade Unions the Fabian Society's only function is political. Its full membership, therefore, is affiliated to the Labour Party. In our view this means that the Fabian Society is under an obligation not to accept into full membership persons associated with political parties in opposition to the Labour Party, or persons who cannot accept the implications in the Society's affiliation to the Labour Party.

Since the rules of the Fabian Society state 'The Society shall be affiliated to the Labour Party' (third paragraph Section 2) and that 'Membership of the Society shall be open to all those willing to accept the rules of the Society' (Rule 4) it is clear that your Society makes acceptance of the principle of affiliation to the Party, with all that this implies, a matter for major declaration by full members of the Society. Further, as the Fabian Society has been an affiliated organisation since the inception of the Party it is clear that no one can argue that he was unaware of the fact and its implications.

A member of the Communist Party cannot be deemed to be a person capable of accepting the rules of the Fabian Society since acceptance implies agreement to conform to the Constitution and Standing Orders of the Party, and acceptance of the Programme, Principles and Policy of the Labour Party.

Apart from these implications, arising from affiliation, it appears clear to us that a member of the Communist Party cannot honestly accept Clause II of your rules which lays it down that the establishment of a Socialist Society shall be sought 'by the methods of political democracy'.

The adoption of amended rules, in 1939, by the Fabian Society raises an important issue. Clause III, Section I (c) of the Party's Constitution, quoted above, states that an affiliated organisation shall submit its rules to the National Executive Committee for approval. This was not done, and although we are not anxious to create difficulties at the present time, we are of the opinion that consultations should take place between your Executive Committee and the Party concerning the Society's rules.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) G. R. SHEPHERD

National Agent

Copy of Letter dated 6 June 1940 from Leonard Woolf to the Chairman

Dear Douglas,

I am very sorry that I shall not be in London on Monday for the special Executive meeting. I dont know whether it is in order for me to express an opinion without hearing the discussion. It is that

(1) No member should be removed from the list of members (except in the case of non-payment of subscription) without

- (a) notice that such action is to be taken
- (b) an opportunity being given to him of stating his objections to the removal of his name
- (c) authority of the Executive Committee both to the giving of notice and the final decision

(2) In view of the last par in Parker's statement, as the votes of the persons affected could not influence the results of the election, I think it would be pedantic to hold that the election is invalid and that we must incur the expense of holding a new election.

Yours,

(Sgd) LEONARD WOOLF

The Question of Ivor Montagu

(Susan Lawrence has asked that the following statement should be placed before the Executive Committee of 10 June 1940, as she is unable to be present)

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The main points as I see them are these:

- (1) Is Ivor Montagu eligible to be a member of the Fabian Society?
- (2) Did the Secretary do right in withholding the ballot papers on his own authority?
- (3) Ought Ivor Montagu to have been informed?

(1) I strongly disagree with Cole's view that 'any decision to expel a member is a matter of policy to be determined by the Executive'. This is only so if the particular case is not covered by the rules. Such cases, can be readily imagined - a member e.g. might be convicted of some scandalous offence. But where it is a question of a rule, the Executive's only duty is to administer the rule; and it is bound to act strictly and enforce the rule. Can a Communist be a member of the Society? I think, in the first place, that the words in Rule 2, 'It seeks to secure these ends by the methods of political democracy,' makes and was intended to make a line of distinction excluding Communists. No members of the Communist Party can (under Rule 4) accept this condition. Secondly, the Fabian Society is affiliated to the Labour Party. An affiliated organisation must accept the programme, policy and principles of the Party, and accept the Constitution and standing orders. The Trade Unions have, it is true, a percentage of their membership who are not affiliated to the Labour Party - but the unaffiliated are not represented at Conference and can take no part in the Party. If the Fabian Society provided in its rules for two sets of members, the case would be different; but it does not. All members, under Rule 4, must obey Rule 2. Cole says 'that there was an understanding that old members should be exempted'. But the question is what the rules say - not what people thought they meant. (If it comes to thinking, I certainly never thought that Communists could be included.) That the Executive did not require old members to sign is perfectly irrelevant. The Executive may have done right, or it may have done wrong in administering the rule, but the rule stands on the authority of the Annual Meeting; and I repeat, in matters which have been so decided, the Executive's duties are purely administrative.

(2) As to the General Secretary: Generally speaking, it is agreed that just as an Executive acts for the General Meeting between its meetings, so a Secretary acts for an Executive between the meetings of the Executive. He does so on his own responsibility, and the Executive can reverse his decisions; but a reasonable liberty to take decisions is necessary for the proper conduct of business. In the present case, as far as I understand, a decision had to be taken forthwith. I think that it was right for the Secretary to take a decision; whether that decision was correct is something which the Executive can review.

(3) Ivor Montagu ought most certainly to have been informed. This is an elementary principle of justice, however clear the case, and however heinous the crime. // I think therefore:-

- (a) Ivor Montagu is excluded by the rules from being a member of the Fabian Society.
- (b) The Secretary was right to refuse him his ballot papers.
- (c) But it was certainly wrong to do so without informing him.

A. SUSAN LAWRENCE

(9)

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- 2 Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.
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- 4 Annual Report Approved.
- 5 Accounts The Treasurer moved his Report, and this and the accounts were adopted with a vote of thanks to the auditors.
- 6 Auditors Messrs Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co were reappointed for the year 1940/1.

The meeting then adjourned.

David Freeman

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the elected members of the new EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the Alliance Hall on Monday 17 June 1940.

Present G.D.H.Cole, Margaret Cole, A. Emil Davies, A. Creech Jones, Susan Lawrence, Ellen Wilkinson, L.Woolf, K.Zilliacus, Parker, Hughes.

- 1 Minutes of joint meeting of Executive & Research Committees on May 20 These were approved. It was decided to refer consideration of the Anglo-French research and bulletin to the next meeting.
- 2 Minutes of special meeting of June 10 were approved, subject to the above.
- 3 Coopted Members of Executive The following were to be invited to serve as coopted members for the year 1940/1: I.M.Bolton, Polly Hill, H.Humphreys, G.R.Mitchison, H.Franklin, T.G.N.Haldane, G.Ridley (or F.O.Watkins). Two places were left vacant.
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A meeting of the elected members of the new EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting at the Alliance Hall, Palmer Street, S W 1, on Monday 17 June 1940. (Annual Meeting begins at 6 p m)

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 10 June 1940
- 2 Election of officers for 1940-1941
- 3 Cooption of further members of the Executive Committee
- 4 Other business

JOHN PARKER
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JOHN PARKER

General Secretary

- 1 Minutes of meeting of June 17 (enclosed)
- 2 Appointment of Officers
- 3 Arrangements to be made in case of emergency in London
 - (a) As to organisation
 - (b) As to premises
- 4 Reappointment of Research Secretary
- 5 Appointment of Committees
 - (a) Finance & General Purposes
 - (b) Research
 - (c) Tracts and Propaganda

(It is suggested that the Research Committee, at its next meeting, should revise the personnel of sectional committees)
- 6 Work of the Society in the immediate future
A short note of work at present completed or in hand appears below, and the report of the Anglo-French Committee will be given to the meeting.
- 7 Other business
- 8 Date of next meetings - (a) Research (b) Finance and General Purposes (c) Others

JOHN PARKER General Secretary

REPORT on Work at present completed or in hand

Completed

- EVACUATION SURVEY - in the press (book)
- FOOD POLICY IN WAR TIME - in the press (book)
- EASTERN EUROPE AFTER HITLER - in the press (1/- pamphlet)
- RAILWAYS IN WAR - in proof, being revised (6d pamphlet)
- EDUCATION OF THE ARMY - being redrafted, to be published jointly with British Institute of Adult Education (? 6d pamphlet)

In hand

- AN ECONOMIC POLICY FOR THE AFRICAN COLONIES - $\frac{2}{3}$ completed (book)
- Series of studies in other African problems in hand
- INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND THE WAR - drafted by Levy, being redrafted (tract or pamphlet)
- Inquiry into Price Rings in Distribution - Levy, sanctioned, not yet begun
- The Means Test, the Poor Law, and the machinery of control under the Churchill Government - work in progress

Note

- (1) Only work which is actually being done is listed here, with the exception of Levy's study. There are some other projects which have been sanctioned, but for various reasons have not yet been started.
- (2) Past work of the Society, e.g. on Milk and Food Distribution, is now being extensively used by Government Departments. It is thus of great importance that work should be planned so that the best possible material may be available when required.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 24 June 1940 at 5 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Davies, Mrs Drake, Franklin, Haldane, Polly Hill, Mitchison, Mary Sutherland, Robson, White, Zilliacus, Parker and Hughes. Apologies received from Humphreys.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of June 17 These were approved.
- 2 Cooption to Executive Committee It was decided to ask F.C.Watkins and Haden Guest to serve for the coming year.
- 3 Appointment of Officers It was decided to appoint Mrs Webb as President, G.D.H.Cole as Chairman and Margaret Cole as Hon. Secretary; the post of Hon. Research Secretary was to be left open for the time being.
- 4 Arrangements in Case of Emergency
 - (a) Organisation Cole, Mrs Cole, Davies and Parker with such members of the E.C. as might be available were authorised to act on behalf of the Society.
 - (b) Premises The Emergency Committee were authorised to make any decision which might be necessary.
- 5 Research Secretary It was decided to reappoint Richard Padley at a salary of £250 a year at a month's notice on either side until he should be called up. It was decided that no addition could be made to his army pay in such an event.
- 6 Appointment of Committees The following were invited to serve:
 - (a) Finance & General Purposes Mrs Bolton, Cole, Mrs Cole, Davies, Durbin, Franklin, Humphreys, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson and Blanco White.
 - (b) Research Mrs Bolton, Cole, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, Durbin, Franklin, Polly Hill, Guest, Laski, Miss Lawrence, J.H.Martin, Mitchison, Robson, Woolf, Zilliacus, and a representative of the Haldane Society.
 - (c) Tracts & Propaganda Mrs Cole, Crossman, Ramage, Ellen Wilkinson, Watkins and Zilliacus.
It was decided to ask the Research Committee to revise the personnel of its sectional committees at its next meeting.
- 7 Anglo-French Committee It was decided to appoint the following: Cole, Mrs Cole, Crossman, Hauck, Mitchison, Pickles, Robson, Tawney, Woolf, Zilliacus and Parker.
 - (a) Anglo-French Bulletin The report of the sub-committee considering this was accepted. It was decided (i) to publish a supplement to the current New Statesman to be edited by Cole, Hauck & Zilliacus; (ii) to make arrangements for supplements to other suitable journals and for a regular bulletin.
 - (b) Research It was decided to appoint Miss Marguerite Dasnières for a year's work at a monthly salary of £20 subject to a month's notice on either side. Zilliacus's outline was accepted as a basis for work. Cole and Mitchison agreed to guarantee the New Statesman supplement financially if necessary; the Anglo-French Committee were empowered to take any necessary action provided sanction was obtained from the Treasurer for any expenditure from the Society's general fund.
- 8 Report on Work in Hand This was accepted.

- 9 Fabian News It was decided to dispense with the August number and bring out the July number a little late. (55)
- 10 Sub-tenant It was reported that our sub-tenant wished to leave, handing over office furniture in lieu of rent due. The General Secretary and Treasurer were empowered to deal with the matter.
- 11 Date of Next Meetings (1) Research - July 15 at 4 p.m.
(2) Executive - July 22 at 5 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at 4.30 on Monday 16 September 1940 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 24 June 1940
- 2 Minutes of Research Committee of July 15
- 3 Minutes of Anglo French Committee of August 2
- 4 Co-opton of further member
- 5 Social Committee to be appointed
- 6 Autumn Programme
 - (a) Report on Lectures
 - (b) Weekend Conferences
- 7 London Labour Party Conference Appointment of Delegates
- 8 Ethical Union Report on completion of Aylesbury survey
- 9 Staff Report on position
- 10 Ireland pamphlet - Appointment of readers
- 11 Other Business
- 12 Date of next meetings

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 16 September 1940 at 4.30 pm at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

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Present Cole (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Drake, Mitchison, Ramage, White, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Mrs Cole, Franklin and Mary Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 24 June 1940 These were approved.
- 2 Minutes of Research Committee of July 15 These were approved.
- 3 Minutes of Anglo-French Committee These were approved. It was decided to refer back the proposal for the publication of a bulletin and that an attempt should be made to place articles in various papers. Approval was given for the cooption of M. Moutet.
- 4 Summer Activities Reports were made on the Summer School and the Society's participation in the Man Power Survey and the preparation of a book, ANDERSON'S PRISONERS.
- 5 Cooption of new member It was decided to coopt Mrs Spikes.
- 6 Social Committee It was decided to appoint Miss Acheson as Social Secretary; the office were to consult with Miss Acheson and White about future activities and further members.
- 7 Autumn Programme
 - (a) Lectures It was decided to hold these on Saturday afternoons, if necessary at the Essex Hall. Alternative speakers were suggested if those who had accepted were unable to change their dates.
 - (b) Weekend Conferences Inquiries were to be made as to a suitable hotel outside London area where one could be held in December.
- 8 London Labour Party Conference Davies and Mrs Drake were to be asked if they wished to represent the Society. If they did not wish to do so Franklin, Hughes and Ramage were to be sent.
- 9 Ethical Union It was announced that the Aylesbury Survey had been completed and sent in.
- 10 Staff Davies, Mrs Cole and Parker were empowered to fill any emergency vacancy.
- 11 Ireland Pamphlet Mrs Bolton and White were appointed as readers.
- 12 Date of Next Meetings
 - (a) Research Committee - September 23.
 - (b) Anglo-French Ctee - September 19.
- 13 Venue of Meetings Inquiries were to be made about meeting at County Hall or a hotel for lunch.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at P E P, 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S W 1, in the small lunch room, at 1 p m on Monday 28 October 1940. Lunch will be served, price 2/-.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of September 16 (enclosed)
- 2 Minutes of Research Committee of September 23 (enclosed)
 - (a) Anglo French Committee
 - (b) Fabian Colonial Bureau
- 3 Research Appointments
- 4 Summer School Report
- 5 Lectures Report
- 6 Report on other activities - International Affairs Group
Tea Dance
- 7 Financial Statement
- 8 List of New Members (to be put before meeting)
- 9 List of Members & Associates to be struck off (ditto)
- 10 Proposed Song Book
- 11 Other Publications - Keir Hardie
- 12 Other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth St,
S W 1, at 1 pm on Monday 28 October 1940.

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Present Davies (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, Franklin,
Haldane, Creech Jones, Mitchison, Ramage, Robson, Mrs Spikes,
Miss Wilkinson, Woolf, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were
received from Cole and Humphries.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of September 16 These were approved.
- 2 Minutes of Research Committee of September 23 These were approved.
- 3 Fabian Colonial Bureau It was decided to create this organisation under the chairmanship of Creech Jones M.P. and to appoint Dr Rita Hinden as Secretary. A further £150 (transferred from Anglo-French research) was to be added to the £50 already allotted to Dr Hinden for colonial research, and a salary of £200 paid her for a year's work. Every effort was to be made to raise special funds for further work in this field.
- 4 Research Appointments It was decided to confirm the following appointments to fill Padley's vacancy:-
 - (1) Joan Clarke as Research Secretary at £150 a year (part time), and
 - (2) Douglas Smith as Assistant Research Secretary at £100 a year (part time).
- 5 Summer School Report This was accepted. It was announced that considerable difficulties were resulting from Mrs Beaumont's delay in completing the accounts.
- 6 Lectures Report This was accepted. It was decided to accept the Labour Book Service offer to publish and to pursue the offer from the New York Nation to bring the lectures out as articles.
- 7 Distribution of Lecture Volume to £2.2.0 members It was decided to send out the LBS edition if possible; failing this the ordinary edition was to be distributed.
- 8 Other Activities These were reported on. It was announced that a tea dance was to be held at the Caxton Hall on Saturday 16 November, and a weekend school immediately after Christmas near London.
- 9 Financial Statement This was approved. The need for raising fresh funds in the near future was emphasised.
- 10 List of New Members This was received.
- 11 List of Members and Associates to be struck off This was accepted; it was decided to approach some once more.
- 12 Song Book Progress was reported.
- 13 Other Publications
 - (1) Army Education It was announced that the Institute of Adult Education was unable to collaborate in its publication.
 - (2) Keir Hardie Publication was authorised.
- 14 General Secretary Parker reported that he had been asked to act as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Ellen Wilkinson; he did not think that the new work would lessen the time given to the Fabian Society. It was decided to agree to the new arrangement provided the General Secretary and Hon. Secretary reported to the Executive Committee if this was not the case.

A meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1 (snack lunch) at 1 p m on Monday 9 December 1940.

Members of the Executive Committee are invited to attend. The Pictorial Press are sending a representative to photograph the Committee at 12.15, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will arrange to be present.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of Executive Committee of October 28 (enclosed)
- 2 Financial Statement (documents enclosed)
- 3 Appointment of Summer School Committee for 1941
- 4 Other business
- 5 Date of next meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

NOTE to Statement on Financial Position 1940-1941

The attached figures show that with the exception of the de Peyer £1000 (which has special expenditure allocated against it), and £50 just received, no donations have been received so far in 1940/41, compared with £725 from July-December last year. The result is a deficit on the year's working so far of about £80, and an estimated deficit by March 31 of about £270. Of the £1000, about £550 has so far been spent on the special purposes for which it was allocated, and another £150 will be spent in the next quarter. The cash position on December 1 was £108 in the bank and £208 in the post office. On the other hand, debts (Rabl and Standing) have been reduced by £215 since April 1, and £257 has been spent on paper, of which approximately £200 is still in stock.

EXPENDITURE

INCOME

	<u>Estimated</u>				<u>Estimated</u>						
	<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>		<u>Income</u>				
	<u>Oct-Dec 1939</u>	<u>Oct-Dec 1940</u>	<u>Oct-Dec 1940</u>	<u>Oct-Dec 1940</u>	<u>Oct-Dec 1939</u>	<u>Oct-Dec 1940</u>	<u>Oct-Dec 1940</u>	<u>Oct-Dec 1940</u>			
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d		
Office Expenses:											
Salaries	322	0	5	322	19	2	Subscriptions	612	14	0	
Do. (de Peyer a/c)	-	-	-	136	2	10	Donations	312	10	0	
Housekeeper	13	9	0	13	9	0	Publications:				
Coal, light etc	23	8	1	25	0	0	Fabian	69	10	10	
Mortgage interest							Other	34	15	6	
rates & incme tax	85	1	2	92	0	0	Conferences	19	18	6	
Postages, tel etc	126	1	10½	120	0	0	Lunches	18	6	8	
Office expenses							Sale of library bks	58	6	3	
& stationery ...	104	5	3	80	0	0	Royalties	-	-	-	
Wrapping F N ...	12	8	0	-	-	-	Rent	25	0	0	
Anglo French Bulletin	-	-	-	30	0	0	Lectures	-	-	30	
General printing ..	11	8	6	10	0	0	Summer School	-	-	266	
Affiliation fees ..	7	8	10	7	8	10	Tribune	-	-	26	
Books purchased							Ethical Union	-	-	10	
for resale	29	7	2	35	0	0	Advertisements ...	2	6	6	
Printing:											
Tracts & pamphlets	120	14	11	80	0	0					
Fabian News	21	7	6	20	0	0					
Quarterly	27	12	6	25	0	0					
Pensions	84	0	0	84	0	0					
Debt reduction ...	44	6	11	-	-	-					
Summer School	94	15	2	-	-	-					
Dance	-	-	-	10	0	0					
	1127	15	½	1090	19	10		1136	0	1	
									1197	10	0

	<u>Estimated</u>				<u>Estimated</u>						
	<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>		<u>Income</u>				
	<u>Jan-Mar 1940</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 1941</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 1941</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 1941</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 1941</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 1941</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 1941</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 1941</u>			
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d		
Office Expenses:											
Salaries	320	13	6	328	5	0	Subscriptions	651	10	9	
Do. (de Peyer a/c)	-	-	-	139	10	0	Donations	12	10	0	
Housekeeper	13	9	0	13	9	0	Publications:				
Coal, light etc	31	8	0	35	0	0	Fabian	87	12	5	
Mortgage interest,							Other	40	7	0½	
rates etc	14	7	6	14	7	6	Conferences	14	11	11	
Postages & tel ..	81	19	0	100	0	0	Lunches	10	13	3	
Office expenses							Sale of library bks	14	10	4	
& stationery ..	123	3	10½	100	0	0	Rent	25	0	0	
Wrapping	10	7	0	-	-	-	Tribune	-	-	26	
Anglo French Bulletin	-	-	-	5	0	0					
General Printing ..	41	11	11	10	0	0					
Affiliation Fees ..	23	13	9	16	0	0					
Books purchased											
for resale	45	3	10½	35	0	0					
Printing:											
Tracts & pamphlets	80	6	2	80	0	0					
Fabian News	20	13	0	20	0	0					
Quarterly	25	1	8	25	0	0					
Pensions	84	0	0	84	0	0					
Debt reduction ...	36	10	0	-	-	-					
Free books	-	-	-	22	10	0					
	952	8	3	1028	1	6		856	15	8½	
									836	10	0

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 1 pm on Monday 9 December 1940.

Present Mrs Cole (chair), Mrs Bolton, Davies, Mrs Drake, Franklin, Mitchison, Mrs Spikes, Miss Sutherland, Robson, White, Parker and Hughes. (8)

- 1 Minutes of Executive Committee meeting of October 28 Approved.
- 2 Financial Statement This was approved. It was decided to seek individual donations to get a reserve to carry the Society through the next summer. The position of the Society in the event of serious air raid damage was to be investigated.
- 3 Summer School
 - (a) The following were appointed to the Summer School Committee for 1941: Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Franklin, Davies, Humphreys, Ramage, Blanco White.
 - (b) Difficulties in getting a full statement of accounts from the 1940 manager were reported. Parker was asked to see Beaumont, and a registered letter was to be sent to Mrs Beaumont offering Miss Gibson's services to clear the matter up.
- 4 New Members' Reception It was decided to hold this on a Saturday afternoon in mid-February.
- 5 Date of next meeting of Executive Committee January 13.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday 13 January 1941 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1 at 1.0 pm (lunch 1/6).

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of F G P C of 9 Dec 1940
 - (a) Air raid damage - position
 - (b) New members' Reception (list enclosed)
- 2 Arrangements for election of Executive Committee, Annual Meeting etc
- 3 Suggested Future Conferences
 - (1) One day (London) February 23 - 'Industry & State in War'
 - (2) Long weekend (Frensham) Easter - Two or three different discussions
- 4 Arrangements re Future Publications
 - (1) Pamphlets
 - (a) Assistance Board
 - (b) Rehabilitation of Disabled Workers
 - (c) Educational Provisions for Defective and Difficult Children
 - (2) Books
Electoral Reform
- 5 Report on Anglo-French Bulletin
- 6 Report re staff changes
- 7 Other business
- 8 Date of further meetings.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

New members, 22nd October to 7th January 1941.

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October.

L. A. Curry 10/6
Philip R. Prior 21/-
C.M.Cadogan 21/-

November.

Joan Cockswoth 10/6
V.E.Trey 10/6
C. Gross 10/6
J. Halevy 5/-
Rev. H.E. Worledge 10/6
S.R.G.Keed 5/-
E.J. addington 10/6
Miss Gertrude Williams 21/-
J. Cates 10/6
Miss N.M.Jeans 10/6
Miss Evelyn Cowley 10/6
Miss A. Solan 10/6
A.C.A. Rainer 10/6
P.J.H. Hornby 10/6
Margo " 21/-
Oliver Powell 10/6
Bernard Drzewieski 10/6
James Brodie 10/6
R.H.Evans 5/-
H. J. Rae 48/-
Frank Dawson 10/6
J. P. Datta 10/6
L. Bielinky 5/-
Mrs. C. Guest 10/6

December (contd)

J.L.Hammond 42/-
Vernon Bartlett 10/6
Olive C. Sampson 10/6
Alex Craig 10/6
Wallis B. Hardy 10/6
John Stone 42/-
Jean Barnett 10/6

January

Mrs. Nancy Burton 10/6
Douglas Smith 10/6

December.

Miss Betty D. Nathan 10/6
Thomas Ashford 10/6
Cuido A. Sting 10/6
Mrs. Q. Seeley 10/-
Richard Jonas 10/6
T.C. orsley 21/-
Miss H. Spikes 5/-
Miss D. Hovell 10/6
Miss E. Hurley 10/6
Mrs. J. W. Field 10/6
C. L. Dowell 5/-
Kenneth Brill 10/6
Greta Heertzee 10/6
Dr. Hermann Mannheim 10/6
Mrs. L. Borchardt 42/-
Reginald A. Peslett 10/6
Howard Fox 5/-

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 13 January 1941 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1, at 1 p.m.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Davies, Mrs Drake, Franklin, Polly Hill, Creech Jones, Ramage, Robson, Mrs Spikes, Mary Sutherland, Blanco White, Ellen Wilkinson, Woolf, Zilliacus, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Humphreys and Haldane.

1 Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee of 9 December 1940

These were approved.

(a) Air Raid Damage (i) It was decided to approach the Post Office Engineering Union re an alternative address. (ii) A detailed inventory of the Society's property was to be prepared and insurance was to be taken out under the War Damage Bill. (iii) Part of the Society's stock of paper and publications were to be stored at 74 Holders Hill Road, N.W.4.

(b) New Members' Reception This was to be held on February 22 at 2.30 at the office. It was announced that Mrs Drake had kindly offered to act as hostess.

2 Arrangements for election of Executive Committee etc

- (i) Announcement re E.C. elections in April N.E.S.
- (ii) Nominations to be in by April 22.
- (iii) Closing Day - E.C. elections - May 20
- (iv) Annual Meeting. To be held at Alliance Hall on June 23 at 6 pm.

3 Future Conferences

(1) One Day (London)

- (i) February 23 - Two sessions on 'The Need for Socialisation in Wartime'.
- (ii) March 16 - Two sessions on France.

Suggestions as to speakers were made; the office was to obtain speakers.

(2) Long Weekend - Easter It was decided to hold this. Arrangements were referred to the Summer School Committee, who were asked to consider cheaper fees for students.

4 Future Publications

(1) Pamphlets

- (a) Assistance Board Readers appointed: Polly Hill, Mrs Malone, Mary Sutherland.
- (b) Rehabilitation of Disabled Workers Readers appointed: Dr Morgan, F. Stillwell, and Smythe or Barbara Wootton.
- (c) Educational Provisions for Defective Children Readers appointed: Martha McCullough and Mrs Drake.
- (d) Billeting Readers appointed: Ellen Wilkinson, Robson, Susan Lawrence.

These were to be published when ready if readers' reports favourable.

(2) Book - Electoral Reform It was decided to take no action on this at present.

5 Report on Anglo-French Bulletin This was received.

6 Report re Staff Changes It was reported that D. Smith, Assistant Research Secretary, had left to take up the post of Assistant Editor of The Tribune, and Miss Z. Minardière appointed as Clerical Assistant at £3.5.0 per wk. Approved.

7 Summer School Committee Next meeting to be January 22 at 3.45 pm. In the event of the Nursery failing to appoint a representative, Miss W. Holland to be asked to serve.

8 Date of Next Meeting This was not fixed.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday 3 March 1941
at 2 30 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of Executive Committee meeting of Jan 13
(enclosed)
- 2 Proposed International Bureau
(A statement is to be circulated before the meeting)
- 3 Report of Colonial Bureau (enclosed for information)
- 4 Proposed taking over of bi-monthly paper EMPIRE to
act as organ of Colonial Bureau (Mr Frank Horrabin
has offered the paper to the Society and is pre-
pared to guarantee us against any loss for the
first year)
- 5 Autumn Lectures
Consideration of desirability of holding, possible
programme, etc
- 6 Circulation of Publications
Report on attempts to increase
- 7 Local Societies
Discussion on desirability of increasing, etc
- 8 Date of Next Meeting
- 9 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As a number of members cannot attend the next meeting
(March 3) in the afternoon the time has been altered
and the meeting will now take place at 1 0 p m sharp.
A snack lunch will be served.

25 February 1941

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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

Present Davies (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, Franklin, Polly Hill, Creach Jones, Mitchison, Robson, Mrs Spikes, White, Zilliacus, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Cole, Durbin and Humphreys.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of January 13 These were approved. It was decided:-
 - (a) Air Raid Damage That the officers should make arrangements to take out the maximum insurance possible.
 - (b) Office of President To accept Mrs Webb's resignation and to make no new appointment; Davies was to ~~send~~ a letter of appreciation. *draft*
 - (c) Mrs Beaumont's Accounts To send a monthly reminder asking for these to be completed and for the log book to be returned.
- 2 International Bureau It was decided to set up such an organisation under a constitution to be approved of by the Executive Committee. It was agreed that Miss Doreen Warriner should act as Hon. Secretary; that Miss Warriner, the Hon. Secretary and Gen. Secretary should be empowered to appoint an Assistant Secretary at £3 to £3.10.0 a week for an initial period of 6 months; and that accommodation should be found at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

The scope of the Bureau's work was fully discussed, and the draft submitted amended. It was decided to invite 12 of the following to serve on a working committee: Noel Baker, Woolf, Yates, Brailsford, Barbara Wootton, Zilliacus, Laski, F. Williams, Benson, Tait, Rennie Smith, Mackay, Kingsley Martin, Bartlett, Margaret Cole, Parker.

Proposals for further developments of the Bureau's work were to come before the Fabian Society Executive for approval.
- 3 Colonial Bureau Reports were accepted.
- 4 Empire It was decided to take over this paper to act as the organ of the Colonial Bureau. Horrabin's offer to present this paper to the Society and to guarantee it against loss for a year was gratefully received.
- 5 Autumn Lectures It was decided to hold these on Saturday afternoons beginning in the middle of October. Davies's offer to cover all loss up to £100 from a trust fund was gratefully accepted.
- 6 Circulation of Publications It was announced that a traveller was being employed part time at £1 a week for an original period of two months. This was approved.
- 7 Local Societies Consideration adjourned.
- 8 Appointment of Delegate to Annual Conference It was decided to take no action until the next meeting.
- 9 Army Pamphlet The preparation of such a pamphlet based on a new questionnaire was approved.
- 10 The Officers were empowered to sponsor a research project to be submitted by Dr W. Schutz for a grant from the Society for the Protection of Science and Learning if satisfied of its merit.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

The International work of the Society has for some time suffered from lack of attention and organisation. At the present time, there is a great need for more socialist thought and pressure on the Government on matters of foreign policy, and the presence of representatives of many foreign socialist groups in London provides an unrivalled opportunity for exchange and coordination of ideas. The success of the Colonial Bureau offers great hopes for the prospects of similar work on International Affairs.

The Hon. Secretary and the General Secretary have therefore made efforts to raise money for the establishment of an International Bureau. An offer of £200 has now been received, with the condition that such a Bureau, although nominally independent, should be controlled by the Executive Committee, which should appoint its staff and committee and approve its rules, aims and publications. This would enable the Bureau to be established for an initial period of six months, and there are good prospects of obtaining further donations should the results justify this.

Miss Doreen Warriner (author of Eastern Europe after Hitler) has offered to act as Honorary Secretary and to devote a considerable amount of time to its organisation.

As in the case of the Colonial Bureau, it is proposed to appoint a working committee and to establish advisory panels of experts, MPs and foreign socialist representatives. It is suggested that twelve of the following be invited to serve on the working committee: Noel Baker, Yates, Woolf, Brailsford, Barbara Wootton, Zilliacus, Laski, F. Williams, Benson, Tait, Rennie Smith, Mackay, K. Martin, V. Bartlett, G.F. Hudson, M.I. Cole, J. Parker.

The attached statement of immediate aims has been drafted for consideration by Miss Warriner, and approved by the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society.

The Executive Committee agrees -

- (1) That a constitution for the Bureau defining its relationship to the Society should be submitted for approval.
- (2) To appoint a full time Assistant Secretary (salary £3 to £3.10 per wk) for an initial period of six months. Miss Warriner, the Hon. Secretary and General Secretary were empowered to make such an appointment.
- (3) To give permission for office accommodation to be provided at 11 Dartmouth Street for the use of the Bureau.

Suggested Scope of Work of the International Bureau

The aim of this Bureau should be to approach the study of international affairs on a socialist basis, and to act as a stimulus to discussion on socialist questions and to provide some facilities for research.

Its objects may be generally indicated as follows:-

(1) To clarify the conditions of a new epoch of socialist cooperation in Europe through personal contacts and discussions between members of the Fabian Society and European socialists now in this country.

This might be undertaken by organising regular discussions, special-lectures, and conferences.

(2) To prepare for a common outlook on problems of post war reconstruction from a socialist standpoint particularly as to:-

(a) Methods of implementing the Labour Party's international policy with special reference to European settlement and relations with the U.S.S.R.

(b) Anglo American relations.

(3) To prepare the ground for a coordinated socialist policy during and after the war and to secure the support of public opinion in this country for socialism in Europe.

This work might be undertaken by a special discussion group between members of the International Bureau and the leading European socialists. A panel of speakers should be organised who can represent the common outlook arrived at under heading (2). Other publicity activities might be developed, such as special conferences. Relations should be established with corresponding groups in U.S.A. and the Dominions, and with other bodies in this country interested in the study of international affairs.

In preparing this note I think it desirable at this stage to avoid all discussion of the national issues and to hope that by discussion of the problems common to all we shall arrive at a sufficiently unified standpoint to discuss the national questions in the framework of a general European policy.

D. WAINMAN

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A special meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE will be held at 12 30 p m on Tuesday 18 March 1941 to deal with the following formal business. The meeting will be concluded before lunch.

A G E N D A

- 1 To empower Davies, Margaret Cole and Parker to represent the Society for the purposes of a Bond with Lord Faringdon for the payment to the Society of £50 per annum for seven years
- 2 To select the Hall for the Autumn Lectures
- 3 To appoint readers for a tract on A HEALTH POLICY FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES submitted by Dr Somerville Hastings.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a special meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street on Tuesday 18 March 1941.

Present I.M.Bolton, M.I.Cole, A. Emil Davies, Parker, Hughes.
G.D.H.Cole and H.Franklin later signified concurrence with the decisions reached.

1 The following resolutions were adopted:-

- (1) That Albert Emil Davies, Margaret Isabel Cole and Herbert John Harvey Parker be empowered to represent the Society for the purposes of a Bond with Lord Faringdon to receive payment of £50 per annum for seven years, any two of the above being authorised to act.
 - (2) That the above three persons or any two of their number be similarly empowered to represent the Society in all financial transactions until otherwise determined by the Executive Committee or Finance & General Purposes Committee.
- 2 Autumn Lectures It was decided to book the Conway Hall, subject to cancellation on reasonable notice being given.
- 3 Health Policy Tract The following were to be asked to act as readers for the tract on Health Policy by Somerville Hastings, which was to be published if a majority so agreed: M.Bolton, Lyster, Silkin.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street on Monday 31 March 1941 at 4 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 3 March 1941 (enclosed)
- 2 Minutes of special meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee on 18 March 1941 (enclosed)
- 3 Minutes of meeting of International Bureau of 18 March 1941 (enclosed)
- 4 Anglo French Bulletin - future to be considered
- 5 Colonial Bureau - report of work (enclosed)
Membership subscription and appeal to be considered
- 6 Autumn Lectures - preliminary consideration of programme (draft enclosed)
- 7 Delegate to Annual Conference of Labour Party to be appointed
- 8 Tellers for Executive Committee election to be appointed
- 9 Weekend Conference
It is suggested that one be held at an Oxford College late in June or early in July after the end of term
- 10 Pamphlet on Electoral Reform - question of publication
- 11 Local Societies - consideration of development adjourned from last meeting
- 12 Date of Next Meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth St., S W 1, on Monday 31 March 1941 at 4 p.m.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Cole, Davies, Franklin, Creech Jones, Susan Lawrence, Mitchison, Mrs Spikes, Mary Sutherland, White, Woolf, Zilliacus, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Humphreys.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 3 March 1941 These were approved. It was agreed to continue the employment of a part time traveller for a further period of 2 months.

- 2 Minutes of special meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee of 18 March 1941 These were approved. (59)
- 3 Minutes of International Bureau of 18 March 1941 These were approved. It was reported that Miss Delphine Chitty had been appointed as Assistant Secretary of this Bureau at a starting salary of £3 a week at a month's notice on either side, and that she was to work half time during April.
- 4 Anglo-French Bulletin It was decided to publish two numbers separately during the period when Highway was not published.
- 5 Colonial Bureau
(1) Report of Work This was approved.
(2) Membership It was decided to enlist support for the work of the Bureau by inviting 7/6 yearly subscriptions. Creech Jones and Woolf agreed to prepare a list of persons to be approached. Consideration was to be given by the officers to services which might be given members of the Bureau.
(3) Empire It was decided to invite 2/- yearly subscriptions for this. It was to be sent free to 7/6 Bureau subscribers and to two guinea Fabian Society members.
- 6 Autumn Lectures It was decided to hold these on 'Victory or Vested Interest' Possible lectures and speakers were discussed.
- 7 Labour Party Conference It was decided to send Miss Susan Lawrence as the Society's delegate.
- 8 Tellers for E.C. Election It was decided to appoint Freeman & Howell.
- 9 Weekend Conference It was decided to hold one at an Oxford college about the end of June. Subject to be Colonial Policy or Rebuilding Britain. Details to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 10 Left Book Club The chairman announced that he had had discussions with Gollancz about possible cooperation re publications etc. He was authorised to continue these.
- 11 London Labour Party Women's Advisory Conference It was decided to authorise the sending of Mrs Malone and Mrs Drake as delegates from the Women's Group.
- 12 Typewriter The office were authorised to purchase one.
- 13 Pamphlets, Tracts, etc
(1) Electoral Reform This pamphlet was to be referred to Mary Sutherland for her opinion.
(2) Land Ownership & Reconstruction It was decided to seek a tract favouring powers to acquire control of land for replanning in the whole of each conurbation and a radius of five miles round. Lady Simon, Robson and Thomas Sharp were to be approached in order to write it. Silkin was to be asked to read the text when sent in.
(3) Reply to Vansittart Fraenkel was to be asked to write this at a fee of £5; Woolf and Zilliacus were to act as readers; Noel Baken was to be asked for a short preface.
- 14 Date of Next Meeting This was to take place on May 12 at 4 p.m.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday 12 May at 4 pm
at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 31 (enclosed)
- 2 Matters arising from Research Committee meeting
to be held just prior to Executive Committee
- 3 Consideration of Draft of Annual Report (enclosed)
- 4 Consideration of Treasurer's Report and Accounts
- 5 Arrangements re Annual General Meeting
- 6 Colonial Bureau
 - (a) Approval for Conference to be
held at Oxford (July 19)
 - (b) Periodical Report, March/April
(enclosed)
- 7 International Bureau - Report on Progress
- 8 Anglo French Bulletin - Report
- 9 Appointment of Budgeting Committee to
report to new Executive Committee
- 10 Other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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58th ANNUAL REPORT for the Year Ending 31 March 1941

(DRAFT)

This Report covers a year of intense activity and provides a record of development equal to that at any time in the Society's history. This has been reflected in the large increase in membership, particularly from among those in the services. There is wide evidence that the Society is meeting a general need in its work. For the war has aroused political interest among many of the formerly non-political who are attracted by socialist schemes of reconstruction for the purpose of winning both the war and the peace. Many among those interested in politics before the war have realised the need for socialist discussion and research if effective action is to be taken to deal with the overshadowing problems of the day. Details of our various activities will be found in the various sections of this Report.

MEMBERSHIP

306 new members joined the Society during the year (a figure equivalent to 16.5% of the total membership at 31 March 1940). Against this, of course, must be set a loss of old members due to death, war conditions and other reasons. It must be stressed here that contact is lost in a large number of cases through members changing their address and failing to notify the Society. Membership at 31 March 1941 stood at a total of 2,072, comprising 1,554 full members, 433 associates (in which category are included 211 persons subscribing less than 10/-), 32 subscribing bodies, 15 local societies and 36 library subscribers. The net increase on last year's figure is 213 (11.5%). The practice followed last year of excluding any whose subscriptions were more than three months overdue, except those unable to maintain their subscriptions owing to war service etc, has again been followed. 15 members of the House of Lords and 69 M.P.s are now members of the Society.

STAFF

There have been considerable changes and increases in the staff, many of them caused by the expansion of the Society's work in new directions. R.J. Padley, the Research Secretary, has been called up. His place has been taken by Mrs Joan S. Clarke. Special donations have made it possible to appoint Dr Rita Hinden as Secretary of the Colonial Bureau and Miss D. Chitty Assistant Secretary of the International Bureau under Miss Doreen Warriner, who has kindly agreed to act as Honorary Secretary. Douglas Smith, who acted as Assistant Research Secretary for some months, left to take up the post of Assistant Editor of The Tribune, and it was therefore possible to increase the clerical staff by the appointment of Miss Z. Mimaridiere.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ald. A. Emil Davies J.P. L.C.C., was again elected Hon. Treasurer unopposed. The fourteen elected members of the Executive for the year were G.D.H. Cole, Leonard Woolf, Margaret Cole, Ellen Wilkinson M.P., A. Creech Jones M.P., Susan Lawrence, R.H.S. Crossman, W.A. Robson, Ald. Mrs B. Drake L.C.C., G.R. Blanco White K.C., K.Zilliacus, John Ramage, Mary Sutherland and E.F.M. Durbin. I.M. Bolton, H. Franklin, L. Haden Guest, T.G.N. Haldane, Polly Hill, G.R. Mitchison and F.C. Watkins were coopted in June, and Mrs Spikes in September. The following Hon. Officers were reappointed: President Beatrice Webb, Chairman G.D.H. Cole, Hon. Secretary Margaret Cole. The position of Hon. Research Secretary was not filled.

At the time of the amalgamation in 1939, Beatrice Webb indicated that she would be prepared to fill the post of President for two years, at the

end of which time she wished to be released from holding office. She has now intimated that, the two years having elapsed, she proposes to retire. The Society's thanks are due to her for presiding over this critical phase of its history; as she will still be a member it would be superfluous here to pay tribute to the work of over half a century that she has contributed to its development.

The following Committees were appointed: Finance & General Purposes, Research, Tracts & Propaganda, Summer School.

DELEGATES

Susan Lawrence attended the Annual Labour Party Conference 1940 as the Society's delegate, and has been reappointed for 1941.

Barbara Drake L.C.C. again represented the Society on the Executive of the London Labour Party, and she and H. Franklin went as delegates to its Annual Conference.

Mrs L'Estrange Malone L.C.C. continues to represent the Society on the Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations,

ANNUAL MEETING

The 57th Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the Alliance Hall on June 17, with G.D.H. Cole in the chair. Beatrice Webb conveyed the good wishes of her husband and stressed the importance of the Society's work at the present time. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted, and thanks accorded to the Auditors, Messrs Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co, who were reappointed.

LOCAL SOCIETIES

Some attention has been paid during the year to the task of increasing the number of local Societies. The evacuation of members to new areas, the lack of alternative social and political activity, the awakened interest in political problems, has greatly increased the need for active centres of socialist education and discussion. All the established groups have continued activities with the exception of a small group at Pontefract. Five new societies - Blackpool, Chiswick & West London, Leeds, Middlesbrough and Oxford - have been formed, and others are in process of formation in Barnet, Newcastle and Sheffield. (For complete list and addresses see end of report.) The central Society has given what help it could by visits from the General or Assistant Secretary, arrangement of speakers, study group syllabuses, suggestion of activities etc. Members in other suitable areas are urgently asked to volunteer to act as secretary or help with the formation of a local group.

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Group has continued with its research project on The Family and the State, and towards the end of the year organised a successful series of monthly snack lunches. Speakers included Caroline Haslett C.B.E., Mary Smieton, Dorothy Elliott and Mary Sutherland. The Annual Meeting and Dinner was held at the Royal Hotel on May 21. Mrs M.D. Spikes was reappointed as Honorary Secretary, Mrs Beadle was elected Treasurer and Miss Hankinson Auditor. The following committee were elected: Mrs Bolton, Miss Bowie, Mrs Cole, Mrs Drake, Mrs Jay, Mrs Keeling, Mrs Malone, Mrs Matthew, Miss Sutherland. Membership of the Group is now open to all women members of the Society, and there is a special annual subscription of 2/6 for others wishing to join as associates.

NURSERY

War conditions have made it impossible for the Nursery to continue regular activities, and young members have been encouraged to play a full part in the general work and meetings of the Society.

PUBLICATIONS

Fabian News and the Fabian Quarterly have been published regularly, and the Anglo French Committee (see page 8) has been responsible for a bi-monthly supplement, France and Britain. Arrangements have been made to take over the publication of Empire as the organ of the Colonial Bureau (page 7).

Three tracts, seven pamphlets, and four books have been published during the year, as follows:-

Tract Series

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| No. 251 | NUTRITION IN WAR | Sir John Orr | 3d |
| 252 | LABOUR'S NEXT STEP | A Wartime Strategy | 3d |
| 253 | WAR EFFORT & INDUSTRIAL INJURIES | Hermann Levy | 3d |

Research Series

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| No. 48 | IS FRANCE STILL A DEMOCRACY? | D.M.W.P. | 1/- |
| 49 | THE HEALTH SERVICES | R.B. Thomas | 1/- |
| 50 | EASTERN EUROPE AFTER HITLER | Doreen Warriner | 1/- |
| 51 | THE STATE AND THE RAILWAYS | Ernest Davies | 6d |
| 52 | FRANCE FACES FASCISM | D.M.W.P. | 6d |
| 53 | ARMY EDUCATION | Thomas Stevens | 6d |

Biographical Series

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| No. 12 | JAMES KEIR HARDIE | G.D.H. Cole | 1/- |
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Books

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| WHERE STANDS DEMOCRACY? | Autumn Lectures 1939 | (Macmillan 3/6) |
| BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLIES IN PEACE & WAR | Charles Smith | (Routledge 10/6) |
| EVACUATION SURVEY | edited by Richard Padley & Margaret Cole | (" ") |
| PROGRAMME FOR VICTORY | Autumn Lectures 1940 | (Labour Book Service 2/6, Routledge 5/-) |

Sales of pamphlets have remained steady, specially good sellers being Is France Still a Democracy?, produced prior to the collapse, Labour's Next Step, prepared for the Society by the Socialist Clarity Group immediately before the change of government, and Cole's biography of Keir Hardie. The collections of autumn lectures both attracted wide attention, and the annual publication of this series does much to focus attention on current problems from a socialist standpoint. Britain's Food Supplies was the result of a year's work by Charles Smith as research assistant under a special donation. It provides a most useful survey of the economic organisation of the production and distribution of food in this country prior to the war and of the various controls introduced in the first six months of the war itself. Evacuation Survey, a symposium by members of the Society brought into direct contact with the first evacuation scheme, provided the first comprehensive picture of the scheme available to the general reader, and drew attention to important modifications needed for the future. Thanks are due to the editors, to the contributors, T.C. Gardner, E.G. Baxter, the late Gertrud Israel, Amy Sayle, Ritchie Calder, Joan S. Clarke, Helen Bentwich L.C.C., L. Haden Guest M.P., John Bowlby, Lady Simon, J.G. O'Leary, Lady Sanderson, Sydney Herbert, Clara Rackham, Jessie Hudson, Fabia, W. Babbage, and Professor Paul Vaucher, and to many others who helped with information and advice.

Fabian Quarterly contributors included Professor E.R. Dodds, A. Creech Jones M.P., T.C.B. Watson, P.L. Yates, John Julian, F.E. Noel-Baker, D. Smith, Barbara Wootton, D.N.Pritt M.P., Susan Lawrence, George Sidney, Rt Hon F.W. Pethick Lawrence M.P., Ernest Davies, Jim Griffiths, M.P., R.S.W. Pollard, Denis Bell, Thomas Stevens, John Sullivan, Rita Hinden, and David Ginsburg.

Cheap Books

Arrangements were made to supply the following books at special reduced subscription rates to members: Evacuation Survey, Britain's Food Supplies, Modern Turkey, by John Parker MP and Charles Smith, British Working Class Politics 1872-1914 by G.D.H.Cole, and The Politics of Democratic Socialism by E.F.M.Durbin.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The School was again held at the Senior School, Dartington Hall, for four weeks during August, and proved extremely popular. Mrs Beaumont again acted as Manager, and the four weeks were directed respectively by G.R. Blanco White, Capt. Beaumont MP, Margaret Yates and H.D.Hughes.

The Scholarship Fund reached £20.9.9 and ten grants were given to students and refugees, leaving a balance of £1.9.9.

AUTUMN LECTURES

The London Blitzkrieg again made it necessary to change the lectures at the last moment to Saturday afternoons. The lecture hall being commandeered, it was necessary to resort to the large Central Hall, Westminster. Under the circumstances, the audience was remarkable for keenness rather than size. The financial loss of £81.15.6 would have been a serious matter for the Society but for the generosity of the Billson Trust in covering all expenses. Thanks are due to the lecturers for meeting their engagements in very difficult circumstances, especially to Herbert Read who took the place of J.B.Priestly at two days' notice.

HAROLD LASKI - The Need for a European Revolution

HAROLD NICOLSON M.P. - World Government

HERBERT READ - Culture and Liberty

W.M. MACMILLAN - Freedom for Colonial Peoples.

ELLEN WILKINSON M.P. - Social Justice

G.D.H. COLE - A Socialist Civilisation

CONFERENCES AND WEEKEND SCHOOLS

War conditions made the regular holding of weekend conferences either in London or the country impracticable. They were therefore replaced by extremely popular and successful holiday weekend schools at Christmas and Easter, both at Frensham Heights School, and by occasional one-day conferences in London:

February 25 PIAN PRODUCTION NOW !
March 30 ANGLO FRENCH CONFERENCE

The second of these was a small invitation conference organised in conjunction with the Groupe Jean Jaurès. Both produced useful and informative discussions.

POLITICAL LUNCHEONS

Regular monthly lunches have proved one of the most popular of the Society's wartime activities, and have been addressed by Labour members of the Government and other prominent figures, the average attendance being over 100. The speeches have attracted wide publicity. Speakers included Ernest Bevin, Herbert Morrison, Hugh Dalton, C.R. Attlee, the Chinese Ambassador, Tom Wintringham, Stefan Lorant, Vernon Bartlett, Harold Laski, and Michael Foot.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GROUP

Weekly discussion meetings were held regularly on Monday evenings throughout April-June, and lunch discussions from October onwards.

Under the secretaryship of P.L. Yates a most varied and interesting series of speakers has been obtained. 71 people subscribe to the Group, but a much larger number have attended one or more of the meetings during the year. (67)

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Two dances have been held during the year, a May Day dance and a tea dance on November 16. Though both were pleasant social occasions the attendance was disappointing and expenses were not covered.

A successful tea meeting was held at Bournemouth during the Labour Party Conference and had good results in gaining new interest for the Society.

BOOKSHOP AND LIBRARY

The sales of the bookshop have increased considerably on last year, though as it is not possible to hold a large stock the turnover is still small. We hope members will make as much use as possible of the postal service offered - the number of those with deposit accounts for book orders could, we feel sure, be greatly increased to the mutual benefit of the Society and those taking out such accounts.

As requested at the last Annual Meeting, the library has now been card indexed and its use by members thereby facilitated. Books will be sent by post if available - though the library is by no means comprehensive it contains a wide selection of standard works on current social, political and economic subjects.

SPEAKERS' PANEL

A number of additions to the panel have been made during the year, and speakers have been supplied both for London and provincial meetings to local Parties, Women's Sections, trade union branches and other organisations. The services of European socialists in this work have been particularly appreciated.

ASSISTANCE OF MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY

We cannot list all those members who have helped by writing, speaking, collecting material, drawing our attention to special events, and by publicising the Society and making its work effective in many ways. We hope that they and others will continue their activity and interest. Inside the office we have been particularly helped by Miss A. Murray and Miss M. Bassett, and by the faithful attendance of Mrs J. Bulbulian and Miss V. Adamson. Miss Adamson is to become Honorary Librarian.

RESEARCH

The Research Department flourishes. Fabians still find time to do good work even though their days are lengthened by work and their nights curtailed by A.R.P. It is true that we can no longer count altogether on the many Fabians now in the government service, some in very high positions, who cannot write as freely as before, and that we greatly miss the younger members now in the armed forces; but by cutting our coat according to our cloth, so that it is no smaller though perhaps a different shape, we have been able to maintain a good output of publications, and, equally important, we have been able to make effective use of material collected by individual members which was not intended for book form.

Food

Charles Smith's book, *Britain's Food Supplies in Peace and War*, has had an extremely good reception. The Food Committee of the Society decided to continue his work by watching carefully the development of the food situation, and of governmental control of production and distribution.

Most of the work done has been forwarded to the Food Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party, and memoranda on Fish and Feedingstuffs are in process of expansion into pamphlets. Earlier in the year we published Sir John Orr's pamphlet, Nutrition and War. Memoranda have included studies of allotment policy, vegetables and nutrition, meat, milk, bread, eggs, imports, school meals. We are preparing, too, a publication on Communal Feeding which Mrs Barbara Drake has kindly promised to write. We have sent out questionnaires and are visiting centres, both communal and industrial, in London; we would welcome comments from members, particularly in rural areas, who have not received the questionnaire but who are in touch with centres.

Social Services

The Social Services and Local Government Committee are sponsoring a book outlining a social security program for this country, and research is well under weigh into the present administration of our social insurance and assistance services, and into similar services in other countries. We are confining ourselves to those services through which persons are maintained by public funds when unable to earn. Such a limitation does not imply a failure to realise that numerous other technical services contribute to the security of the individual, but for chiefly technical reasons we are not covering the whole field. Rosalind Beach Thomas' pamphlet, published early in the year, The Health Services, is shortly to be followed by a companion pamphlet on the hospital services; meanwhile we are collecting material on State Medicine, and are following developments in this field. Work was done for the Labour Family Allowances Committee in the House which was sent forward to the National Executive for consideration.

Education

We are just beginning work on a Labour Policy for Post Primary Education, to result eventually in a book. A member is also preparing a comprehensive study of Architectural Education, and we hope to have further studies of professional and technical training courses. We have published a pamphlet on Army Education, and another is being prepared on educational arrangements for backward children.

Trade and Industry

Professor Hermann Levy's thorough analysis of Trade Associations progresses, and is likely to go to the publisher in the summer. It will be an important book. We have published his pamphlet, War Effort and Industrial Injuries, and shall shortly publish another entitled Back to Work? The Case for the Partially Disabled Worker.

FABIAN COLONIAL BUREAU

The Colonial Bureau was, originally, an offshoot of the War Aims Research Committee which the Fabian Society set up immediately after the outbreak of the war. The research work on the future of the colonies, which this Committee inspired, was sufficiently successful and attracted a sufficient amount of interest for the idea to take shape that work on the colonies might be put on a permanent basis, and that the Fabian Society might provide the background and organisation for the establishment of a really effective Colonial Bureau. From the start Mr Creech Jones M.P. gave his blessing to the venture, and agreed to act as Chairman. He was in complete agreement that there was a crying need in London for some such organisation, which would have permanent offices and staff, and which could serve as a general clearing-house for information and research, while collaborating with the various voluntary ad hoc committees already dealing with specific aspects of the colonial problem. The following Advisory Committee was set up:- Prof. J.S.Huxley, J.F.Horrabin, W. Arthur Lewis, Prof. W.M.Macmillan, Margery Perham, Sir T. Drummond Shiela, Leonard Woolf, Margaret Cole, and John Parker M.P. Rita Hinden was appointed to act as full time secretary.

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The Bureau started work in October 1940, and in the six months of working has aroused a very widespread interest and sympathy. The work has fallen under three main heads, the collection of information, press work and parliamentary work. The basis of the Bureau's activity is to be adequately informed of events and opinion in the colonies. With the help of various volunteers, the colonial press available is being systematically combed, and the information collected is card-indexed in easily accessible form for the use of all interested. The second stage of the work - interesting the press in colonial problems - is becoming progressively more difficult as newsprint is cut down; but the Bureau has succeeded in establishing very friendly relations with a number of important and responsible papers, which are regularly receiving and using information supplied them. The Parliamentary work has been particularly fruitful. About a dozen Members of Parliament, interested in colonial affairs, were approached and have given their help in raising questions in the House or bringing matters direct to the attention of the Colonial Office.

In addition to these three main heads of work, the Bureau is sponsoring and co-ordinating all research work on colonial affairs undertaken by the Society. A book on the economic development of the African colonies has now been completed by the Secretary of the Bureau, and has been accepted for publication by Allen & Unwin. A second book, comprising a series of essays on various aspects of African conditions - health, education, labour conditions, etc - is in preparation.

The problems tackled by the Colonial Bureau indicated a need for a serious survey of the production and marketing of primary products throughout the world. Accordingly, a team of about a dozen research workers has been assembled, each to report upon a particular commodity. P.L. Yates is leading the group, and Dr Vera Anstey, lecturer at the L.S.E. will advise. Special attention will be paid to the history of international restriction schemes, an important objective of the survey being to formulate proposals regarding the postwar regulation of trade in raw materials and basic food-stuffs.

The Bureau is to launch a bi-monthly journal, Empire. This has been made possible by the generosity of one of the members of the Advisory Committee. A special editorial board has been constituted to plan the general policy of the paper, and the first number is in preparation. The journal will be an invaluable vehicle for the mass of information which the Bureau collects, and will be the one paper in the country covering, cheaply and digestibly, the course of events in the colonial empire.

The subjects dealt with by the Bureau since its formation are too numerous to catalogue. Particularly detailed work has been done on the following:- Surplus colonial crops; the new constitutions in Jamaica and Trinidad; the situation in British Guiana; military labour service for Africans; the situation on the Northern Rhodesian copperbelt; direct taxation of colonial propertied interests; customs tariffs and cost of living in colonies.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Towards the end of the year now under review, a special donation made it possible to set up a Bureau on general international affairs which we hope will develop on similar lines to the Colonial Bureau. Miss Doreen Warriner has agreed to act as Hon. Secretary, with Miss Chitty as full time assistant, and the following working committee has been appointed: P. Noel Baker M.P., H.N.Brailsford, Margaret Cole, Harold Laski, R.W.G. Mackay, Kingsley Martin, John Parker M.P., Ronnie Smith, F. Williams, L. Woolf, Barbara Wootton, P.L.Yates and K.Zilliacus. Work has started on the preparation of a book on European reconstruction from a socialist standpoint, in consultation with European socialists. It is also proposed to form a panel of M.P.s and provide material on topical questions of international policy.

ANGLO FRENCH COOPERATION COMMITTEE

This committee was formed prior to the collapse of France with the aim of supplying information on the role of the French Labour Movement and undertaking research into the problems of closer collaboration between the two countries and their labour movements. The following agreed to serve: G.D.H.Cole, Margaret Cole, R.H.S.Crossman, Henry Hauck, G.R.Mitchison, W.Pickles, W.A.Robson, R.H.Tawney, W.E.Williams, L.Woolf and K.Zilliacus. The new situation seemed to make it more than ever necessary to provide a medium whereby news of the activities of the Free French and such information as was obtainable from inside France should be made available to the British movement. A supplement to the New Statesman was published in June, and the kindness of the editor of Highway made it possible to bring out regular bi-monthly supplements in November, January and March. 206 persons have taken out annual subscriptions to this bulletin.

We feel that members will appreciate the large volume of work described in the above paragraphs. We would point out, however, that its continuance and development depend upon our receiving sufficient financial assistance for the purpose. We realise that war taxation and difficulties have affected many adversely. We hope however that many of our members and their friends will consider that the giving of help to the Society is an admirable way of disposing of income or capital which they are asked not to spend at the present time on ordinary consumption goods.

G.D.H. COLE Chairman
MARGARET I. COLE Hon. Sec.
A. EMIL DAVIES Hon. Treasurer

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A. CREECH JONES
SUSAN LAWRENCE

G.R. MITCHISON
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ELLEN WILKINSON
LEONARD WOOLF
K. ZILLIACUS
M.D. SPIKES

Report of Hon. Treasurer (for incorporation in 58th Annual Report 1941)

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In the accounts now submitted figures for the previous year are shown wherever practicable (shillings and pence omitted). The comparatively large amount of cash in hand shown in the Balance Sheet is due to fees received in advance for the Easter School and to balances of special donations earmarked for specific objects.

The Summer School has shown a satisfactory profit, but for obvious reasons the Autumn Lectures resulted in a loss which, however, has been met by a special donation. The Revenue Account shows that during the year expenditure exceeded revenue by £201.6.11.

The Society has no endowments and is dependent upon subscriptions and donations. As is evident from the accounts, many increased activities are being financed by special donations, and a certain proportion of overhead expenses have been debited to them. The continuance of these additional sums is likely to become more difficult with present taxation. Members' subscriptions are of course the financial backbone of the Society, and members who pay other than by bankers' order would be helping the Society by remitting their subscriptions as soon as they become due and, if possible, increasing them, as well as by securing new members.

The thanks of the Society are due to Messrs Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co., Chartered Accountants, who are kindly acting as Honorary Auditors.

A. EMIL DAVIES
Hon. Treasurer

8 May 1941

	2027	10	8
Pensions	345	0	10
Affiliation Fees:			
Labour Party	30	2	9
London Labour Party	3	1	2
Sundry	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
	39	10	11
Furniture	50	0	0
Balances transferred:			
Lectures & Conf. Account	77	7	2
Publications Account	<u>131</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	2670	14	0

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BALANCE SHEET for YEAR ENDING 31/3/41

Liabilities

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Bundry Creditors				80	1	4
Special Funds:						
Colonial Bureau	266	3	5			
Research	87	10	0			
International	200	0	0			
Anglo French	53	15	7			
Pensions Reserve	184	12	11			
Scholarship	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>			
				793	11	8
Fees for Easter Schl in advance				205	7	6
Bad Debt reserve				20	0	0
Mortgage				2500	0	0
Revenue Account:						
Balance at 31/3/40 ..	114	14	3			
Less depreciation on furniture		16	18	0		
		<u>97</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>		
Add Paper	413	0	0			
Furniture	50	0	0			
Library	<u>25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>			
		488	0	0		
		<u>585</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>		
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	201	6	11			
				<u>384</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>
				<u>3983</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>

Assets

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Cash at Bank	501	3	7			
Sundry Debtors	31	18	4			
Investments	208	7	11			
Property	2500	0	0			
Autumn Lectures 1941 expenses		6	0	0		
Stock:						
Tracts	150	0	0			
Paper	336	0	0			
Furniture	100	0	0			
Library	50	0	0			
Stationery	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	736	0	0

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT

To	£	s	d	£	s	d	By	£	s	d
Office Expenses:							Subscriptions	1942	13	10
Salaries	1230	12	10				Special donations	316	7	6
Housekeeper	61	6	4				Sale of library books	7	11	3
Coal, light, etc ..	129	7	11				Balances transferred:			
Mortgage interest & rates, less rec- eipts from sublet	118	14	4				Bookshop account ..	29	11	2
Postages, parcels, telephone	361	18	10				Summer School account	173	3	4
Office exps & stat..	53	17	5				Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income	201	6	11
General printing ..	45	2	5							
Insurance stamps ..	<u>26</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>							
				2027	10	8				
Pensions				345	0	10				
Affiliation Fees:										
Labour Party	30	2	9							
London Labour Party	3	1	2							
Sundry	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>							
				39	10	11				
Furniture				50	0	0				
Balances transferred:										
Lectures & Conf. Account				77	7	2				
Publications Account				<u>131</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>				
				2670	14	0				
								2670	14	0

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BOOKSHOP ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31/3/41

To	£	s	d	By	£	s	d
Purchase of books and publications	165	13	11	Sales of books and publications	195	5	1
Balance transferred to General Revenue a/c	29	11	2				
	<u>195</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>195</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

To	£	s	d	By	£	s	d
Stock of pamphlets at 1 Apl 1940 (estimated)	54	0	0	Sales of tracts & pamphlets	230	19	6
Cover paper	176	0	0	Royalties	185	11	7
Printing:				Stock of tracts at 31 Mar 1941 (estimated)	150	0	0
Tracts & pamphlets	298	10	6	Balance transferred to General Revenue Account	131	4	5
Fabian News	69	8	8				
Quarterly	99	16	4				
	467	15	6				
	<u>697</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>697</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>

LECTURES, CONFERENCES ETC ACCOUNT

To Expenses:	£	s	d	By Admission Receipts:	£	s	d
Christmas School ..	214	16	4	Christmas School	221	5	0
Autumn Lectures ...	204	1	9	Autumn Lectures	122	6	3
Conferences	26	1	8	Conferences	26	8	0
Lunches	122	13	9	Lunches	144	17	5
Dances	56	7	11	Dances	33	3	9
International Discussion Group	28	1	11	International Discussion Group ...	28	0	9
Hire of hall for Annual Meeting ...	1	5	0	Balance transferred to General Revenue a/c	77	7	2
	<u>653</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>653</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

SUMMER SCHOOL & SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To	£	s	d	By	£	s	d
Expenses	691	13	7	Balance of Scholarship Fund at 1/4/41	8	7	9
Grants from Scholarship Fund	19	0	0	Summer School Fees ..	864	16	11
Balances transferred to General Revenue Account:				Donations to Scholarship Fund ...	12	2	0
Summer School ...	173	3	4				
Scholarship Fund	1	9	9				
	<u>885</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>885</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

SUNDRY SPECIAL FUNDS

<u>Home Policy Research</u>				<u>Home Policy Research</u>			
Expenditure	1262	10	0	Sundry donations ...	1150	0	0
Balance	87	10	0	Sara Hall Trust (for Robert Owen research)	200	0	0
	1350	0	0	<u>Colonial Bureau</u>			
<u>Colonial Bureau</u>				Donations etc	367	12	0
Expenditure	101	8	7				
Balance	266	3	5	<u>International Bureau</u>			
	367	12	0	Donations	200	0	0
<u>International Bureau</u>				<u>Anglo French Cooperation Committee</u>			
Balance	200	0	0	Donations	91	6	0
<u>Anglo French Cooperation Committee</u>				Sale of Bulletin ...	26	13	2
Printing Bulletin	64	3	7				
Balance	53	15	7				
	117	19	2				
	<u>2035</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>117</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>
					<u>2035</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>

As you will have seen from the returns shown in FABIAN NEWS, you have been elected as a member of the Executive Committee for the forthcoming year. The first meeting of the new E C will take place after the Annual General Meeting, which is being held at the Livingstone Hall on Monday 23 June at 6 pm.

The principal business will be the cooption of further members to serve for the ensuing year. (NOTE - The 14 elected members have the right to coopt up to 9 further members.)

A G E N D A

- 1 Any matters arising from the Annual General Meeting
- 2 Cooption of further members
- 3 Date of next meeting
- 4 Any other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 12 May 1941 at 4 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Davies (chair), Mrs Bolton, Mrs Drake, Franklin, Humphreys, Creech Jones, Mrs Spikes, Ellen Wilkinson. Apologies were received from G.D.H. Cole, M.I. Cole, Polly Hill, Mary Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 31 These were approved. It was decided:
(a) To approach Silkin to write the suggested pamphlet on Land Ownership and Reconstruction if the authors already approached were unable to undertake it.
(b) To publish Fraenkel's reply to Vansittart.
- 2 Research Committee Report This was approved.
- 3 Annual Report The draft was amended and approved.
- 4 Treasurer's Report and Accounts These were amended and approved.
- 5 Annual General Meeting It was decided to ask Cole to act as Chairman and to seek a letter from Mrs Webb to be read.
- 6 Colonial Bureau The Periodical Report was approved. It was decided to hold a conference in connection with the Bureau at Oxford on July 18-20.
- 7 International Bureau Report approved.
- 8 Anglo-French Bulletin Difficulties with Ministry of Supply were reported.
- 9 Budgetary Report This was to be drawn up by the office and the Treasurer and presented to the new Executive Committee.
- 10 War Damage Insurance It was decided to insure library, furniture, fittings etc for £500.
- 11 Left Book Club The General Secretary reported discussions which he and the Officers had had with Victor Gollancz about possible closer collaboration between various Socialist bodies. It was decided to cooperate in discussions on this subject, subject to any proposals coming before the Executive Committee for approval. The Secretaries were to attend on behalf of the Society together with Creech Jones if available.
- 12 Alternative Accommodation The Treasurer put accommodation at the City and Commercial Investment Trust, 503 Park West, Marble Arch at the Society's disposal for use in an emergency.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on 23 June 1941 at the Livingstone Hall, Westminster, S W 1, following the Annual General Meeting.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Davies, Creech Jones, Francis Williams, Barbara Wootton, Zilliacus, Gollancz, Jim Griffiths, Mrs Drake, Miss Lawrence, Parker and Hughes. Apologies were received from Robson.

- 1 Cooptions It was decided to ask the following to serve for the ensuing year: Mary Sutherland, Blanco White, Mitchison, Franklin, Mackay and Yates.
- 2 Russian Conference It was decided to arrange a one-day private discussion conference on July 5 on 'Labour and Anglo-Soviet Collaboration'. No resolutions were to be accepted.
- 3 Honorary Member It was decided to ask Peter Fraser to accept the honour.
- 4 Autumn Lectures Suggestions were made about filling a vacancy among the speakers.
- 5 Finance A report on the position was received; a budget was to be presented to the next E C.
- 6 Date of next meeting This was fixed for July 9 at 1 15 pm.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Livingstone Hall on Monday 23 June 1941 at 6 p m. About 50 members were present.

- 1 Minutes of 1940 Meeting These were read and approved.
- 2 Chairman Mr David Freeman was elected as chairman of the meeting.
- 3 Annual Report This was introduced by the General Secretary and approved.
- 4 Report of Hon. Treasurer and Accounts These were approved. It was decided to thank Messrs Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co, the auditors, for their services in the past year and to ask them to act again for 1941/2.
- 5 Mrs Webb's Resignation of Presidency It was decided not to fill this post. The following resolution was passed:

That this meeting expresses its cordial thanks to Mrs Webb for her great work for the Fabian Society, and all good wishes to her and Sidney Webb in their retirement, which the Society is glad to note from the President's letter is not complete.

A general discussion then took place upon possible expansion of the Society's work and in particular the desirability of extending the number and activities of local societies.

- 6 Empire A vote of thanks to Frank Horrabin for the donation of Empire to the Society was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6 30 p m.

The first full meeting of the new EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Friday 11 July 1941 at 4.45 pm at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of May 12 (enclosed)
- 2 Minutes of meeting of June 23 (~~enclosed~~)
- 3 Ethical Union appointment
- 4 Publications in preparation
 - (1) Nursery Education ... Dr B Stross
 - (2) Rent Restriction Acts ... Dennis Gordon
 - (3) Hospital Policy ... Dr Somerville Hastings
 - (4) The Electrical Industry ... F Palmer
 - (5) Concentration of the Wool Industry ... Dryden Brook
 - (6) Communal Feeding ... Barbara Drake
 - (7) Feedingstuffs ... Angus Mackintosh
 - (8) Local Government Regions ... Regionaliter
 - (9) Song Book
- 5 Consideration of Budget for 1940-1 (to be submitted)
- 6 Report on staff and functions (to be submitted)
- 7 Appointment of Committees and Officers
 - (a) Finance and General Purposes
 - (b) Research
 - (c) Local Government & Social Services
 - (d) Colonial Bureau Advisory
 - (e) International Advisory
 - (f) Anglo French Cooperation
- 8 Suggested Autumn Northern Conference
- 9 Report on discussions with other socialist bodies
(minutes enclosed)
- 10 Local Societies - Report on position and discussion on possibility of expansion
- 11 Consideration of further cooptions to Executive Committee
- 12 Date of next meetings
- 13 Other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

The next meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is not as stated on the Agenda which you will have received, but on WEDNESDAY 9 JULY at 1.15 pm. Lunch will not be provided.

FINANCIAL POSITION 1941/2

Estimated Expenditure April-June 1941

	£	s	d
Salaries	480	10	0
Housekeeper	14	10	0
Coal, light, etc	50	0	0
Mortgage interest, rates, etc	12	10	0
War Risks Insurance	9	11	4
Postages, parcels, telephone	100	0	0
Office expenses & stationery	100	0	0
General printing	20	0	0
Affiliation fees	25	0	0
Books purchased	70	0	0
Printing:			
Pamphlets and Tracts	61	10	0
Fabian News	28	10	0
Quarterly	26	16	6
France and Britain (net) ..	11	0	0
*Empire	12	10	0
Pensions	86	10	0
	<u>1108</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>

Estimated Income April-June 1941

	£	s	d
Subscriptions	425	0	0
Donations	37	10	0
Publications: Fabian	22	0	0
Other	50	0	0
Lunches	6	0	0
Tribune	26	0	0
Royalties	42	0	0
*Colonial Bureau	56	0	0
Easter School	15	0	0
@Summer School	125	0	0
	<u>804</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

Estimated Expenditure July-September 1941

Salaries	443	0	0
Housekeeper	14	10	0
Coal, light, etc	17	10	0
Mortgage interest, rates, etc	44	9	8
War Risks Insurance	11	2	6
Postages, parcels, telephone	100	0	0
Office expenses & stationery	100	0	0
General Printing	15	0	0
Affiliation fees	2	0	0
Books purchases	50	0	0
Printing:			
Tracts and Pamphlets	60	0	0
Fabian News	19	0	0
Quarterly	23	16	0
France and Britain (net) ..	8	0	0
*Empire	5	0	0
Pensions	86	10	0
	<u>999</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>

Estimated Income July-September 1941

Subscriptions	275	0	0
Donations	75	0	0
Publications: Fabian	50	0	0
Other	75	0	0
Lunches	4	0	0
Conferences	10	0	0
Tribune	26	0	0
Royalties	80	0	0
@Colonial Bureau	15	0	0
@Summer School	575	0	0
	<u>1185</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

*Copies taken for distribution to members.

@i.e. Estimated profit on school £275.

&Includes special donation.

Estimated Expenditure Oct-December 1941

	£	s	d
Salaries	443	0	0
Housekeeper	14	10	0
Coal, light, etc	30	0	0
Mortgage interest, rates, etc	12	10	0
War Risks Insurance	7	2	6
Postages, parcels, telephone	120	0	0
Office expenses & stationery	100	0	0
General printing	10	0	0
Affiliation fees	11	0	0
Books purchased	40	0	0
Printing:			
Pamphlets and Tracts	60	0	0
Fabian News	28	10	0
Quarterly	25	0	0
France and Britain (net) ..	10	0	0
*Empire	2	10	0
Pensions	86	10	0
@Summer School	425	0	0
	<u>1425</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>

Estimated Income October-December 1941

	£	s	d
Subscriptions	625	0	0
Donations	215	0	0
Publications: Fabian	50	0	0
Other	50	0	0
Lunches	6	0	0
Tribune	26	0	0
Colonial Bureau	15	0	0
Lectures	-	-	-
Christmas School	15	0	0
	<u>1002</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Estimated Expenditure January-March 1942

Salaries	443	0	0
Housekeeper	14	10	0
Coal, light, etc	40	0	0
Mortgage interest, rates, etc	99	12	2
War Risks Insurance	9	2	6
Postages, parcels, telephone	100	0	0
Office expenses & stationery	100	0	0
General printing	10	0	0
Affiliation fees	2	10	0
Books purchased	40	0	0
Printing:			
Pamphlets and Tracts	60	0	0
Fabian News	28	10	0
Quarterly	25	0	0
France and Britain (net)...	10	0	0
*Empire	5	0	0
Pensions	86	10	0
Free Books	30	0	0
	<u>1103</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>

Estimated Income January-March 1942

Subscriptions	675	0	0
Donations	85	0	0
Publications: Fabian	65	0	0
Other	50	0	0
Lunches	6	0	0
Tribune	26	0	0
Royalties	120	0	0
Colonial Bureau	10	0	0
	<u>1037</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

*Copies taken for distribution to members.
@i.e. Estimated profit on school £275.

NOTE

The above figures show a probable excess of expenditure over income during the year of £600. This figure is therefore the minimum target to be aimed at in securing new donations in addition to the £400 donations allowed for in the tables above.

S O C I A L I S T A D V I S O R Y C O M M I T T E E

MINUTES of an informal meeting held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, on Monday 9 June at 6 p m.

Present Owen (L C S), Mrs Cole, Hughes, Parker (Fabian Society), Braunthal (International Socialist Forum), Gollancz (Left Book Club), Bevan, Postgate, Strauss (Tribune).

1 Chairman Parker was asked to take the chair.

2 Scope of Committee

(a) Socialist Clarity Group A letter from Warbey was read, stating that the Group only wished to take part in informal discussions and did not feel able to attend the meeting. A similar letter was received from the W E A.

(b) Organisations Represented It was decided to limit the Advisory Committee to representatives from the Joint Cooperative Educational Committee for the five London Societies, the Fabian Society, Left Book Club and Tribune - and the Socialist Clarity Group if they would join.

(c) Possible Cooperation between Organisations This was exhaustively discussed. It was decided that each organisation should retain full autonomy.

3 Cooperation between Local Groups It was decided to fix up joint meetings and/or tours for speakers when convenient.

4 Interchange of Publicity in House Journals It was agreed that at least half a column should be inserted monthly in each journal. The Tribune board were to discuss the best method by which their paper could give effect to this decision.

5 Information about Material in Preparation Short statements were made about the work which the Fabian Society and L B C had in hand. It was decided that each organisation should keep the others informed regularly of work in hand and attempts should be made to prevent overlapping. The possibility of issuing a study group syllabus on important subjects when necessary was to be investigated.

6 International Liaison Discussions took place on possible cooperation between the Fabian International Bureau and the International Socialist Forum. The desirability of establishing contact with pro-war Socialist groups in U S A was stressed. Mark Starr was to be written to for a list of possible contacts, and each organisation represented was invited to suggest further contacts.

7 Convener John Parker agreed to act as convener.

8 Date of Next Meeting This was fixed for July 7 at 6 pm at the office of the Fabian Society.

JOHN PARKER
Chairman

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Note for members of Executive Committee on present staff and duties
(Please keep this for reference)

As the present Executive Committee includes an unusually high proportion of members elected for the first time, I am circulating this statement of the staff of the Fabian Society and the duties which they perform, for comparison with the work done and financial position as shown in the Annual Report etc. In addition to the paid staff, the statement gives information about the work done by our regular volunteers. It does not, however, include any work done by the Honorary Officers and members of the Executive Committee (except the Secretary of the International Discussion Group) which in some cases is considerable, or by volunteers who come in for short periods. I should be glad if E.C. members would keep this statement by them, as the facts contained in it are important for any discussion of the Society's future.

M. I. COLE
Hon. Secretary

(1) General Office

JOHN PARKER General Secretary (part time)

Supervision and coordination of work, interviewing members, committee work, preparation of Executive Committee agenda and minutes, etc. Correspondence.

H. D. HUGHES Assistant Secretary

Office management. Editing and publication of News, Quarterly, pamphlets, France & Britain etc. Relations with local Societies. Organisation of lectures, conferences, summer and holiday schools, meetings. Speakers' panel. Business relations with printers, publishers, etc. Interviewing members in absence of General Secretary. Filing office documents.

AGNES GIBSON Accounts and book keeping. Membership - reminders, changes of address, appeals. Bookings for Society activities - schools, conferences, lectures, lunches, etc. Occasional shorthand typing.

E.M. JEEVES Bulk typing. Supervision of juniors. Dispatch of publications to membership, circulation lists, etc. Business relations with office suppliers. Maintenance of address lists of membership. Assisting with lunches, conferences, etc.

ZENA MDMARDIERE Taking down and typing letters for the Assistant Secretary, Research Secretary and Secretary of the Colonial Bureau. Typing from manuscript drafts of tracts, articles for press, periodicals, Empire, etc. Copying articles in press, periodicals, etc. Cutting, mounting and filing newspapers. All research filing. Occasional assisting with research. Assisting with library, lunches, etc.

R. GANTLETT Bookshop management. Messages. Assistance with dispatch of publications, circulars, etc. Postage.

OLWEN THOMAS Switchboard and duplicator. Routine dispatch work and maintenance of addressograph lists.

A. BALLARD Traveller in pamphlets.

(2) Research Department

JOAN CLARKE Research Secretary (part time)

Research Committees. Invitation and coordination of research. Work on specific projects - e.g. social security. Supervision of research filing. Inquiries. Interviews with members and others wishing to research, and provision of source material.

Voluntary Assistants:

JOAN BULBULIAN (2 days a week) Classification of research material.

VERA ADAMSON (6 hours a week) Hon. Librarian.

PHYLLIS SHARPE Bulk typing at home as required.

(3) Colonial Bureau

RITA HINDEN Secretary

Organisation of work of Bureau. Editing Empire. (Details given in Bureau Reports.)

Voluntary Assistants:

E. W. SCOTT (2 afternoons) Miscellaneous assistance - statistics, press cuttings, etc.

MARJORIE NICHOLSON (time to be arranged) Press cuttings, etc.

MISS HONIKMAN (1 evening a week) General office assistance.

(4) International Bureau

DELPHINE CHITTY Assistant Secretary

Executive work of Bureau and Discussion Group. International filing, correspondence, etc. Bulk typing. Translation.

Voluntary Work:

DOREEN WARRINER Hon. Secretary. General supervision and initiation of work.

PAUL YATES Hon. Sec. of International Discussion Group. Joint Editor (with Pollak) of book. Convener of study group on raw materials.

S O C I A L I S T A D V I S O R Y C O M M I T T E E

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MINUTES of a meeting of the SOCIALIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, on Monday 7 July 1941.

Present M.I.Cole, Parker, Hughes (Fabian Society), V.Gollancz, J.Braunthal (LBC and International Socialist Forum), R.W.Postgate (Tribune). Apologies were received from W.J.Owen (LCS) and G.R.Strauss (Tribune).

- 1 Minutes of June 9 were approved. It was announced that the Socialist Clarity Group was considering further the question of participation and that Owen was raising the question of representation from the Joint Cooperative Educational Committee at its next meeting.
- 2 Progress It was reported that exchange of publicity in journals had been effectively arranged. In future material was to be supplied as follows:
 - Fabian News Material to H.D.Hughes by 21st of each month giving details of following month's activities.
 - Left News To Victor Gollancz by 1st of month (150 words) with details of following month's activities (e.g. August 1 for Sept etc)
 - Tribune To R.W.Postgate by 1st Friday in month for publication the following Friday.
 - Wheatsheaf To W.J.Owen between 8th and 12th of each month for publication on the 21st.
- 3 Joint Conferences It was proposed to hold joint one-day Conferences in London on subjects of current political interest. The following were suggested:
 - 1 September 20 - Anglo-Russian Relations.
 - 2 Food Problems and Policy.
 - 3 France.
- 4 Date of Next Meeting Monday 8 September 1941.

JOHN PARKER
Convener

Since the date of the Annual Report, the Research Department has embarked on a number of additional activities which, though unspectacular, and at present unremunerative, may have worthwhile results:-

(1) Evacuation of the Unaccompanied Under-Fives

By arrangement with the Editor of the Times Educational Supplement the Society has procured Mrs M. Spring-Rice to collect documentary evidence (in the shelters and elsewhere) of the demand for the evacuation of young children for whom the Ministry of Health is said to provide insufficient accommodation in the reception areas.

(2) Relation with the A E U Research Department

A good relationship has been established with the new A E U research worker, in cooperation with whom two Oxford undergraduates are to research both into the changes of prices of household cleaning materials, etc, and into changed demands for these goods resulting from alterations in the standard of living and of hygiene.

(3) U S A Adviser on Social Services

The Research Secretary has promised to supply Mr Eric Biddle with suitable documents on the social services and also to read for him the results of some research work which he is having done elsewhere.

(4) The Ethical Union

A research worker to be financed by a grant from the Ethical Union is being sought to investigate conditions of local services in a London blitzed area. The original candidate has now been appointed assistant editor of the Tribune on the recommendation of the Society's staff, and other candidates must be found.

(6) Research in Iceland

A soldier Fabian in Iceland is being provided with source material from which to do research work next winter.

(7) Unpublished Material

The department has handled a steady flow of unpublished material and material not suitable for publication, sending this out to readers where necessary, and interpreting collected comments to the authors.

(8) Assistance to Socialist Clarity Group

This Group is conducting research into early Labour Party Conference resolutions, and arrangements are being made for some Oxford undergraduates to do part of this work at the Fabian Society's offices during their vacation.

(9) The Cooperative Party

One of the National Organisers of the Cooperative Party has been supplied with lecture material on social security, his own books and notes having been supplied.

(10) Emergency Medical Service

Doctors in a London Borough think local wartime arrangements unsatisfactory. They consulted the Research Secretary, who has passed on the problem to the LOC member for the district.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Wednesday 9 July 1941 at 1 15 pm at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Davies (chair), Mrs Cole, Creech Jones, Gollancz, Mitchison, Robson, Mary Sutherland, Woolf, Barbara Wootton. Apologies from Cole, Mrs Drake, Franklin, Ellen Wilkinson, Williams, Yates, Mackay.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of May 12 These were approved.
- 2 Minutes of meeting of June 23 These were approved.
- 3 Ethical Union Appointment Mrs Cole, Parker and Mrs Clarke were to act as a sub-committee with powers to make an appointment.
- 4 Publications
 - (1) Nursery Education Publication was approved without further readers.
 - (2) Hospital Policy Readers: Fletcher, Stella Churchill and Mrs Rackham.
 - (3) Electrical Industry Readers: Haldane, Robson.
 - (4) Wool Industry Readers: Mitchison, A. Haywood (E. Bradford).
 - (5) Communal Feeding Readers: Sutherland, Calder.
 - (6) Feedingstuffs Readers: Jackson, Yates.
 - (7) Local Government Regions Readers: Cole, Davies.
 - (8) Fish Readers: Pollard (libel), Peterhead provost. Publication to be deferred until new government scheme in operation. Discretion then to be used as to suitable date of publication.
 - (9) Book on Legal Reform etc To be read by Mrs Cole to see whether part might be made into a pamphlet.
 - (10) Song Book Publication to be deferred for the time being.
- 5 Budget for 1940/41 This was considered. The following were appointed as a sub-committee to consider finances: Cole, Mrs Cole, Davies, Creech Jones, Mackay, Mitchison, Parker, with power to coopt.
- 6 Report on Staff and Functions This was to be circulated. It was decided to issue an appeal to members for voluntary bulk typing. The services of Ballard as a traveller were to be kept so long as results justified so doing.
- 7 Appointment of Officers and Committees
 - (1) Chairman - G.D.H. Cole
 - (2) Hon. Secretary - Margaret Cole
 - (3) Finance & General Purposes - It was decided not to appoint such a committee.
 - (4) Research Committee - The Executive Committee plus Mrs Bolton, Polly Hill and Laski.
 - (5) Colonial Advisory Committee Prof. J.S. Huxley, J.F. Horrabin, M.I. Cole, W. Arthur Lewis, Prof. W.M. Macmillan, John Parker, Sir Drummond Shiela, Leonard Woolf, C.W.W. Greenidge.
 - (6) International Advisory Committee H.N. Brailsford, M.I. Cole, Harold Laski, Kingsley Martin, R.W.G. Mackay, John Parker, Rennie Smith, Francis Williams, Leonard Woolf, Barbara Wootton, P.L. Yates, K.Zilliacus.
 - (7) Anglo French Cooperation Committee & Editorial Board M.I. Cole, Hauck, Mitchison, Pickles, Tavney, Zilliacus, Parker.
 - (8) Ad hoc Committee to review International Work of Society with special reference to possible work on Anglo-Soviet Cooperation. M.I. Cole, Gollancz, Griffiths, Noel Baker, Warriner, Yates, Zilliacus, Parker.

- 9 Autumn Northern Conference It was decided to go ahead with this.
- 10 Reports on Discussions with other Socialist Bodies These were approved and the arrangement of joint conferences sanctioned.
- 11 Local Societies Discussion deferred.
- 12 Further Cooptions to Executive Committee Discussion deferred.
- 13 Date of Next Meeting To be called by office; Wednesdays at 5 30 were favoured.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday 22 September
1941 at 5 pm at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

(9)

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of July 9 (enclosed)
 - (1) Ethical Union appointment
 - (2) Further Cooptions to E C
 - (3) Autumn Lectures
 - (4) Northern Conference
- 2 Minutes of ad hoc Committee on International work
(enclosed)
- 3 Report on Staff Position (verbal)
- 4 Report on Proposed Socialist Propaganda Committee
(verbal)
- 5 Report on Publications (verbal)
- 6 Conference on Socialisation
- 7 Dates of Further Meetings
 - (1) Budgeting Committee
 - (2) Research Committee
 - (3) Executive Committee.
- 8 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 22 September 1941 at 5 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W. 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Franklin, Gollancz, Mackay, Robson, Woolf, Barbara Wootton, Yates, Parker, Hughes and Joan Clarke. Apologies were received from Jim Griffiths, Mary Sutherland and Ellen Wilkinson.

1 Minutes of meeting of July 9

- (1) Ethical Union Appointment The appointment of Miss Idle was ratified.
- (2) Co-options to Executive Committee It was decided to co-opt John Ramage and to add Laski if he were able to attend.
- (3) Autumn Lectures Executive Committee members were asked to attend if possible, and to help with publicity.
- (4) Northern Conference It was reported that a week-end Conference was to be held near Skipton on October 25. Power was given to establish a Northern Fabian Council if found practicable.

2 Minutes of ad hoc Committee on International work and Report of International Bureau These were approved.

It was decided to confirm the appointment of Mrs. Bamford as Assistant Secretary of the International Bureau on a $\frac{3}{4}$ time basis at £3. 5s. per week.

3 Report on Staff Position This was received. It was decided to fill the vacancy caused by E. M. Jeeves leaving and to appoint an extra clerical assistant and another junior. The Budgetting Committee were asked to consider finance, salaries and the adequacy of the new staff arrangements. The Executive decided to record their appreciation of Miss Jeeves's long period of service and their regret at her departure.

4 Report on Proposed Socialist Propaganda Committee This was received. The following committee was appointed with powers to consult and to report further on the proposal, and in particular consider relations between such a committee and the Fabian Society Executive:

Cole, Mrs. Cole, Clay, Davies, Durbin, Elliott, Gollancz, Griffiths, Laski, Mackay and Parker.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was to be summoned to discuss the report.

5 Report on Publications

- (1) Palm & Pine Co. An offer of this publishing company from Frank Horrabin was received with thanks; the Budgetting Committee were to be asked to consider the best use to be made of the offer.
- (2) In the Press
 - (a) Plan for Africa
 - (b) Letter to a Manager
- (3) Gone to Readers
 - (a) Regionalism
 - (b) Hospital Reorganisation
- (4) Readers Appointed
 - (a) London A.R.P. Organisation: Mallow, Strachey
 - (b) Acquisition of Land: Simon, Mackay, Sharp
 - (c) Turkey: Woolf, Zilliacus
 - (d) Letter to a Soldier: Mayhew, Mrs. Cole
- (5) Propaganda Pamphlet To go to Cole, Barbara Wootton, Crossman and Fraser for opinions when revised.
- (6) Levy's book An introduction by R.V.B. Clarke was to be sought.

- 6 Conference on Socialisation A one day Conference was to be held on a Sunday in November ; the office was to draw up a program.
- 7 Colonial Report This was received.
- 8 Bambury Workers' Appeal It was decided to insert a note on this in the Fabian News.
- 9 Dates of further Meetings
 - (1) Budgetting.....September 30 at 4.0 p m
 - (2) Summer School.....September 30 at 5.0 p m
 - (3) Propaganda.....October 1 at 11 a m
 - (4) Executive Committee...October 20 at 12 midday.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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A meeting of the BUDGETING SUB-COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street on Tuesday 30 September 1941 at 4 pm.

- A G E N D A
- 1 To consider the financial position of the Society, the adequacy of the present staff arrangements and salaries

(Budget 1941/2 and Staffing Report prior to changes sanctioned by last Executive Committee enclosed)
 - 2 Letter from Horrabin re Palm & Pine Co.

JOHN PARKER Gen. Secretary





MINUTES of a meeting of the BUDGETING SUB-COMMITTEE held at
4 p m on Tuesday 30 September 1941 at 11 Dartmouth
Street S W 1

Present Davies (chair), Margaret Cole, Creech Jones, Mackay,
Parker, Cole.

- 1 Sick Pay It was decided to recommend that:
 - (a) All members of the staff with a service of five years should receive three months full pay when ill and that the position should be reviewed.
 - (b) Those with under five years service should receive one month's full pay before the review. It was recommended that health insurance payments should be paid to the Society with discretion to the Officers to remit in whole or in part.
- 2 Increases in Salary It was decided to recommend the following increases:
 - (a) H.D. Hughes. An increase of £25 from October 1 to be followed by a further £25 in 6 months time (i.e. from £300 to £350).
 - (b) Joan S. Clarke. An increase of £25 from October 1 to be followed by a further £25 in 6 months time (i.e. from £150 to £200).
 - (c) Rita Hinden. A similar increase of £25 from October 1 with a further £25 in 6 months time was to come into operation if negotiations between Rita Hinden and the B B C came to nought. If they were successful it was decided to allow Dr. Hinden the necessary time off to do the work required by the B B C in lieu of this increase. It was understood that Dr. Hinden should retain the whole of the fees paid by the B B C and that the work would not require more than a day or day and a half a week.
- 3 Staff Arrangements. It was decided:
 - (a) to recommend a review of the arrangements recently authorised by the Executive Committee in 6 months' time.
 - (b) the possibility of putting out of accounting for a long period if Miss Gibson's illness continued was to be investigated.
 - (c) the acquisition of a second hand cash register was to be investigated.
- 4 Financial Position. It was estimated that after allowing for profits on the Summer School and for the increase in staff already authorised there would be a deficit of approximately £350 on the current year (to March 31, 1942). The increases recommended above would amount to a further £25 (or £37.10.0d) in the current year. All the proposed increases in salaries would amount to £320 (or £370) in a full year. It was announced that £100 had been promised towards the prospective deficit in the current year. It was decided to recommend against a general appeal to members in the current year but it was suggested one should be made early next summer. In the meantime particular individuals and trusts were to be approached and an attempt made to expand "trading services".
- 5 Propaganda Committee. It was decided to recommend that its activities should be financed by a separate appeal.
- 6 Palm & Pine. R.W.G. Mackay to report on the Articles of Association and whether the Society should take it over.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday 20 October 1941 at 12 O midday at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.
Please make every effort to attend.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of September 22 (enclosed)
- 2 Report of sub-committee appointed to consider Proposals for Propaganda Committee (enclosed)
- 3 Report of Budgetting Sub-committee (enclosed)
- 4 Appointment of new Summer School Committee
- 5 Other business
- 6 Date of next meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 12 midday on Monday 20 October 1941 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs Cole, Creech Jones, Davies, Mrs Drake, Durbin, Franklin, Collanz, Mitchison, Robson, Mary Sutherland, Ellen Wilkinson, Barbara Wootton, Woolf, Yates. Apologies were received from Griffiths and Mackay.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of September 22 These were approved. It was reported that Laski had accepted the offer of cooption to the Executive Committee.
- 2 Report of sub-committee appointed to consider Proposals for Propaganda Committee The Status, Constitution and Purposes of the Committee were amended and approved. Money was to be raised by a general appeal in Fabian News and to select lists, and by approaches to selected trade union and cooperative committees. H. D. Hughes to act as Secretary to the Committee, and an Assistant Secretary to be appointed at a salary of £4 to £5 per week. One or two extra rooms to be taken nearby, but the work of the Propaganda Committee to be conducted from the central office.

The following members of the Fabian E C and officials to be invited to serve on the committee, and to consider who else should be asked to serve: G.D.H. Cole, M. Cole, Davies, Collanz, Hughes, Creech Jones, Laski, Mackay, Parker, M. Sutherland.

G.D.H. Cole to see Middleton and explain the whole matter to him on behalf of the Society.

- 3 Report of Budgeting sub-committee This was approved.
- 4 Summer School Committee The following were appointed with power to coopt: Davies (chair), M.I. Cole, Franklin, Humphreys, Ramage, Blanco-White. It was decided to hold a reunion on Saturday December 20.
- 5 Dates of Meetings
 - (a) Research Committee - November 10 at 3 p m
 - (b) Summer School Committee - October 29 at 4 30 p m
 - (c) Propaganda Committee - October 27 at 4 30 p m
 - (d) Executive Committee - To be fixed by office.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday 8 December 1941 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1 at 4 45 p m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of October 20 (enclosed).
- 2 Minutes of Socialist Propaganda Committee of November 10 and December 1.
- 3 Minutes of Research Committee of 10 November (enclosed).
- 4 Proposals for Joint Membership between Local Societies and National Society Provincial members of the national Society do not get full advantage of London activities and have to pay extra subscriptions to local Societies. Many people therefore only join the local Society. It is proposed that 2/6 of the local subscription should be paid by the national Society on behalf of those of its members wishing to join locally.
- 5 International Bureau Proposed Constitution submitted by the Advisory Committee (enclosed). Report to follow.
- 6 Staff questions
- 7 Members in Arrears Names to be removed from books (list to be on table). Recent new Members (List to be on table.)
- 8 One Day Conferences
 - (a) The Future of Italy
 - (b) Peasant Movements in Eastern Europe
- 9 New Publications
- 10 Annual Report of Colonial Bureau (Enclosed for information)

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

Present Cole, Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Franklin, Gollancz, Susan Lawrence, Mitchison, Barbara Wootton, Parker and Hughes.

Apologies were received from Ellen Wilkinson and Mary Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of October 20 These were approved.
- 2 Minutes of Socialist Propaganda Committee of November 10 and December 1 These were approved. It was to be made quite clear that small local groups were to be under the discipline of the central committee.
- 3 Minutes of Research Committee of November 10 These were corrected and approved.
- 4 Research Institute Mitchison and Pollard were to draw up a scheme and report to the next Executive Committee meeting. Enquiries were to be made about the constitutions of P E P, the Ethical Union, Sara Hall Trust and New Commonwealth Institute; Simon was to be written to.
- 5 Proposals for Joint Membership between Local Societies and the National Society General approval was given to the proposal for joint membership with a return of 2/6 per member to local societies on application by local societies; no such return was to be entertained on subscriptions of less than 10/6. The General Secretary, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer were to report to the next meeting on any necessary changes in the rules which the policy would require.
- 6 International Bureau The proposed constitution was in general approved, subject to the removal of the proposal for affiliation by other bodies. The revised constitution was to come before the next Executive Committee meeting.
- 7 Conferences Suggestions made by the International Bureau were rejected. It was decided to try and organise a one day conference on January 18 on The Far East.
- 8 Staff Questions A report was made on likely call ups. The General Secretary, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer were to report to the Executive Committee on any changes which this would necessitate; they were empowered to go to £300 a year in filling the post of Assistant Secretary.
- 9 Members in Arrears Members of the Executive Committee agreed to approach these where they knew them. If they did not pay up in the near future all of these names were to be removed from the list of members. Ben Tillett to be made an Honorary Member.
- 10 New Publications
 - (a) Propaganda pamphlets The publication by the Society of up to 12 was approved.
 - (b) Army of Tomorrow Readers: Mayhew, Miller, Slater.
 - (c) Italy Readers: Finer, Noel Baker.
 - (d) German and Austrian pamphlets Reader: Tom Marshall
 - (e) Labour in Colonies approved.
- 11 Annual Report of Colonial Bureau This was approved.
- 12 Date of next Meeting Not fixed.

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A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, February 16, 1942, at 1 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. Coffee will be provided but members are asked to have lunch before or bring sandwiches.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee on December 8th (enclosed)
- 2 Letter from Ivor Thomas (enclosed)
- 3 Staff Questions - Report on position
- 4 Report of Colonial Bureau (enclosed)
- 5 Report of International Bureau and membership form (enclosed)
- 6 Minutes of Propaganda Committee meetings of January 5 and 26 (enclosed for non-members of the S.P.C.)
- 7 Fabian News and Socialist News Commentary (proposals for enlargement to be submitted)
- 8 Victory or Vested Interest It is suggested that this be sent out to two guinea members
- 9 Appointment of Delegates to (a) Labour Party Conference (b) London Labour Party Conference.
- 10 Research Institute Proposals for constitution to be submitted
- 11 Report on Palm and Pine (to be submitted)
- 12 Proposals for scheme to encourage organisations to subscribe to the Society (enclosed)
- 13 Suggested alteration of Rule 11 (copy enclosed) to read as follows:

'Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means. The minimum annual subscription for members of the Society and for all subscribing bodies and associates shall be 10/6. A 10/6 subscription shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of Fabian News, the Quarterly Journal and all pamphlets priced 6d or less issued by the Society. A subscription of 21/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of the above periodicals and all pamphlets priced 1/- or less. A subscription of 42/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of all publications issued by the Society, save such, if any, as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. Student members of the W.E.A. and N.C.L.C., members of Labour Youth organisations, undergraduates and other full time students and members of the ranks of H.M. Forces shall be allowed to become members at the discretion of the Executive Committee for an annual subscription of 5/-, for which they shall receive the above periodicals and such a limited number of pamphlets as the Executive Committee shall decide. Members of the Society paying 10/6 or more yearly, who are also members of a local Fabian

Society, and whose subscription is paid up to date, may empower their local society to reclaim 2/6 on their behalf yearly towards their subscriptions to the local society. The Executive Committee shall have power to strike off the books any member who after notice fails to pay his subscription.'

- 14. Arrangements for Election of new Executive Committee, Annual General Meeting, Annual Report, etc.
- 15. Future Conferences
- 16. Reports on Society's Special Activities (enclosed)
 - (a) Research
 - (b) Propaganda
 - (c) Colonial Bureau
 - (d) International Bureau

It is not possible to submit complete estimates as to the Society's likely income and expenditure for 1942-3 until after the end of the present financial year (March 31st, 1942), but these reports are submitted as a guide in planning future activities.

- 17. Publications for Approval
- 18. Other Business
- 19. Date of next Meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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ROUGH BUDGET OF RESEARCH, PROPAGANDA, INTERNATIONAL AND COLONIAL
SECTIONS UP TO 31st MARCH, 1942

Note: These figures are necessarily approximate only. Where they consist of or include allocations from overhead expenses previously being borne by the Society this is indicated by an asterisk.

The following statement of the cash position gives a general indication of the Society's finances. It must be remembered that each of the new sections, particularly the S.P.C., has contributed an impetus to the 25% increase in membership over the last 9 months.

Cash in Bank and in Hand:

1 April 1941	£530. 7. -
1 July "	£123. 4. 2
1 Oct. "	£881.10. 5
1 Jan. 1942	£849.17. 1

1. RESEARCH (full year).

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>
<u>Salaries:</u>		Balance £87.10. -
Joan Clarke	£162.10.-	Donations 272.10. -
Mrs. Watson (7/11ths) 6 months	35. 9.1	
Z. Mimardiere (1/3rd) 6 months	25. --	
Proportion of other staff	20. -- *	
Insurance	4.12.2	
Office and stationery (1/6th)	60. -- *	
Rent	50. -- *	
Telephone (1/6th)	12. --	
Light and Heat (1/10th)	14. -- *	
Sundries	10. --	
Postage	25. --	
	<u>£418.11.3</u>	<u>£360. -- -</u>

2. SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE (4 months)

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>
<u>Salaries:</u>		Donations £139. 3.3
Mrs. Fox	£25. --	Sale of
Ballard (50%) (-10 Feb)	30. --	Publica-
Other staff	65. -- *	tions
Office and Stationery (1/6th)	20. -- *	(-5/2/42) 50. --
Rent	16.13.4	
Telephone (1/6th)	4. --	
Light and Heat (1/10th)	5. --	
Fares	5. --	
Postage	20. --	
	<u>190.13.4</u>	
6 pamphlets	113.15.6	
Other Printing	7. --	
	<u>£311. 8.10</u>	<u>£189. 3.3</u>

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, February 16th, 1942, at 1 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. (85)

Present Cole (Chair), Mrs. Cole, Crouch Jones, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Franklin, Gollancz, Mitchison, Robson, Miss Sutherland, White, Woolf, Yates, Zilliacus, Parker, Hughes, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Hindon, Miss Warriner.

Apologies were received from Griffiths.

- 1 Minutes of Meeting of December 8th Approved.
- 2 Letter from Ivor Thomas This was received.
- 3 Staff Questions It was reported that H. D. Hughes, Ronald Gantlett and Esther Wells were to be called up in the near future, and that Ballard had left. The officers and Franklin were appointed as a sub-committee to interview applicants for the post of wartime Organizing Secretary, the appointment to be ratified by the Executive Committee. It was decided to engage Miss Davies to assist with work for the Socialist Propaganda Committee and Bookshop.
- 4 Victory or Vested Interest It was decided to send this out to two guinea members.
- 5 Appointment of Delegates to Conferences
 - (a) London Labour Party Parker and Franklin
 - (b) Labour Party Mrs. Cole with Mrs. Drake as reserve.
- 6 London Labour Party Executive John Parker was appointed as the Society's representative for 1942-3.
- 7 Research Institute Mitchison and Blanco White were appointed as a sub-committee to consider the draft constitution for this report to the next Executive Committee.
- 8 Proposals for scheme to encourage organisations to subscribe to the Society These were amended and approved.
- 9 Suggested alteration of Rule 11 It was agreed to support the following draft:

Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means. The minimum annual subscription for members of the Society and for all subscribing bodies and associates shall be 10/6. A 10/6 subscription shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of Fabian News, the Quarterly Journal and all pamphlets priced 6d or less issued by the Society, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. A subscription of 21/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of the above periodicals and all pamphlets priced 1/- or less. A subscription of 42/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of all publications issued by the Society, save such, if any, as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. Student members of the W.B.A. and N.C.L.C., members of Labour Youth organisations, undergraduates and other full time students and members of the ranks of H.M. Forces shall be allowed to become members at the discretion of the Executive Committee for an annual subscription of 5/-, for which they shall receive the above periodicals and such a limited number of pamphlets as the Executive Committee shall decide. Members

of the Society paying 10/6 or more yearly, who are also members of a local Fabian Society, and whose subscription is paid up to date, may empower their local Society to reclaim 2/6 on their behalf yearly towards their subscriptions to the local Society. The Executive Committee shall have power to strike off the books any member who after notice fails to pay his subscription.

It was decided to hold a special Private Meeting on March 27th at 5 30 p.m. in the S.P.C. room at the office to consider the proposed alteration.

10 Arrangement for Election of new Executive Committee, Annual General Meeting, etc.

- (a) Nominations to be in by April 22nd.
- (b) Ballot Papers to be in by May 20th.
- (c) Annual General Meeting - June 22nd at 6 p.m.

11 Future Conferences The following dates and subjects were approved:

- (a) After the Nazis March 15th
- (b) Colonel Blimp and the Colonies March 21
- (c) Recreation in a Machine Age March 29

12 Publications The following readers were appointed:

- (1) Parliamentary Reform Creech Jones, Franklin.
- (2) Building Industry Cole, Simon.
- (3) Woollen Industry Worswick, C. H. Wood.

It was decided to publish the Russian pamphlet through the Socialist Propaganda Committee and to ask Cripps for a preface; and to refer the pamphlet on Economic Reconstruction to the Economic Committee.

13 Report on International Bureau This was accepted. (1) It was decided to make the editorial committee of France and Britain into a sub-committee of the Anglo-French group; (2) Book on Socialism - It was decided that this should be either shortened and edited by Woolf or else dropped; the foreign socialists' group were to decide which they preferred; (3) The rules governing membership as set out in the printed leaflet were approved; (4) It was agreed that Griffiths, Hynd, H. Grant, P. White and D. Woodman should be invited to join the Advisory Committee; (4) A complete list of the committees and groups of the Bureau and their members was to be submitted to the next E.C. Meeting.

14 Report on Colonial Bureau This was accepted.

15 N.S.N Pamphlet It was decided to accept with thanks the author's offer to hand over half of the profits to the S.P.C. . . .

16 Adjourned Meeting. It was decided to adjourn the meeting til Monday, February 23rd, at 1 30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.



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

An Adjourned Executive Meeting will be held on Monday, February 23rd, at 1 30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of Propaganda Committee meetings of January 5th and 26th, and report on activities.
- 2 Fabian News and Socialist News Commentary (proposals for enlargement to be submitted).
- 3 General Discussion on Reports of Sections (Research, Propaganda, International and Colonial).
- 4 Report on Palm and Pine.
- 5 Autumn Lectures - Proposed subjects and speakers.
- 6 Two guinea Members - What is to be sent to them.
- 7 List of Committees and Groups of International Bureau (to be submitted).
- 8 Other business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth St., S W 1, at 1 30 p m on Monday, 23 February 1942.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Susan Lawrence, Mitchison, Robson, Yates, Parker and Hughes.

Apologies were received from Creech Jones and Durbin.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of February 16 These were approved.
- 2 Staff (a) Wartime Organising Secretary It was decided that the officers should interview applicants and recommend an appointment to the Executive Committee; (b) Esther Wells It was decided to consider favourably her re-employment after the war if a suitable vacancy existed; (c) Ronald Gantlett It was decided to keep his job open for him after the war and to make up his wages when called up.
- 3 Research Institute The scheme submitted was approved. Simon was to be approached on the subject.
- 4 Rule 11 This was further amended to limit reductions to members of local societies to those outside the Metropolitan Police Area.
- 5 Minutes of Propaganda meetings of January 5 and 26 These were approved. All local groups were to be asked to send copies of any publications to head office. 500 copies of War Industries were to be sent out to selected local Labour organisations.
- 6 Fabian News and Socialist News Commentary It was decided to refer any decision on this matter to the next Executive Committee meeting. The following recommendations were made: (a) that the proposed News Commentary should be incorporated in the News; (b) that the News should be reduced in size and of the suggested format; (c) that it should be 16 pp in length, 8 pp of which should take the form of a Socialist News Commentary; (d) that the Walter Crane heading should be reduced in size and retained; (e) that Raymond Postgate should act as general editor of the News Commentary, and Tracey as industrial editor, and that the Organising Secretary should edit the News; these, plus the Hon. Secretary, should act as an editorial committee, which should always include a member of the Executive Committee.
- 7 Report on Palm and Pine It was decided that the office should arrange to take over this company.
- 8 Two guinea members It was decided to send these all publications of the Bureaux and provide any other services at request.
- 9 List of Committees and groups of International Bureau This was received.
- 10 Autumn Lectures Proposals were to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 11 General Discussion on work of Sections This was to take place at next meeting.
- 12 Next meeting This was fixed for Tuesday, 10 March, at 1 30 p m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at 1 30 p m on Tuesday,
10 March 1942, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of February 23rd (enclosed)
- 2 Appointment of wartime Organising Secretary
- 3 Fabian News and Socialist News Commentary As reported at the last meeting (see Minutes 6) there is an urgent demand for a regular News Commentary from local Societies and groups, members in the Forces, etc. After going into the matter fully, it has appeared that the only way of producing this in printed form is as an integral part of Fabian News. The recommendations reported in the minutes were referred to the following meeting for ratification in view of the importance of the subject and the comparatively small attendance.
- 4 Autumn Lectures Programme to be drawn up (suggestions enclosed)
- 5 Financial Report on the Society's Sections (already circulated)
- 6 Other business
- 7 Date of next meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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FABIAN SOCIETY :::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET W. ST. MINSTER LONDON S W 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on 10 March, 1942,
at 1.30 p.m. at 11, Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present Cole, M. I. Cole, S. Lawrence, E. Wilkinson, Woolf, Franklin,
Griffiths, Parker, Hughes.

Apologies from Creech Jones.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of February 23 These were approved.
- 2 Wartime Organizing Secretary It was decided to offer the post to Mr. Gwynn Jones at £300 a year; his removal expenses up to £70 were also to be met. If he did not accept the post the Appointing Committee were to interview further candidates and make an appointment.
- 3 Fabian News & Socialist Commentary The proposals agreed by the last Executive Committee were ratified.
- 4 Autumn Lectures It was decided to hold a series on Towards a New Britain Conway Hall was to be booked.
- 5 Financial Report on the Society's Sections This was received. It was decided that a budget for the Society for the year 1942-3 was to be submitted to the Executive Committee as soon as possible after 31 March. Each section was to prepare its budget in detail, and the Executive Committee was then to decide how large a grant could be made to each from the central funds of the Society, and how much each section should try and raise itself.
- 6 Members in Arrears A list of those to be removed from membership was approved.
- 7 Date of Next Meeting This was fixed for April 28th at 4.30 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31/3/42

	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d				
Sundry Creditors		53	1	1½			Cash at Bank		966	4	3		
Deposits	354	0	0	407	1	1½	Sundry Debtors ...		37	18	4		
Special Funds:							Stock:						
Home Policy Research	304	4	6				Tracts	200	0	0			
Colonial Bureau	233	17	11				Paper	211	0	0			
International Bureau	144	1	4				Library	50	0	0			
Socialist Prop. Com.	103	9	10				Stationery	100	0	0	561	0	0
Pensions Reserve	182	2	11				Furniture		100	0	0		
Scholarship Fund	10	3	9				Investment		208	7	11		
Women's Group	35	6	0	1013	6	3	Freehold Property		2500	0	0		
Mortgage				2500	0	0	Balance transferred						
Revenue Account:							Anglo French Co-op						
Balance at 31/3/41	404	9	4				Committee		42	2	2		
Add excess of Income													
over Expenditure ...	90	15	11½	495	5	3½							
				4415	12	8							
									4415	12	8		

GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	
To							By				
Office Expenses:							Subscriptions	244	12	3	
Salaries	1623	2	9				Special donations	491	16	8	
Housekeeper	72	5	0				Balances transferred:				
Coal, light, etc ...	93	6	2				Bookshop A/c	79	19	2	
Mortgage interest & rates	208	13	9				Conferences A/c ...	87	16	11	
Postage, parcels, telephone	550	13	5				Summer School	724	4	0	
Office exps & stat...	489	11	0								
General printing ...	60	12	8								
Insurance Stamps ...	55	9	2	3153	13	11					
Pensions				337	12	4					
Affiliation Fees:											
Labour Party	57	10	3								
London Labour Party	3	1	2								
Sundry	2	6	0	62	17	5					
Books purchased for Library				14	2	9					
Balance transferred Publications A/c ...				172	6	7½					
Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure				90	15	11½					
				3831	9	0			3831	9	0

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FINANCIAL POSITION 1942/3

<u>Estimated Expenditure April-June 1942</u>			<u>Estimated Income April-June 1942</u>				
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Salaries	609	9	2	Subscriptions	400	0	0
Housekeeper	14	19	0	Donations	115	0	0
Coal, light, etc	35	0	0	Sale of Publications:			
Mortgage, rates, etc	12	10	0	Fabian	200	0	0
Rent of 4 Q A G	25	0	0	Other	50	0	0
War Risks Insurance	5	3	0	Conferences, Lunches, etc ...	35	0	0
Postages, parcels, telephone	150	0	0	Royalties	20	0	0
Office expenses, stationery				Colonial Bureau	25	0	0
& General printing	14	0	0	International Bureau	50	0	0
Books purchased	80	0	0				
Printing:							
S P C	130	0	0				
Pamphlets & tracts	130	0	0				
News	30	0	0				
x Quarterly	30	0	0				
x France & Britain	15	0	0				
@ x Empire	5	0	0				
Pensions	86	10	0				
	<u>1498</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>895</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

<u>Estimated Expenditure July-September 1942</u>			<u>Estimated Income July-September 1942</u>				
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Salaries	607	2	6	Subscriptions	300	0	0
Housekeeper	14	19	0	Donations	150	0	0
Coal, light, etc	15	0	0	Sale of Publications:			
Mortgage interest, rates, etc	47	14	0	Fabian	200	0	0
Rent of 4 Q A G	25	0	0	Other	70	0	0
War Risks Insurance	3	18	0	Conferences, Lunches, etc ...	10	0	0
Postages, parcels, telephone	100	0	0	Royalties	50	0	0
Office expenses, stationery				Summer School	500	0	0
& General printing	135	0	0	Colonial Bureau	50	0	0
Books purchased	80	0	0	International Bureau	25	0	0
Printing:							
S P C	100	0	0				
Tracts & pamphlets	100	0	0				
News	20	0	0				
x Quarterly	20	0	0				
@x Empire	5	0	0				
x France & Britain	15	0	0				
Pensions	86	10	0				
	<u>1375</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>1355</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Estimated Expenditure Oct-December 1942

	£	s	d
Salaries	613	12	6
Housekeeper	14	19	0
Coal, light, etc	15	0	0
Mortgage interest, rates, etc	44	9	8
Rent of 4 Q A G	25	0	0
War Risks Insurance	5	3	0
Postages, parcels, telephone	150	0	0
Office expenses, stationery & General printing	130	0	0
Books purchased	80	0	0
Affiliation fees	40	0	0
Printing:			
S P C	100	0	0
Tracts & pamphlets	150	0	0
News	30	0	0
x Quarterly	20	0	0
@x Empire	5	0	0
x France & Britain	15	0	0
Pensions	86	10	0
	<u>1524</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>

Estimated Income October-December 1942

	£	s	d
Subscriptions	750	0	0
Donations	235	0	0
Sale of Publications:			
Fabian	200	0	0
Other	150	0	0
Conferences, lunches, etc ..	35	0	0
Colonial Bureau	25	0	0
International Bureau	25	0	0
	<u>1420</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Estimated Expenditure January-March 1943

	£	s	d
Salaries	620	2	6
Housekeeper	14	19	0
Coal, light, etc	35	0	0
Mortgage interest, rates etc	75	0	0
Rent of 4 Q A G	25	0	0
War Risks Insurance	12	10	6
Postages, parcels, telephone	150	0	0
Office expenses, stationery & General printing	130	0	0
Books purchased	80	0	0
Printing:			
S P C	100	0	0
Tracts & pamphlets	150	0	0
News	30	0	0
x Quarterly	20	0	0
x France & Britain	15	0	0
@x Empire	5	0	0
Pensions	86	10	0
	<u>1549</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

Estimated Income January-March 1943

Subscriptions	1125	0	0
Donations	150	0	0
Sale of Publications:			
Fabian	230	0	0
Other	100	0	0
Conferences, lunches, etc ...	5	0	0
Colonial Bureau	25	0	0
International Bureau	25	0	0
	<u>1660</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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NOTE The above figures show a probable excess of expenditure over income during the year of £617.10.10. This figure is therefore the minimum target to be aimed at in securing new donations in addition to the £650 donations allowed for in the tables above.

AUTUMN LECTURES - Some Suggestions

- (1) First Steps to a Socialist Britain)
Prolegomena to Socialism) Possible titles
What is Reconstruction?)
The Home Front)

- 1 Nationalisation of Power Transport & Key Industries - James Griffiths
- 2 Land & Agriculture - Daniel Hall; Addison
- 3 Socialist Finance - Keynes - failing Keynes perhaps Gaitskell
- 4 Planning & Planners
Machine of Reconstruction national and local - Cole
- 5 Social Services
Alternatives Health (Somerhill Hastings)
Education - J. Westwood, M.P., possibly Cove.
- 6 Control of Foreign Trade - Lasli

(2) PLAN FOR THE PEACE

A Socialist View of the Problems of International Reconstruction

- 1 The Immediate Post War Scene - Crossman
- 2 First Tasks in Relief & Reconstruction - Dalton
- 3 The Economic Framework of the Future - Cole
- 4 International Political Machinery - Lasli or Cripps
- 5 Plan for the Colonies - Creech Jones
- 6 Tell the World Now! - Kingsley Martin

MINUTES of a SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING held at 11 Dartmouth Street on March 27, 1942.

Present M. I. Cole, A. E. Davies, D. Freeman, H. D. Hughes, A. M. F. Palmer, I. Roussin.

- 1 David Freeman was appointed to take the chair.
- 2 The following amendment to the Rules in the name of the Executive Committee was unanimously adopted:

"That the present Rule 11 be replaced by the following:

"Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means. The minimum annual subscription for members of the Society and for all subscribing bodies and associates shall be 10/6. A 10/6 subscription shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of Fabian News, the Quarterly Journal and all pamphlets priced 6d. or less issued by the Society, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. A subscription of 21/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of the above periodicals and all pamphlets priced 1/- or less. A subscription of 42/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of all publications issued by the Society, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. Student members of the W.B.A. and N.C.L.C., members of Labour Youth organisations, undergraduates and other full-time students and members of the ranks of H.M. Forces shall be allowed to become members at the discretion of the Executive Committee for an annual subscription of 5/-, for which they shall receive the above periodicals and such a limited number of pamphlets as the Executive Committee shall decide. Members of the Society paying 10/6 or more yearly, who are also members of a local Fabian Society outside the Metropolitan Police Area, and whose subscription is paid up to date, may empower their local Society to reclaim 2/6 on their behalf yearly towards their subscription to the local Society. The Executive Committee shall have power to strike off the books any member who, after notice, fails to pay his subscription. "

The meeting adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

H. D. HUGHES
Assistant Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1, at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28th, 1942.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 10th (enclosed).
- 2 Draft of Financial statement (enclosed).
- 3 Budget for 1942-3 (enclosed).
- 4 Correspondence with Rennie Smith (on the table).
- 5 'Manifesto' with note from the Chairman (enclosed).
- 6 Place of Summer School. The question has been raised as to whether it would be advisable to hold the School nearer London.
- 7 Publications - Scottish Education.
- 8 Autumn Lectures programme.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth St., S W 1, at 4.30 p m on Tuesday, 28 April, 1942.

Present Davies (chair), Cole, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Franklin, Gallanz, Griffiths, Creech Jones, Mitchison, Ramage, White, Woolf, Yates, Parker, Hughes, Mrs. Clarke and Dr. Hinden.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 10 These were approved.
- 2 Draft of Financial Statement This was approved.
- 3 Budget for 1942-3 This was received. It was decided to authorise the engagement of another clerical assistant.
- 4 Correspondence with Rennie Smith It was decided that this should lie on the table.
- 5 A Word on the Future to British Socialists The publication of this, issued by a Committee of the Fabian Society, was authorised (9 - 1). Suggestions for revision to be sent in to the author by Saturday, May 2. It was to be issued free to delegates to the Labour Party Conference with a covering letter.
- 6 Place of Summer School It was decided to hold the first two or three weeks at Dartington and the last weeks at Frensham.
- 7 Publications:
 - 1 Scottish Education This was to be published subject to a further opinion;
 - 2 Economic Reconstruction Cole and Yates were to act as readers;
 - 3 Malayan Collapse Readers: Woolf and Freeman.
- 8 Note on revision of Imperial section of Labour Party's Interim Report It was decided to send this forward to the Labour Party Executive.
- 9 Autumn Lectures Progress was reported.
- 10 Date of Next Meeting This was not fixed.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

59th ANNUAL REPORT for the Year Ending 31 March 1942

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The fifty-eighth Annual Report of the Fabian Society indicated surprise at the steady growth of the Society during the second year of a world-war. In the middle of the third it is perhaps less surprising but no less satisfactory to find the rate of increase not merely maintained but greatly speeded up, as the figures of membership prove. In particular, since the setting-up of the Socialist Propaganda Committee in the autumn enabled the Society to make an appeal to groups of provincial Socialists, we have discovered that our appeal is limited only by the resources we have wherewith to make it. The forty towns in which local Groups now exist could be four hundred if we could spare the money and personnel to organise them. No less an indication of popularity is provided by the waiting list for Summer, Christmas and Easter Schools, the growing demand for our publications, the increasing number who attend lunches, lectures and similar functions, and the increases in office expenses which have proved necessary in order to cope with the volume of work. All these are set out in the separate sections of the Report which follow: in sum, we feel that 1941-2 has indicated, even more strongly than the previous year, the outstanding need which Socialists and near-Socialists feel of the Fabian Society.

MEMBERSHIP, OFFICERS, etc.

Membership at March 31st, 1942, stood at 2,672. This figure was made up of 1,999 full members, 577 associates - including 222 persons subscribing less than the ordinary 10/6 minimum (most of these are serving in the forces or are students), 40 local societies, 39 subscribing bodies and 37 library subscribers. During the year 716 new subscribers joined the Society and 114 were lost through war conditions, deaths and other causes. The net gain was 602 (29% on last year's figures). This compares with an increase the previous year of 211 (11.5% increase). The present figure of 2,672 stands just below the 2,804 recorded in 1913, the Society's previous peak. The latter figure, however, included a proportion of members of local Societies who were not members of the Society nationally. We have been unable to ascertain the exact number of these; but as the present year's figures take no account of local membership (which is as high as 200 in the case of some local Societies) there is good reason to believe that the present membership is the highest ever recorded.

This membership, also, continues the tradition of high quality. In Parliament 15 members of the House of Lords and 71 members of the House of Commons are members of the Society. The following members hold office in the present Government: The Rt. Hon. Clement Richard Attlee, M.P., the Rt. Hon. Sir Stafford Cripps, K.C., M.P., the Rt. Hon. Tom Williams, M.P., the Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, M.P., Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., Ernest Thurtle, M.P., the Rt. Hon. Sir William Allen Jowitt, K.C., M.P., the Rt. Hon. Thomas Johnston, M.P., the Rt. Hon. Hugh Dalton, M.P., David Rhys Gronfell, C.B.E., M.P., the Rt. Hon. Sir James Arthur Salter, K.C.B., M.P., Philip Noel-Baker, M.P. In addition, a very large proportion of the membership is serving in important posts connected either with the war effort or with post-war reconstruction.

There is still a considerable leakage in membership through members forgetting to inform the office of changes in their addresses, particularly when they join the services. With the present paper shortage it has become even more necessary rigidly to strike off the names of those members who are more than three months in arrears with their subscriptions. We make a strong appeal to members to keep in touch.

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The following bodies have become subscribers to the Society during the year: Association of Labour Students, Bootle Trades Council and Labour Party, Educational Department, Bristol Co-operative Society, British Federation of Co-operative Youth, Clay Cross Divisional Labour Party, Co-operative Co-Partnership-Propaganda Committee, Dewsbury Labour Party, Gravesend Labour Party, Industrial and Social Order Council, Lockhurst Lane Co-operative Representation Committee, National Union of Brass and Metal Mechanics, National Union of Railwaymen - E. Ardsley Branch, Co-operative Party - Sheffield Section.

We can now offer subscribing bodies considerable facilities in the way of speakers on home, international and colonial subjects, supplies of literature at a discount, reduced delegate fees for conferences, etc. We hope members will encourage their own organisations to consider subscribing. Full particulars will be sent on request.

Alderman Emil Davies, J.P., L.C.C., was again elected Hon Treasurer, unopposed. The fourteen elected members of the Executive were: G. D. H. Cole, Margaret Cole, Leonard Wolf, Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., A. Creech Jones, M.P., Francis Williams, Barbara Wootton, K. Zilliacus, Victor Gollancz, W. A. Robson, Barbara Drake, Jim Griffiths, M.P., Susan Lawrence, E. P. M. Durbin.

H. Franklin, R. W. G. Backay, G. R. Mitchison, Mary Sutherland, G. R. Blanco White and Paul Yates were co-opted in June, and Harold Lasd and John Range in September. The following Hon. Officers were re-appointed: Chairman - G. D. H. Cole; Hon. Secretary - Margaret Cole. As announced in the last Annual Report, Beatrice Webb resigned from the Presidency in June, sending a message to the Annual Meeting expressing her pleasure at the recent growth of the Society and stressing the importance of its work at the present time. It was decided not to appoint a successor.

STAFF

The war and the development of the Society's work have caused considerable changes in the staff. H. D. Hughes, the Assistant Secretary and Secretary of the Socialist Propaganda Committee, was called up on May 7th, 1942, and Gwyn Llewellyn Jones has been appointed as Organising Secretary for the duration of the war. Miss Jeeves, who was in charge of the clerical staff left in September and her work was taken over by Miss Zeni Mimaridire, who had previously acted as clerical and filing assistant. Miss D. Chitty, the Assistant Secretary of the International Bureau, left in August and was replaced by Mrs. Mildred Bamford as Organising Secretary. Miss D. Perkins joined the staff in September as a clerical and filing assistant, and Miss Esther Wells served six months - from October - as an assistant in the finance department - until called up. Mrs. Fox joined the staff at Christmas as Assistant Secretary of the Socialist Propaganda Committee. Ronald Gantlett, the bookshop manager, is also due to be called up and Miss Davies, who has been assisting with the publications department, will take over responsibility for the bookshop. The Society has also had assistance during the year from Arthur Ballard and Sylvia Lucas.

COMMITTEES

The following committees were appointed and served during the year: Research, Summer School, Colonial Bureau, International Bureau, Anglo-French Co-operation Committee, Socialist Propaganda Committee.

DELEGATES

Susan Lawrence attended the Annual Labour Party Conference, 1941, as the Society's delegate; Mrs. Cole has been appointed to serve for the 1942 Conference. Barbara Drake, L.C.C., again represented the

as been appointed to serve for 1942. John Parker and Hugh Franklin were selected as delegates to its Annual Conference. Mrs. L' Estrange Malone represented the Society on the Standing Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 58th Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Livingstone Hall on 23 June, with G. D. H. Cole in the chair. About 50 members were present. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted, and thanks accorded to the Auditors - Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co., who were re-appointed.

SPECIAL PRIVATE MEETING

A special meeting for members was called on March 27, to approve an amended version of Rule 11 proposed by the Executive. This was unanimously adopted. The Rule now reads as follows:-

"Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means. The minimum annual subscription for members of the Society and for all subscribing bodies and associates shall be 10/6. A 10/6 subscription shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of Fabian News, the Quarterly Journal and all pamphlets priced 6d or less issued by the Society, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. A subscription of 21/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of the above periodicals and all pamphlets priced 1/- or less. A subscription of 42/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of all publications issued by the Society, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. Student members of the W.E.A. and N.C.L.C., members of Labour Youth organisations, undergraduates and other full-time students and members of the ranks of H.M. Forces shall be allowed to become members at the discretion of the Executive Committee for an annual subscription of 5/-, for which they shall receive the above periodicals and such a limited number of pamphlets as the Executive Committee shall decide. Members of the Society paying 10/6 or more yearly, who are also members of a local Fabian Society outside the Metropolitan Police Area, and whose subscription is paid up to date, may empower their local Society to reclaim 2/6 on their behalf yearly towards their subscription to the local Society. The Executive Committee shall have power to strike off the books any member who, after notice, fails to pay his subscription."

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group has revived activities during the year, with Barbara Drake as Chairman and Mrs. Spikes and Agnes Murray as successive secretaries. A very informative series of lunch meetings on Women and the New Order has been held, speakers including Margaret Cole, Barbara Drake, Amy Sayle, Eva Hubback, Dorothy Elliott and Dorothy Evans. A successful Conference on Recreation in a Machine Age was held on March 29, addressed by Denis Harding, A. Durant (BIPO), Miss M. C. Glasgow (CEMA) and Major E. Sandford Carter (NCS). J. J. Mallon spoke at a public lunch in connection with the Conference. The Group is open to all women members of the Society without further subscription, and to others for a fee of 2/6. All interested are asked to communicate with Agnes Murray, Hon. Secretary, 12c, Compton Terrace, Islington, N.1.

SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE and LOCAL SOCIETIES

As a result of discussions at the Summer School arising from lectures by Cole and Collanz, it was felt that there was a strong need at the present time for an unofficial socialist propaganda drive within the

framework of the Labour Movement both to assist and encourage the propaganda work of local labour organisations, and to attract the new sections of the population who are taking an interest in politics from a progressive angle as a result of wartime experiences. After careful consideration, it was decided that this could best be done under the auspices of the Society and the Executive therefore set up a special Socialist Propaganda Committee, consisting of the following: Chairman - G. D. H. Cole, Secretary - H. D. Hughes; Committee - Barbara Betts, Ritchie Calder, Jean Clarke, Harold Clay, Margaret Cole, Freda Corbett, Emil Davies, Sidney Elliott, Hugh Franklin, Victor Gollancz, Barbara Ayrton Gould, R. Hartwell, Frank Horrabin, Roy Jenkins, A. Creech Jones, M.P., Harold Lasd, R. W. G. Mackay, Hector McNeil, M.P., Kingsley Martin, C. P. Mayhew, J.P.M. Hillar, G. R. Mitchison, Peter Pain, J. Parker, M.P., W. W. Paton, W. Pickles, Raymond Postgate, Ellis Smith, M.P., John Strachey, Mary Sutherland, Herbert Tracey, Evelyn Walkden, M.P., Ellen Wilkinson, Paul Yates.

Offers of assistance were received from all over the country, and it soon became clear that the most appropriate form of organisation in the first place was the formation of local Fabian Societies which, in addition to research and educational activities, could co-operate with existing local organisations in propaganda work. By the end of the year, some 40 local societies were in existence, running discussion groups, supplying speakers, organising conferences and in some cases large public meetings. In addition to this, Regional Committees of individuals representative of all sections of the movement have been formed in Birmingham, the Wirral, South and West Wales, and a loose Regional Council of local Fabian Societies has been set up in Lancashire and W. Yorks as a result of a successful Conference at Skipton in September. It is hoped that Regional Committees will develop in other areas. The formation of the Socialist Propaganda Committee also had the effect of stimulating the revival of propaganda work by local Labour Parties, Trades Councils and Co-operative Education Committees in a number of areas on their own account, and speakers have been supplied to a considerable number of meetings of this kind.

The second aim of the Committee was to produce a series of cheap and well written socialist pamphlets. The following were issued or in the press by the end of the year and promise to have a sale far in excess of ordinary Fabian publications:

- 1 Take Over the War Industries - Populus
- 2 Let's Talk it Over - An Argument about Socialism for the Unconverted - Raymond Postgate, illustrated by Max
- 3 How the Russians Live - Wright Miller

A 'Letter Series' addressed to particular groups or professions has also had considerable success, and the following titles have been issued:

- 1 To an Industrial Manager - G. D. H. Cole
- 2 To a Soldier - A Comrade in Arms
- 3 To a Student - Margaret Cole
- 4 To a Shop Steward - Guild Socialist
- 5 To a Woman Munition Worker - A. Susan Lawrence

The Transport and General and Municipal Workers Unions both took large quantities of the last of these for distribution to their new members.

A Methods of Propaganda Committee has also been set up under the Socialist Propaganda Committee, and is considering reports on technical propaganda questions. It has established a Market Research Sub-Committee which is undertaking a number of surveys.

The Socialist Propaganda Committee's original idea of issuing a periodical Socialist News Commentary has unfortunately been prevented by paper restrictions. An attractively printed statement of the aims of the Committee has been issued, and it is hoped to follow this from time to time with special directions for the assistance of local secretaries and contacts.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, LECTURES and CONFERENCES

The Social Activities have continued as popular as ever. Not only the Summer School, the Easter and New Year Schools and general and International lunches, but also weekend and one day conferences and the autumn lectures have been well attended.

Summer School

This was held at the Senior School, Dartington Hall, for four weeks in August and the first week in September. The School was crammed practically throughout the period. Miss Murray acted as manager for the first four weeks and Mrs. Hinchliffe for the last. The Directors were Ald. Emil Davies, Margaret Cole, Molly Belton, H. D. Hughes and Barbara Wootton. The principal lecturers were K. Zilliacus, C. E. M. Joad, Victor Gollancz, G. D. H. Cole, W. Pickles, Jim Griffiths, M.P., Ellen Wilkinson, Barbara Wootton, R. Arnsfeldt, Margaret Cole, John Paraker, G. Catlin, Oscar Pollak, Clive Garsia. Federal Union co-operated with the Society in running the last week of the School. £27 grants were given from the Scholarship Fund to students and foreign Socialists. A Summer School Reunion was held on December 20.

Weekend Schools

Successful Schools were held at Easter and the New Year at Frensham Heights School. Demand exceeded the accommodation on each occasion.

CONFERENCES

A Sunday Conference on The Control of War Production was held at the Brompton Hotel, London, on November 23. G. D. H. Cole, G. D. N. Worswick, Ernest Davies and Austen Albu, spoke. Problems of wartime socialisation were discussed.

See also reports of Conferences under Colonial Bureau, International Bureau, Women's Group, etc. Summarised reports of all Conferences are available at the office on request.

AUTUMN LECTURES

These were again held on Saturday afternoons this year in the Conway Hall, but were much better attended than any course since the beginning of the war. The general title of the course was Victory or Vested Interest, and the following were the lecturers and subjects:

- G. D. H. Cole - Private Monopoly or Public Service
- Francis Williams - Equality of Sacrifice
- Harold Lasd - Democracy in Wartime
- Mary Sutherland - Women and the War
- George Orwell - Culture and Democracy
- Victor Gollancz - Victory in Europe

Thanks are due to the lecturers and to the generosity of the Billson Trust in meeting the deficit of £11. 2. 8d (compared with £81 in 1940)

Monthly lunches have continued to be held and have had an attendance varying between 100 and 200. Speakers have included Quo Tai Chi (Chinese Ambassador), Terje Wold (Norwegian Minister of Justice), J. J. Mallon, Don Pablo de Azcarate, George Ridley, M.P., (who kindly took Arthur Greenwood's place at short notice), John Winant (U.S. Ambassador), C. R. Attlee, M.P., and Sir Richard Acland, M.P.

SPEAKERS' PANEL

A large number of speakers have been supplied to local Parties, Co-operative Education Committees, trade union branches, etc., both by the Society, the Socialist Propaganda Committee and the International and Colonial Bureaux.

ASSISTANCE OF MEMBERS

The names mentioned in various places in this Report are only a few of those who have contributed by writing, speaking, collecting material, making suggestions, publicising our work and pamphlets, and in other ways. Without this voluntary help of all kinds the Society could not achieve one tenth of its activity and influence. We hope those who have helped in the past year will be able to continue, and that others will come forward to share in the increasing volume of work. Here we can only mention those who have helped in the routine typing and office work - the dulllest, but in some ways the most essential, of all forms of assistance: Miss E. Brooks, Miss G. Adams, Mrs. Pirie, Mrs. Chantler, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Grieg, Mrs. Kibble.

PUBLICATIONS

The number of publications and their sales have both increased considerably in the past year. Two tracts, eight pamphlets, five Letters, two Socialist Propaganda Committee pamphlets and two books have been published during the year

Tract Series

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| No. 254 | VANITTART'S GIFT FOR GOEBBELS | H. Fraenkel | 2d |
| 255 | NURSERY EDUCATION | Dr. B. Stross | 3d |

Research Series

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| No. 54 | THE IRISH QUESTION TODAY | J. Hawkins | 1/- |
| 55 | WARRIBLE BILLETING | M. I. Cole | 6d |
| 56 | BACK TO WORK | Professor H. Levy | 6d |
| 57 | THE ASSISTANCE BOARD | Joan Clarke | 6d |
| 58 | EDUCATION OF THE BACKWARD CHILD | Mary Stewart | 6d |
| 59 | HEALTH SERVICES - 2 | Scarnville Hastings | 6d |
| 60 | FISH | John Atkins | 6d |
| 61 | LABOUR IN THE COLONIES | Fabian Colonial Bureau | 1/- |
| 62 | HELP GERMANY REVOLT | Hilda Monte & Hellmut Von Rauschenplat | 6d |

Books

- VICTORY OR VESTED INTEREST? Autumn Lectures 1941
(London Book Service 2/6, Routledge 5/-)
- PLAN FOR AFRICA Dr. Rita Hinden (Allen & Unwin 7/6)

The chief new departure has been the Socialist Propaganda Committee pamphlets and Letters. The need for Socialist propaganda at the present time has been shown by the fact that they nearly all sold out and had to be reprinted shortly after publication. This series has been

sold extensively by local Labour Parties, and has made the Society widely known.

Particularly large sales were obtained by the following pamphlets: Vansittart's Gift for Goebbels, Take Over the War Industries, A Letter to a Woman Munition Worker.

Periodicals

Fabian News and the Fabian Quarterly have continued publication during the year. Contributions to the latter have included: T. Balogh, O. Gollancz, J. Atkins, Paolo Troves, John Parker, M.P., P. C. Watkins, M.P., Professor H. Levy, R. S. Fitter, L. de Brouckère, P. L. Yates, T. A. Lloyd, Rev. W. Drury, John Price, G. D. N. Worswick, Ernest Davies, Jean Clarke and Lord Lathan.

BOOKSHOP

The sales have increased considerably during the year. A number of the research departments of foreign governments here have made use of the bookshop in building up their libraries, and it is hoped that members will take further advantage of the facilities offered and buy books by post.

RESEARCH

The Social Services:

The Research Department has concentrated mainly on the Social Services during the last year and its success may partly be measured by the increasing volume of requests from outside bodies for advice on lecture programs and research projects in this field.

The forthcoming book on Social Security, with the extensive and detailed work involved, has brought a wide range of valuable contacts. Part I of the book, now practically complete, and assuring standard work dimensions, discusses our existing social services, and Part II, plans for which are well advanced, will propose a fully worked-out scheme for their reconstruction. During the year we have called attention, in speeches and articles and wherever possible, to the need for properly trained and paid social service officials; this was the chief theme of a pamphlet on The Assistance Board which aroused considerable attention and has now sold out. The courtesy of the New Zealand House Staff has enabled us to study the available material on the New Zealand Social Security Act, and we have used this to stimulate new thinking about the social services. Memoranda were sent to the Labour Party's Social Insurance and to the Standing Joint Committee; several journals have accepted articles on the scheme and a Fabian pamphlet on it is now in preparation in New Zealand. We have also been glad to contribute to the formulation of future social service policy by sparing the Research Secretary to serve, in a private capacity, on three of the Labour Party's Reconstruction Committees, of one of which, the Public Health Sub-Committee, she has acted as Secretary. (It is worth noting that there are 11 Fabians on this Committee, and that its Chairman, Dr. Somerville Hastings, has just written the Society's pamphlet on The Hospital Services).

We have furthered the work begun in Evacuation Survey by publishing Margaret Cole's pamphlet on Wartime Billeting. We were also able to find at short notice an investigator, Mrs. Spring-Rice, to report on the Evacuation of the Under Fives; her work resulted in the publication of three influential articles in the Times Educational Supplement. The Ethical Union has again financed a study of wartime social conditions, and a report on The Effect of the Blitz in West Ham has now been completed by Doreen Idle. Mrs. Drake's pamphlet on Communal Feeding is based on widespread enquiry; also, as a by-product of other work, we have been able to

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supply figures on household expenses in war both to Members of Parliament and to a Trade Union.

Industry and Economics

The completion of Professor Hermann Levy's book on Trade Associations is the most important item in this field. Unluckily there has been unavoidable delay in its publication, but there is little doubt that it will rank as a major treatise covering new ground. During the year a small Economic Committee has been formed and is sponsoring a book on The Control of Industry. This will discuss wartime industrial control and its lessons for the development of a planned economy. A good deal of interest was aroused by the Society's successful Conference on Wartime Control of Industry, which put us in touch with a number of industrial managers and others. Our General Secretary's Parliamentary work on the Controls has also been assisted by Fabian industrialists. Two pamphlets are in production, on The Woollen Industry and The Distribution of Coal respectively; the latter is enriched by valuable material contributed by local Fabian Societies.

Education and Local Government:

The Society has long had a reputation for its work both on Education and on Local Government. During the year we have published pamphlets on Education of the Backward Child and on Nursery Education, and a member of the Society with the assistance of a group of Glasgow Fabians has been compiling a report on Education in Scotland. Margaret Cole has prepared a report on Education for Democracy, about to be published in booklet form. The Fabian Quarterly has had various articles on Local Government, including one by Lord Latham on Local Government Finance. The pamphlet on Regional Government takes a long-term view of planning local administration; meanwhile, through a questionnaire to Local Societies, we are beginning a study of the effect of war on local democracy. We also arranged three successful Visits of Observation in the autumn so that members could see for themselves how London institutions function. Attendance increased from 14 at the first visit to 49 at the third, showing that the visits were appreciated. We were warmly welcomed at Queen Mary's L.C.C. Hospital for Children, Brompton Health Centre, and Tottenham Salvage Plant.

THE LIBRARY

Thanks to Louis Bielinky, who generously gave part of his vacation to the job, the Library has been entirely re-classified and re-indexed and is at last satisfactory to use. We are asked increasingly for reading lists and are preparing a bibliography for Members' use. The Society's collection of State Papers, some of them irreplaceable since the Blitz, have also been, for the first time, assembled and systematically catalogued. For this we thank Joan Pratt; her work has enabled us to take pride in neat shelves of documents indispensable for research. We should also thank our Treasurer, Alderman Emil Davies, for giving us several Reference Books which we could not afford to buy. We have been asked to advise on the formation of a Research Library by an allied Government in this country, and also by one of our own Government Departments.

MISCELLANEOUS

It must be clear from this report that Fabian Research covers a wide field, and also that only part of the work results, or is intended to result, in eventual publication. But we believe that this less apparent output is invaluable, and that it can have far-reaching effects. We now list briefly some of the questions we have answered during the past year. What action can be taken against a Council supplying impure

water? How could a School Trust be well expended? How can I be a good County Councillor? What lies behind overtime pay? (From a big industrialist). What are the right arguments for a speech on British Restaurants? Has increased industrial productivity reduced the need for labour? etc.

In conclusion, thanks must be given to the generosity of the Sara Hall Trust (founded to perpetuate the memory and work of Robert Owen, and to other generous donors for financial support without which many of the above projects could not have been undertaken; to Joan Bulbulian and J. C. Lynch for invaluable help with the routine work of the department, and to many others who have contributed in work and ideas.

MALAYAN COLONIAL BUREAU

During the last year the work of the Colonial Bureau has got fully into stride. There can be no doubt that the Bureau has filled a very real gap in British political life and is playing an increasingly important part in bringing Colonial affairs to the forefront of attention in this country. Events have aided its work. The fact that some of the Colonies have been brought into the war zone, and the loss of Malaya with its attendant circumstances, have aroused a new interest in Britain in the workings of the Empire. With this new interest in the country the information collected by the Bureau and its publications have been more and more in demand, and the conferences it has organised have been exceptionally well attended.

Information

The basis of the Bureau's work has been the collection of reliable information, particularly on current events in the colonies. This has been done by a careful reading of the colonial press and by the creation of as many contacts in the colonies as is possible under the present difficult postal conditions. As the Bureau has become better known, correspondents from all over the Empire have helped by sending local newspapers, reports of debates in the local councils and Government Gazettes and other documents. In this way a surprisingly complete knowledge of conditions throughout the Dependencies has been built up. This information, scrutinised and checked, is of great use to newspapers, Members of Parliament and a great variety of persons and organisations who have no other access to material coming from the colonies. Members of Parliament have been particularly helpful in raising questions in the House based on this information received from the Colonies and in bringing matters direct to the attention of the Colonial Office.

Publications

In May 1940 the Bureau took over the publications of a bi-monthly journal Empire. A fairly satisfactory circulation is being built up and the paper is widely quoted, particularly in the colonial press. The first book to be published by the Bureau was Plan for Africa by Rita Hinden, which has been well received in the British Press and has roused much interest. A shilling pamphlet Labour in the Colonies: Some Current Problems, has also been published. This embodies six chapters on labour problems prepared by a special Labour Committee set up by the Bureau.

Research

The research work of the Bureau is being carried out mainly through specialised committees. The first of these committees was the Labour Committee, in which the help of a few experienced British Trade Unionists was enlisted in studying colonial labour problems. The advice of Mr. Andrew Dalglissh, Mr. John Price and Mr. George Brown (of the Transport and General Workers' Union), Mr. Jim Griffiths and Mr. Creuch Jones

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(Members of Parliament), Mr. C. W. Greenidge (Secretary of the Anti-Slavery Society), and Mrs. Olive Cruchley (Barrister-at-Law), was particularly appreciated on this committee. The papers prepared have been published in the pamphlet referred to above, and were presented to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies in a deputation from this committee which was received by the Under-Secretary, his chief Labour Adviser and a member of the Social Services Department. The Labour Committee will shortly resume its work, concentrating this time on problems of the social services in the colonies. A second committee has been studying constitutional problems and has so far produced two studies; the first on the machinery and structure of the Colonial Office, the second on the Colonial Services. A third study on colonial constitutions is now under consideration. A third committee has been called together to study the Co-operative movement in the colonies. The valuable help of the International Co-operative Alliance has been secured in doing the original research and the Bureau has been extraordinarily fortunate in having an introduction to the work, outlining the method of approach, prepared by Mr. C. F. Strickland, whose experience in colonial Co-operation is quite unrivalled. This work has the sympathetic support of the Horace Plunkett Foundation and the Co-operative Union, and its committee includes Mr. R. G. Gosling, Chairman of the Scottish Co-operative Society, and Mr. G. S. Woods, Co-operative M.P., and is under the Chairmanship of Lord Winster. The Bureau has also prepared papers on Nutrition in the Colonies and on Housing Conditions.

In addition individual research workers have helped in preparing statements on a number of subjects - such as conditions in Ceylon and Trinidad and health conditions in the colonies. A particularly interesting piece of research at present in hand is a study of the Russian methods of development in the Soviet "colonial" areas.

Conferences

The Bureau has held two conferences during the last year. The first (The Colonies, the War and the Future) was a weekend conference in Oxford in July 1941. This was attended by about 80 people, and the speakers included Professor W. M. Macmillan, Mr. G. V. Jacks, Sir Alan Pin, Mr. Creech Jones, Miss Margaret Wrong, Miss Una Marsden and Dr. Rita Hinden. The Conference Report was reproduced quite widely in certain newspapers and has been in great demand ever since. In March 1942 a Saturday conference (Empire Collapse? A critique of Colonial Administration) was held in London and attended by about 130 persons. The speakers were Sir Drummond Shiels, Mr. Creech Jones, Mr. David Freeman, Dr. Arthur Lewis (from the West Indies) and Mr. R. Gardiner (from West Africa). This conference too has aroused widespread interest and attention. A further weekend conference is being planned for next July in Oxford.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

This report covers the first year's activity of the work of the Bureau.

Group of European Socialists

From April, 1941, until October a study group comprised of leading European socialists met under the Chairmanship of Philip Noel-Baker. Extremely useful and interesting discussions took place on the failure of democracy in Europe and problems of international reconstruction from a Socialist standpoint, and the material will form a valuable basis for further work on the subject.

Research

1. Research Groups were organised in September, 1941, on International Economic Reconstruction (Chairman: E. P. M. Durbin, Secretary: Patricia Robertson); Germany (Chairman: John Hynd, Secretary:

Evelyn Cowley); Anglo-Soviet Relations (Acting Chairman: Victor Collanz, Secretary: Wright Miller); Anglo American Relations (Chairman: Ernest Davies, Secretary: Dr. Macqueen). At present most of these groups are working on the preparation of speakers' notes, which should soon be available.

The research group on International Economic Reconstruction has been working on a series of reports on exchange control, bulk purchasing, international banking and bi-lateral and multilateral trade agreements.

Pamphlets of popular interest are being prepared by the other groups. Wright Miller's pamphlet on Russia is already published, and others are under consideration by various groups.

2 Group on Eastern Europe: From January, 1942 to April, a group met to discuss the future of Eastern Europe, in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee. Its members consisted of: Dr. R. Blesnic (Yugoslavia), Victor Budcanu (Rumania), Dr. Victor Cornea (Rumania), Frances Gabrovshak (Yugoslavia), Dr. M. Gavrilovic (Yugoslavia), Count Michael Karolyi (Hungary), L. Kunciewicz (Poland), D. Matzanekiev (Bulgaria), Scigalski (Poland), Todorov (Bulgaria). The meetings have produced an agreed statement on the future of this region which is to be submitted to the Labour Party and the Foreign Office.

Meetings and Conferences

In January a meeting was held to inaugurate membership of the Bureau, with an attendance of over 180. The Chairman of the Bureau, Philip Noel-Baker, and Louis de Brouckere spoke on the need for International Socialism.

In March a Conference was held under the title of After the Nazis under the Chairmanship of Philip Noel-Baker and John Parker, at which the speakers were H. Philips Price, M.P., R. H. S. Crossman and R. W. B. Clarke, and the subjects covered, the causes underlying the rise of Nazism, the German Revolution and the economic position of Germany in post-war Europe. This Conference again attracted an audience of about 170. It is, as far as we know, the first occasion on which such a representative gathering of socialists has met to discuss in an objective and reasoned way what is so often called the problem of Germany and her place in the post-war world. Full reports have been issued to members. The speech made by Philip Noel-Baker at the public lunch was used against a background of the Conference for broadcasting to the German workers.

Speakers' Panel

As the result of special efforts to bring the panel to the attention of Trade Union Branches and local Labour Parties, March has seen a really urgent demand for our assistance. In addition to ordinary meetings of Parties, Wards and Branches, several fixtures of special interest have been made. Yeovil Divisional Labour Party has had two weekend tours for a German Speaker and a Polish speaker. Ipswich Co-operative Education Committee arranged a programme of four weekly lectures by different continental comrades. Enquiries are now being received from local Anglo-Soviet Discussion Groups, Stretcher Parties and A.R.P. Groups, the Civil Service Discussion Forum, the International Friendship League. A women's meeting in the East End of London held under the auspices of a church, has started a series of talks by women members of the panel, and at the first of these an Austrian comrade spoke to an audience of over 70 women of Austria and the contribution her workers have made to the fight against Fascism.

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Lunchtime Meetings

The Monday lunchtime meetings are now well attended, for the last three months the attendance has averaged 40.

France and Britain

The production of France and Britain has been maintained in spite of some difficulties from the administrative side. Its circulation is almost world wide, and many comments have been received as to its usefulness.

Information

The Bureau maintains a press cutting service and receives regularly the various publications and bulletins of the continental and other international organisations in this country, and has readily available details of the personnel and work of the various socialist and trade union organisations now working here.

The foregoing paragraphs chronicle, in an inevitably dry and concise form, the growth of the Society's work and influence during the year. We do not claim that this growth is unique, or that the Fabian Society is alone in finding an unexpectedly large response to its appeals: in this time of world turmoil, the minds of many become aware of the need for fundamental political change. But we do feel that the past history of the Society and its present reputation place upon it a peculiar responsibility for the help and guidance of those who are thus feeling their way towards Socialism. We are, as has been said before, the oldest Socialist Society; we carry the banner of those who worked for Socialism when it was a thinkers' dream and not an immediate condition of the survival of civilisation. The adequate fulfilment of our task depends upon the keen and perpetual efforts of our entire membership - of those who can write, those who can speak, those who can work, and those who can give. Many who were numbered in one or more of these categories are now, for one reason or another, temporarily out of the immediate fight; the responsibility devolves therefore upon those who remain - and upon their friends who might join us. The need is urgent, the demand patent; we ask for money, work, and thought to enable us to meet it.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth St., S W 1, at 4.30 p m on Tuesday, 28 April, 1942.

Present Davies (chair), Cole, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Franklin, Gollanz, Griffiths, Creech Jones, Mitchison, Ramage, White, Woolf, Yates, Parker, Hughes, Mrs. Clarke and Dr. Hinden.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 10 These were approved.
- 2 Draft of Financial Statement This was approved.
- 3 Budget for 1942-3 This was received. It was decided to authorise the engagement of another clerical assistant.
- 4 Correspondence with Rennie Smith It was decided that this should lie on the table.
- 5 A Word on the Future to British Socialists The publication of this, issued by a Committee of the Fabian Society, was authorised (9 - 1). Suggestions for revision to be sent in to the author by Saturday, May 2. It was to be issued free to delegates to the Labour Party Conference with a covering letter.
- 6 Place of Summer School It was decided to hold the first two or three weeks at Darlington and the last weeks at Frensham.
- 7 Publications:
 - 1 Scottish Education This was to be published subject to a further opinion;
 - 2 Economic Reconstruction Cole and Yates were to act as readers;
 - 3 Malayan Collapse Readers: Woolf and Freeman.
- 8 Note on revision of Imperial section of Labour Party's Interim Report It was decided to send this forward to the Labour Party Executive.
- 9 Autumn Lectures Progress was reported.
- 10 Date of Next Meeting This was not fixed.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, July 6 1942, at 4.30 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1. Please make every effort to attend.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of Meeting of April 28 (enclosed)
- 2 Minutes of Meeting of July 4 (on the table)
- 3 Matters arising from Annual General Meeting
- 4 Re-appointment of International Advisory Council
- 5 Re-appointment of Colonial Bureau
- 6 Re-appointment of Socialist Propaganda Committee
- 7 Home Research Committee (appointment)
- 8 Staff Pensions Scheme - Proposal for Approval (on the table)
- 9 Fixing of Future Meetings
- 10 List of New Members (on the table)
- 11 Other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

N.B. Please also try and attend the meeting at the Royal Hotel on July 4 before tea - a notice of which has already been sent to you.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

About 150 members in all attended, and 120 remained to tea.

BUSINESS BUSINESS

- 1 Mr. David Freeman was elected chairman.
- 2 Minutes of Annual General Meeting of June 25, 1941, were read and confirmed.
- 3 The draft Annual Report for 1941/2 considered and approved, and short statements were made as follows:-

John Parker:	<u>The Work of the Society as a whole.</u>
Joan S. Clarke:	<u>Research Department.</u>
Rita Hindin:	<u>Colonial Bureau.</u>
Mildred Bamford:	<u>International Bureau.</u>
Margaret Cole:	<u>Socialist Propaganda Committee.</u>

- 4 Suggestions: (a) Dr. Barou suggested that a Federation of all progressive societies might be considered; (b) John Lewis suggested that the Society might undertake in the near future the formation of an industrial bureau.
- 5 Ald. Edil Davies presented the Treasurer's Report, and moved a vote of thanks to, and the re-appointment of, the Society's auditors - Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antroubus & Co.

After tea an address was given by

G. D. H. COLE on The Work of Local Fabian Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committees

A very live discussion followed, and it was particularly noticeable that representatives were present from local societies working throughout the country. Among the main points raised in the discussion were:-

- (a) suggestions as to the method of forming new local societies;
- (b) what direction could be given from the central office;
- (c) the desirability of emphasising the importance of both study groups and of socialist propaganda in the activities of local societies;
- (d) the importance of securing proper relations with local labour parties, and the nature and extent of possible collaboration with other bodies;
- (e) the possible regionalisation of local societies to promote their most efficient organisation;
- (f) a strong appeal was made to local societies to realise their responsibility in the financial commitments of the Central Office.

The Rev. C. B. Legge, Vicar of Poplar, suggested that there was need of a strong Fabian Society and Socialist Propaganda centre in East London, as their influence would be felt over a far wider area.

Volunteers were obtained to relieve pressure in the office by assisting with the despatch of the monthly membership.

GUYEN I. JONES
Organising Secretary.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE took place on Saturday, July 4, 1942 at the Royal Hotel, Victoria Place, W.C.2.

Edward Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Cecelia Jones, Neil Davies, Mary Latherland, Parker, Ceyra Jones.

Selection of Members for Executive Committee

- (a) It was decided to co-opt R. E. M. Durbin, G. E. Blasco White, Dorcas Warriner, Hugh Stoddin, G. E. Mitchison;
- (b) Harold Gray It was decided to co-opt him if he were willing to serve as chairman of the Socialist Propaganda Committee.
- (c) R. J. Yates It was decided to approach him to know whether he would be willing to serve.

JOHN BARNER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, July 27
1942, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1 at 5 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of July 6 (enclosed)
 - (a) Proposed Industrial Bureau
 - (b) Model Rules for Local Societies
 - (c) Staff Pensions Scheme
 - (d) Labour Party Enquiry
- 2 Cost of Local Societies and of sending Publications to members
- Proposed Enquiry
- 3 Suggested Pamphlet on work of the Society
- 4 Appointment of Hon. Secretary
- 5 Other Business
- 6 Date of Next Meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, July 6 1942, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 4.30 p.m. (109)

Present Cole (Chair), Mrs. Cole, Davies, Durbin, Mrs. Drake, Gollancz, Griffiths, Creech Jones, Mitchison, Robson, Woolf, Parker, Gwynn Jones.

Apologies were received from Franklin, Laski and Miss Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of April 28 These were approved.
- 2 Minutes of meeting of July 4 These were approved. It was decided to co-opt Yates to serve for the ensuing year.
- 3 Matters arising from the Annual General Meeting These were received. It was decided (a) to take no action on proposed federation of progressive societies; (b) to explore proposal for industrial bureau with the Economic Committee and report to next Executive Committee; (c) to consider model rules for Local Societies and a draft from the office on relations of Local Societies with other bodies; (d) to ask the Socialist Propaganda Committee to consider creating a Local Society or Societies in East London.
- 4 Election of Officers G. D. H. Cole was elected Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 5 International Bureau It was decided to re-appoint the following for the ensuing year: Brailsford, Margaret Cole, Helen Grant, Jim Griffiths, John Hymn, Laski, Kingsley Martin, Parker, Freda White, Dorothy Woodman, Leonard Woolf, Barbara Wootton, Yates, Zilliacus; to invite Rita Hinden and Lord Winster to join the Committee. The Advisory Committee was asked to consider appointing a working Chairman; it was hoped Leonard Woolf might agree to serve.
- 6 Colonial Bureau It was decided to re-appoint the following for the ensuing year: A. Creech Jones (Chairman), David Adams, Margaret Cole, Lord Faringdon, Greenidge, Horrabin, Huxley, Susan Lawrence, Arthur Lewis, Macmillan, Parker, Drummond Shiels, Leonard Woolf, Margaret Wrong.
- 7 Socialist Propaganda Committee It was decided to re-appoint the following: G. D. H. Cole (Chairman), Harold Clay, Margaret Cole, Freda Corbett, Emil Davies, Sidney Elliot, Hugh Franklin, Victor Gollancz, Mrs. B. A. Gould, R. Hartwell, Frank Horrabin, Arthur Creech Jones, Harold Laski, H. McNeil, Kingsley Martin, J. P. M. Millar, G. R. Mitchison, R. Postgate, Ellis Smith, Mary Sutherland, Herbert Tracey, Evelyn Walkden, Ellen Wilkinson, Paul Yates, and to ask the following to serve for the ensuing year: Barker, Durbin, Callaghan, Flanders.
- 8 Home Research Committee The following were to be invited to serve for the ensuing year: Durbin, Franklin, Robson, Barbara Wootton and Yates.
- 9 Staff Pensions Scheme This was approved in principle. The Treasurer, Mitchison, and the office were to complete enquiries and report to the next Executive Committee.
- 10 Publications (1) It was reported that Faber and Faber had agreed to publish War Over West Ham; (2) It was agreed to publish the evidence submitted to the Beveridge Committee; (3) It was agreed (a) to accept the recommendation of the Anglo-French Committee to publish France & Britain as a monthly in future. (b) to publish

Pickles' pamphlet on Present Position in France.

- 11 Labour Party Enquiry It was decided to appoint the following sub-committee to discuss the possibility of carrying out Lasd's suggested enquiry into the present state of the Labour Party, and to report back to the next Executive Committee: Mrs. Cole, Clay, Creech Jones, Durbin, Griffiths, Lasd and Parker.
- 12 New Members These were to be reported monthly in future; letter of acceptance to be remodelled.
- 13 Date of Meetings

(1) Next E.C. - July 27 at 5 o'clock

(2) Following E.C.'s - September 28 and last Monday in each month after that.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, July 27 1942, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 5. 0 p.m.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Franklin, Mitchison, Robson, Miss Warriner, Blanco White, Woolf, Parker and Gwynn Jones.

Apologies were received from Clay and Miss Lawrence.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of July 6 These were corrected and approved.
 - (a) Proposed Industrial Bureau It was decided to reconsider this proposal at a later date.
 - (b) Chairman's Note on Relations of Local Societies with other bodies This was approved; it was to be circulated to absent members of the Executive Committee for comments.
 - (c) Labour Party Inquiry It was decided to put in hand the statistical part of Lasdi's proposed inquiry; work was not to proceed on collecting local reports unless Lasdi wanted to raise the matter again and was able to be present to discuss his proposals with the Executive Committee.
 - (d) Staff Pensions Scheme Approval was given in principle to the National Savings Provident Scheme. Further discussions were to take place with the staff and a detailed plan was to be submitted to the next Executive Committee.
- 2 Officers and Executive Committee It was decided :
 - (1) to co-opt Harold Clay to the Executive Committee
 - (2) to elect Margaret Cole as Honorary Secretary for the ensuing year.
- 3 Cost of Sending Publications to members, Cost of Local Societies to Parent Society It was decided to appoint the following Sub-committee (Mrs. Cole, Davies, Durbin, Franklin, Parker and Gwynn Jones) to consider these questions and report to the next Executive Committee.
- 4 Pamphlet on work of Society The Chairman agreed to write one of about 5,000 words.
- 5 New Publication It was decided to publish the Social Functions of the Manager (Albu) subject to approval of the following readers: Line, Sidney Lewis and Margaret Cole.
- 6 List of New Members This was received.
- 7 Palm and Pine The Treasurer and General Secretary were to take steps to have sufficient new shares issued to give control of the Company to the Executive Committee. They were to be held jointly by Mrs. Cole, Davies and Parker; these, with Horrabin, were recommended for service as directors for the ensuing year. The Sub-committee set up under paragraph 3 was to consider how far Palm and Pine could be used as the Society's publishing vehicle.
- 8 Anglo-Soviet Committee Proposed Deputation to the Government It was decided that no useful purpose would be served by this at the present time.
- 9 Date of Further Meetings
 - (1) Next Meeting - September 28 at 5. 0 p.m.
 - (2) Further Meetings - to be the fourth Monday in each month.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, September 28 1942, at 5.0 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of July 27 (enclosed).
- 2 Proposed Industrial Committee (on table).
- 3 Staff Pensions scheme (on table).
- 4 Report of Sub-Committee to consider cost of sending Publications to Members, Cost of Local Societies to Parent Society, etc. (enclosed).
- 5 Pamphlet on Work of Society.
- 6 New Publications:
 - (i) Readers wanted:
 - (a) Land
 - (b) Electricity.
 - (ii) Facts for Socialists - Author wanted.
- 7 Any desired action following India Conference.
- 8 Educational Research Worker Report of Sub-Committee as to appointment.
- 9 New Members (list on table)
- 10 Date of next Meeting
- 11 Other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

N.B. For Minutes of last Meeting see over.

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September 24, 1942.

Dear Executive Member,

You will be aware of the rapid increase in the number of local Fabian Societies and propaganda groups during recent months. At the time of writing we have some 65 in full activity and another 50 in the process of formation. The office has found by experience that it is absolutely essential for these new groups to be visited personally in the early stages of their activity, if they are to function adequately, but the requests for such visits are now so enormous that the office staff are quite unable to deal with them.

Throughout the previous history of the Society members of the Executive Committee have regularly supplemented the work of the paid officers by themselves acting as propagandists for the Society, and I am therefore directing a personal appeal to each present member of the Executive to assist in this work by offering to speak at preliminary or inaugural meetings of local societies. I realise that under present circumstances there are great difficulties in fulfilling engagements of this sort, and that members of the Executive have already many commitments, but if we are to do the work which lies before us more help in this direction is imperative.

The usual procedure at inaugural meetings is for the speaker to give an address on some political or social subject, and to conclude this with a detailed reference to the functions and organisation of the local society. This address may, of course, be frequently preceded or followed by a private discussion among those convening the new society. The office is preparing some notes for use by speakers on these occasions.

Will you please note that the next four meetings of the Executive Committee are provisionally fixed for the fourth Monday of each month. We are enclosing herewith further data in connection with the meeting of the Executive on Monday next at 5 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET COLE (Hon. Secretary)

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

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Present Davies (chair), Mrs. Cole, Parker and Gwynn Jones.

1 In view of the need to conserve paper, and of the very large number of publications sent out to 10/6 and 5/- members in the past year, the following proposals are made:-

- (a) That all 10/6 and 5/- members (save local societies and other subscribing organisations) shall in future only receive the News, Quarterly, and such pamphlets as are of general interest up to a face value of not more than 5/- a year. The General Secretary and the Organising Secretary shall decide what pamphlets fall into this category when ordering first prints of publications. An order form for those publications not sent out shall be circularised with the Quarterly every third month. The necessary postage shall be asked for;
- (b) That no alteration shall take place in the present arrangements for sending out publications to £1. ls. and £2. 2s. members;
- (c) Library subscriptions shall be increased from 7/6 to 10/6 a year as they fall due.

No alteration of the rules is required to bring these proposals into operation.

2 It was felt that the rapid growth of local societies and of the work which they imposed on the central office necessitated changes in the financial relations between the national and local societies. The following proposals are made:-

- (a) That membership cards be issued to local societies for distribution to their members (the receipt of the national Society to rank as a membership card of the national Society). Local Societies should in future subscribe 10/6 yearly to the national Society for 20 members, or under, and 1/- a year for every member in excess of 20. (At present local Societies are supposed to pay from 5/- to £2. 2s. according to their resources; most of the new Societies have paid nothing since their formation).

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Local Societies shall subscribe a minimum of 10/6 yearly to the central Society. An additional fee of 1/- a year per member shall be paid by the local Society to the central Society for all members in excess of a minimum of 20 who are not also members of the central Society. Members of local Societies who are not also members of the central Society shall have the right to attend activities of the central Society at the same rates as central members; members of local Societies within the Metropolitan Police area shall not be entitled to attend activities of the central Society within the M.P.A. at preferential rates unless also members of the central Society. The central Society shall issue all local Societies with the necessary number of membership cards.

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- (b) That members of local Societies in the Metropolitan Police area shall not be entitled in future to any of the members' rebates on activities held in London, unless they are also members of the Society nationally.

The present national rules contain practically no reference to local Societies. It is recommended that a new rule (Rule 12) be added, which should give the Executive Committee some general powers re local Societies and incorporate the changes proposed above. If the Executive Committee approve the draft rule, it is suggested that it be circularised to local Societies for their views, and that a special meeting be summoned in November or early December to make the necessary alteration in the rules, and to discuss the general work of local Societies.

Suggested Rule 12

The Executive Committee shall have power to create a local Society and to approve its rules. In the event of a local Society failing to pay its dues or adopting a policy contrary to that of the central Society, as expressed in Rules 1-4, the Executive shall have power to suspend or, if necessary, dissolve the local Society.

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

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE EMERGENCY MEETING

It was suggested at the last meeting of the Executive that an emergency meeting should be held on October 12 to discuss a further report on the Indian Situation by a Sub-Committee consisting of Susan Lawrence, Leonard Woolf, Harold Lasli, Margaret Cole and John Parker, after consultation with Sir John Maynard. The enclosed short statement on the Indian Situation was drawn up by Margaret Cole and John Parker as requested at the last Executive Committee, and incorporates the various points then made by members. It has been sent to all Labour M.P.'s, members of the National Executive, the India papers and those present at the recent Oxford Conference.

On discussing the question of a further more detailed draft for the proposed emergency Executive, we came to the conclusion that it would be very difficult to get the suggested Sub-Committee together, as apart from ourselves they all live out of London, and that nothing very obviously useful could be done with a more detailed statement than had already been done with the enclosed shorter statement. We felt that there was some case for the Society issuing a short authoritative pamphlet on the Indian Situation on the lines of "A Word on the Future to British Socialists", but that it would be very difficult to find someone to do this at short notice, and equally difficult to get it out for rapid sale when events on the Indian scene were changing from day to day. In these circumstances we have decided to postpone the emergency meeting, and to ask members of the Executive to write in if they want any further action taken with regard to the Indian Situation before the next regular meeting of the Executive, which is due on October 26.

MARGARET COLE
JOHN PARKER

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2nd October, 1942.

I N D I A

An Emergency Conference on India - What Now?
was held under the auspices of the Society at Oxford
over the weekend September 25/27.

All aspects of the present critical situation in India were carefully discussed and the speakers were representative of all the major differences in opinion including: H.N.Brailsford, Edward Thompson, Gerald Palmer, M.P., (P.P.S. to Sir Stafford Cripps), Sir John Woodhead (India Office), Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., Tom Wintringham (on the defence of India), R.W.Sorensen, M.P., Islam-Ul-Haq (Moslem), S.Vaidya (Hindu), and Dorothy Woodman.

On receiving a report of this Conference, the Executive of the Fabian Society decided to issue the enclosed statement to all Members of the Parliamentary Labour Party, to members of the Executive Committee of the Labour Party, to local Fabian Societies, to the Press in Britain and India, and to those who were present at the Conference.

We are therefore enclosing your copy herewith.

MARGARET COLE

Hon. Secretary.

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

The Executive Committee of the Fabian Society views with very grave alarm and apprehension the present situation in India and the attitude taken thereto by the Government, as exemplified in the Prime Minister's speech of September 10th. It considers that this attitude is a direct and shocking negation of the democratic principle in whose name Great Britain is supposed to be fighting, and is in process of alienating from our cause democratic opinion throughout the world, both among our free allies and in the conquered countries; furthermore it is convinced that in the present war situation the active co-operation of the Indian people is an imperative military necessity to avoid further crushing defeats in the East.

While realising with regret that the difficulties of a settlement have greatly increased since the spring, it feels, having regard to the strong expressions of opinions from members of all parties in India, that there is still a chance if a determined effort is made now. It therefore urges most strongly:-

- (1) That the Government should immediately re-open negotiations in the fullest and frankest manner possible.
- (2) That these negotiations should be opened on a basis of
 - (a) the immediate constitution of a fully responsible National Government in India.
 - (b) the offer of complete independence to India after the war, as promised in the proposals made by Sir Stafford Cripps in March.
- (3) That as some indication that the offer is sincere and intended really to lead towards a free India,
 - (a) An Indian should be appointed as Viceroy.
 - (b) The present functions of the India Office should be transferred to the Dominions Office.

On the basis of these suggestions, the Committee feels it would be possible to initiate discussions with responsible Indian leaders with some hope of success. It would emphasise, however, that much depends upon the spirit in which any negotiations are undertaken. We need India as an Ally; she must therefore be approached as an Ally and not as an enemy.

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(September 25 - 27 at Oxford)

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1 Summary of Conference

Crowded, and keenly enthusiastic, with a deep sense of the urgency of the problem. Half-a-dozen resolutions could easily have been passed, and the Conference was only restrained by a promise to put a report of it immediately before the Executive Committee. The general conviction was:- That India must be treated as an ally and not a potential enemy. About equal stress was laid on (a) the democratic principle, (b) the need of Indian assistance in the war, and (c) the adverse effect upon our other Allies of recent policy in India.

That the Cripps mission had been badly staged and given far too little time. Opinions varied as to the details of responsibility for the breakdown; but emphasis was laid on the near-agreement, on the fact that Congress had never demanded an all-Congress government, and that non-adherents of Congress such as Jeshi and the Bishop of Calcutta had expressed themselves strongly against the present policy. It was strongly felt that some word from the British Left should be conveyed to India that, India having practically no heavy armament industry and no plant for internal combustion engines, India's contribution to the war effort could only be lightly-armed troops and guerrillas which must, to be effective, be directed by their own leaders and informed by national patriotism, and that a large part of the effort must in any event take the form of 'non-cooperation' - but directed against the Axis. That the million recruits so often mentioned were a minute fraction of the population and were in any case reconciled by hunger and the lure of a sepoys' wage. That there was no reason to assure the existence of widespread hatred of the British in India, that no leader has as yet declared war, but that, should non-cooperation turn to active hostility (as in Eire prior to the Treaty of 1921) the results would be disastrous.

That it was not yet too late to win the goodwill of Indians by the free offer in good faith of a national government formed by agreement among the parties, leaving the final constitution as yet undetermined - it was stated that this did not involve the turning out of India of either British Civil servants or the Army Command, but removing any veto by British authorities upon decisions of an Indian Cabinet formed upon an all-Party basis. The re-establishment of provincial administrations was strongly urged, and it was pointed out that in 1929 Congress had expressed its willingness to co-operate with representatives of such States as came up to a certain standard of revenue and population. That, if any new proposals were made, some guarantees of good faith must be given by the British Government. Suggestions made included:- (a) that Churchill (as the arch-offender) should either broadcast to India or fly to New Delhi to shake up the administration as in Cairo; (b) that the Secretary of State should be replaced; (c) that the Viceroy, now almost certainly due for retirement, should be replaced by an Indian, such as Sapru - this was strongly advocated; (d) that prisoners should be amnestied - some exceptions suggested by Iasdi; (e) that Congress members, e.g. Nehru, should fly to England and speak to Parliament; (f) that the India Office should be abolished, and/or that the present iron clamp on communications between the progressive forces in this country and India should be removed.

That the Labour Party, and Labour M.P.'s should take a strong line at once, and that a lead be given, and information supplied, to organisations throughout Britain, in order to keep up agitation. (It was suggested that the Society might set up an India Bureau immediately!)

1 The representative of the India Office, Sir John Woodhead, indicated deep sympathy with Indian aspirations, but thought that Congress "had now become a revolution" and that negotiation was extremely difficult. He accepted as an insuperable obstacle the demand for Pakistan, and regarded the States as wholly independent.

2 Mr. Vaidya (Hindu supporter of Congress) believed that the Cripps mission was inevitably doomed to failure because of its imperialist connotations. He rejected any suggestion that Indian leaders should appear before Parliament, and seemed to envisage an exacerbation of the present situation leading to open war.

3 A memorandum was sent by Lasd, who did not attend the Conference. It is too long to be reproduced here, but will be available for any committee which may be set up.

11 Proposals for the Executive Committee

I suggest that the Executive Committee should, after discussion, at this meeting appoint a Sub-Committee on India, which should prepare and issue a statement either under its own name or under that of the Executive Committee. Such a statement should be both explanatory and exhortative. It should, I suggest, cover the following points:-

- 1 Urgency of the present situation, including the war position, our responsibility as a nominally democratic Power, and our reputation abroad.
- 2 Chances of success, provided that an effort is made at once.
- 3 Essential minima of any proposal that could be made, the question of a national government and other points raised in the summary.
- 4 Guarantees of good faith which must accompany any offer of fresh negotiations - see summary above.

If the broad lines of a statement can be agreed by the Executive Committee I suggest that a Sub-Committee is necessary, if only for the reason that the Society is ill-equipped with information upon India and would have to seek the assistance of such bodies as the Union of Democratic Control in the preparation of a brief.

When the statement is prepared, I suggest that it be conveyed in the appropriate form to:

- 1 Members of the Parliamentary Labour Party, before the debate on India.
- 2 The Executive Committee of the Labour Party, or the appropriate Sub-Committee.
- 3 Appropriate persons in India, by cable.
- 4 Representatives of the India Press in this country.
- 5 Local Fabian Societies and Groups.
- 6 Those present at the Oxford Conference.
- 7 Any other suitable persons or bodies.

These suggestions put, I am aware, a considerable burden and responsibility upon the Society, which has hitherto concerned itself only distantly with Indian affairs. But the extent to which Socialists and others are looking to the Society to provide a lead on this question is astonishing. I therefore ask for priority.

MARGARET I. COLE
Honorary Secretary.

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1 Further consideration has been given to this question, and the following report is submitted by the Treasurer, General Secretary and Organising Secretary.

2 The staff is strongly in favour of the introduction of a scheme at an early date to embrace all full time members over 18, save Miss Gibson for whom special arrangements are proposed. Hughes and Cantlett, who have either been called up or are about to be are also anxious to come in, and would like their contributions paid out of the money the Society has undertaken to make up to them. The views of Padley have not yet been ascertained, but there is a strong case for allowing him to come into the scheme if he so wishes, although in this case the Society is not making up any of his pay so he would have to meet his own contributions. Some of those who are part time (e.g. the General Secretary) would also like to come into the scheme.

3 It is recommended that a scheme be introduced:

- (a) to embrace all full time members now on the staff over 18 wishing to come into the scheme;
- (b) that it be made a condition of employment in future that all full time members of staff over 18 should come into the scheme;
- (c) that those called up to the services wishing to enter should be allowed to do so;
- (d) that applications to enter the scheme for part time members of staff should be considered by the Executive on their merits;

4 It is recommended that a National Savings Provident Scheme be adopted with a retiring age of 60.

5 The approximate cost of this scheme to the Society and to the staff collectively would be £75. 8. 0. per annum (£1. 9. 0. weekly) assuming that 8 members enter when the scheme starts.

6 It is recommended that the Society should also create a Reserve Fund at 1/- per week per member (present cost £23. 8. 0. per annum). This should be used to build up a reserve to pay Miss Gibson a pension when she retires and could be used at the Executive's discretion at a later stage when the Society has recouped itself for expenditure in this connection. (It is not practicable to bring Miss Gibson into the general scheme without greatly increasing the cost to members).

Retiring Age 60 years

Member	Age	Number of Years Membership	At Weekly Contribution of	Accrued Sum With Bonus of 1:1
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	33	26	4/-	£820.16. 0d.
	34	25	4/-	775. 4. 0d.
X	6	23	3/-	516.12. 0d.
	41	18	4/-	491. 4. 0d.
X	11	40	2/-	780. 0. 0d.
	37	22	4/-	647. 4. 0d.
	31	29	4/-	965.12. 0d.
	29	31	4/-	1,016.16. 0d.

X Part time member of staff.



PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE

For some time past we have been pressed by various members of the Society to take more active steps to bring industrialists, works managers, technical and scientific workers and trade unionists interested in the organisation of industry, into the Society and to do Socialist propaganda among these groups.

In reply to these suggestions the office have stated that the necessary resources must be made available and a specific scheme drawn up before the Executive could consider the matter. The following scheme has now been put forward:-

- (1) That an Industrial Committee, with powers of co-optation, be set up to report direct to the Executive. This Committee to come up for re-appointment yearly when the new Executive takes office.
- (2) It is suggested that personnel might be drawn from the following:-

Albu, Barou, Brockhurst, Cadbury, Callaghan,
Clay, Cole, Ernest Davies, de Peyer, Durbin,
Haldane, John Lewis, Mikardo, Mitchison,
Ellis Smith, M.P., Tanner, Worswick.
Sidney Lewis (Hon.Sec.)

This Committee shall act on the lines suggested in this report.

- (3) That all members of the Society interested in industrial organisation and the problems of transition to socialism in the industrial field, shall be approached to co-operate in the work of the Committee.
- (4) The Committee (and any sub-committees it sets up) shall give special attention to socialist propaganda among the personnel aimed at, in co-operation with the Socialist Propaganda Committee and should build up cadres of suitable technicians and administrators &c. who could be used for (a) advising the Party when relevant questions come up in Parliament, (b) carrying out research (in co-operation with the Home Research Com.), and (c) otherwise assisting the Society in conferences, discussions, production of pamphlets &c. The problems of transition to a Socialist planned economy would form the basis of the Committee's work.
- (5) Finance £100 has been advanced by John & Sidney Lewis to start this work and another £100 promised for January. There are prospects of other sums being advanced. No appeal for funds for the running of this Committee has yet been made. In view of the interest of a number of industrialists in the proposed scheme, there should be no difficulty in raising the necessary funds at least to give it a year's trial. There is a good prospect that funds for the work of the Society as a whole can be obtained from the personnel approached, as well as enough to carry on the Committee's work in future years, if its work is a success.

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(6) Cost An extra room has been taken in 4, Queen Anne's Gate for S.P.C. purposes, owing to the need for extra office space at No.11. This could be used at present also for the Industrial Committee and half its rent charged up. This would be £26 a year and other expenses would be £185 for a typist; £200 odd for a Secretary and £50 for telephone and extra office expenses. Miss Bassott is willing to act as Secretary for a nominal sum in getting the Committee started, but it would be imperative to get a Secretary with some knowledge of Industry when the work develops. It would be difficult to get the right person, and best to look round for him as the work develops. Sidney Lewis is prepared to act as Honorary Secretary.

(7) We recommend that such a Committee be set up on the definite understanding that those interested must find the necessary finance. We are against the creation of another bureau with separate membership to that of the Society. We think all members of the Committee (and the contacts as far as possible) should be members or associates of the Society. We feel that only the appointment of a member of staff and committee responsible for approaching "industrialists" in the widest sense of that term, will lead to any results. Our previous attempts to do work of this kind have been, on the whole, fruitless. The importance of following up the vague drift to the Left in those groups at the present time is self evident.

Margaret Cole

Gwynn Jones

John Parker.

Present Cole (Chair), Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Griffiths, Susan Lawrence, Mitchison, Robson, Mary Sutherland, Ellen Wilkinson, Woolf, Parker and Gwynn Jones.

Apologies were received from Gollancz.

1 Minutes of meeting of July 27 These were approved.

- (a) Labour Party Inquiry It was decided to get the information collected written up as soon as possible.
- (b) Palm and Pine Company It was reported that a meeting to issue new shares was to be held in the near future. The new directors were asked to take steps (i) to bring out all Society publications as far as possible through the Company; (ii) to consider how far the Company could take over the business management of the Society's publications.

2 Resignation of Paul Yates This was accepted.

3 Industrial Advisory Committee It was decided:

- (a) to set up such a Committee to report direct to the Executive Committee. The problems of transition to a Socialist planned economy was to form the basis of the Committee's work, and a special effort was to be made to bring industrialists, technical and scientific workers, and trade unionists interested in the organization of industry into the Society;
- (b) That the Committee must find the necessary funds for its work and not be dependent upon the general funds of the Society;
- (c) That the following should be invited to join the Committee, who should have powers of co-optation and of collating sub-committees: Albu, Barou, Brookhurst, Cadbury, Callaghan, Clay, Percy Collick, Ernest Davies, de Peyer, Durbin, Haldane, John Lewis, Mikardo, Mitchison, John Price, Ellis Smith, M.P., Margaret Stewart, Jack Tanner, Wilson, Barbara Wootton, Worswick.

4 Staff Pensions Scheme It was decided to create a National Savings Provident Scheme with a retiring age of 60 (a) This was to embrace all full-time members now on the staff over 18 wishing to join (b) All those called up to the services were to be allowed to enter (c) Part time members of staff were to be allowed to join at the discretion of the Executive Committee (d) Special arrangements were to be made to meet the cost of a pension to Miss Gibson. Davies and Mrs. Cole were to represent the Executive on a joint committee set up to administer the scheme; members of the staff entering the scheme were to elect two representatives to the committee.

5 Report of Sub-Committee on Membership (i) It was decided that in future

- (a) That all 10/6 and 5/- members (save local societies and other subscribing organisations) shall in future only receive the News, Quarterly, and such pamphlets as are of general interest up to a face value of not more than 5/- a year. The General Secretary and the Organising Secretary shall decide what pamphlets fall into this category when ordering first prints of publications. An order form for these publications not sent out shall be circularised with the Quarterly every third month. The necessary postage shall be asked for;
- (b) That no alteration shall take place in the present arrangements for sending out publications to £1. 1s. and £2. 2s. members;
- (c) Library subscriptions shall be increased from 7/6 to 10/6 a year as they fall due.
- (d) That members of the International Bureau shall receive France and Britain and pamphlets to the value of 3/- yearly, and members of

Colonial Bureau Empire and pamphlets to the value of 3/- yearly. The Secretaries of the two organisations, respectively, in consultation with the General Secretary and Organising Secretary of the Society, to decide what pamphlets fall into this category when ordering first prints of publications. Similar provisions re circularisation quarterly and postage as in (a) are to apply. (117)

(ii) It was decided to submit the following proposals and draft rule to the local Societies for comment:

- (a) That membership cards be issued to local societies for distribution to their members (the receipt of the national Society to rank as a membership card of the national Society). Local Societies should in future subscribe 10/6 yearly to the national Society for 20 members, or under, and 1/- a year for every member in excess of 20. (At present local Societies are supposed to pay from 5/- to £2. 2s. according to their resources; most of the new Societies have paid nothing since their formation).
- (b) That members of local Societies in the Metropolitan Police area shall not be entitled in future to any of the members' rebates on activities held in London, unless they are also members of the Society nationally.
- (c) Draft Rule 12 The Executive Committee shall have power to create a local Society and to approve its rules. These Societies shall have no collective policy beyond what is implied in Rule 2. Full membership of local Societies shall be open to those willing to accept this policy; any person may become an associate of a local Society if in general sympathy with its objects. Associates shall not have the power of voting in elections of a local Society or at an Annual or Special Meeting.

In the event of a local Society failing to pay its dues or adopting a policy contrary to that of the central Society as laid down in Rule 2, the Executive shall have power to suspend or, if necessary sever all connections with the local Society.

Local Societies shall subscribe a minimum of 10/6 yearly to the central Society. An additional fee of 1/- a year per member shall be paid by the local Society to the central Society for all members in excess of a minimum of 20 who are not also members of the central Society. Members of local Societies who are not also members of the central Society shall have the right to attend activities of the central Society at the same rates as central members; members of local Societies within the Metropolitan Police area shall not be entitled to attend activities of the central Society within the M.P.A. at preferential rates unless also members of the central Society. The central Society shall issue all local Societies with the necessary number of membership cards.

A meeting to consider the proposed alteration in the rules was to be held on Sunday, December 6, in conjunction with a special Conference of local Societies. The proposed rule was to be reconsidered by the Executive Committee after the comments of local Societies had been received before submission to a special members' meeting.

- 6 Pamphlet on work of Society This was to be circularised to members of the Executive Committee after being revised.
- 7 New Publications It was decided to publish the following if readers approved:
- (i) Land - Readers: Orwin, Alwyn Lloyd, Mitchison
 - (ii) Electricity - Harold Hobson, Cole, Quigley
 - (iii) Raw Materials - Durbin, Worswick
 - (iv) Resistant France - Mitchison, Parker
 - (v) American Labour - Preface to be asked from Laski

Cheap copies of Cole's book on Fabian Socialism were to be made available to members at a reduced rate.

- 8 India Conference It was decided:

- (a) to send out a short statement summarising the constructive proposals put forward at the Conference to Labour M.P.'s, members of the National Executive, the Indian Press, etc. This was to be drawn up by Margaret Cole and John Parker;
 - (b) to draw up a fuller statement to submit to the next Executive. Leonard Woolf, Harold Laski, Susan Lawrence, Dorothy Woodman, Mrs. Cole and Parker were to form a sub-committee for this purpose. Sir John Maynard was to be consulted.
- 8 Education Research Worker The appointment of Miss Specht for six months research was approved.
- 9 Russia Meeting It was decided to hold a public meeting about November 7 to commemorate the twenty fifth anniversary of the Russian Revolution. Maisky, Citrine and Bevin were to be invited to speak.
- 10 List of New Members These were accepted. It was decided to hold a New Members and Summer School Reception on December 5.
- 11 Date of Further Meetings:
- (a) October 12 at 4.30 p.m.
 - (b) October 26 -do-

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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PABIAN SOCIETY :::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S.W.1

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, October 26, 1942, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of September 28 (on-back)
 - (a) Industrial Advisory Committee - Report Progress
 - (b) Staff Pensions Scheme - Report Progress
 - (c) Local Societies - Proposed change of rule
 - (d) Pamphlet on work of Society - To be circulated
 - (e) India statement - Any further action
 - (f) Russia Meeting - Report Progress
- 2 Co-options to Executive Committee
- 3 Report from Women's Group Conference
- 4 Report from Socialist Propaganda Committee
- 5 Report from Colonial Bureau (enclosed)
- 6 Report from International Bureau (on the table)
- 7 Date of Next Meeting
- 8 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE which took place on Monday, October 26, 1942, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Crooch Jones, Davies, Durbin, Franklin, Gollancz, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Robson, Blanco White, Ziliacaus, Parker, Gwyn Jones.

Apologies were received from Ellen Wilkinson and Leonard Woolf.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of September 28 These were amended and approved.
 - 2 (a) Pala and Pano Co. It was reported that this had now been taken over by the Society. It was decided to change its name to "Fabian Publications Ltd."
 - (b) Industrial Advisory Committee. The report of its first meeting was received and approved. It was decided that those associated with the work of the committee should be called the Industrial Advisory Panel.
 - (c) Staff Pensions Scheme. It was reported that all members of the Staff were joining and that Miss Gibson and Miss Perlins had been appointed to represent the Staff on the scheme's convening body. It was announced that the scheme would come into operation on November 1. It was agreed that Parker and Mrs. Bamford, as part time members of the Staff, should be allowed to join the scheme.
 - (d) Draft Rule 12. This was amended. The second sentence was to read: "These societies shall have no collective policy beyond what is implied in the first two paragraphs of Rule 2."
 - (e) India Statement.
 - (i) The action of the General Secretary and Honorary Secretary was approved;
 - (ii) It was decided to stencil a report of the Conference and circularise to those attending;
 - (iii) A limited supply of copies for sale was to be advertised in the next News;
 - (iv) The possibility of creating an Indian Committee was to come up at the next E.C.;
 - (v) Durbin's protest about the issue of the statement was noted; it was decided that the issue of such statements must be considered as exceptional.
 - (f) Pamphlet on Work of Society. Detailed criticisms were made. It was decided to send these in to the Chairman who would prepare a revised draft for submission to a later meeting of the E.C.
- 2 Adjourned Meeting It was decided to hold this at 4.0 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 1942.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A deferred Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, November 2 1942, at 4.0 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of October 26 (enclosed)
- 2 Co-options to Executive Committee
- 3 Report from Women's Group Conference
- 4 Report from Socialist Propaganda Committee
- 5 Report from Colonial Bureau
- 6 Report from International Bureau
- 7 Appointment of Summer School Committee for 1943
- 8 Members in arrears - Consideration of list
- 9 Report on Books in Hand or Proposed:

<u>Editor or Author</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Publishers</u>
(a) Paul Yates	Raw Materials	Capo
(b) Rita Hindon	Colonies	Gollancz
(c) Doreen Idle	War in West Han	Faber
(d) Margaret Cole and Barou	Russia	Routledge
(e) Ernest Davies, Lasli, etc.	Anglo-American Relations	Faber

- 10 Russia Meeting - Report Progress
- 11 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

N.B. Members are asked to send in written criticisms of the Chairman's pamphlet on "The Fabian Society" to 74, Holders Hill Road, N.W.4. as soon as possible.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE which took place on Monday November 2, 1942 at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Franklin, Lasd, Hitchison, Miss Sutherland, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. Wootton and Parker.

Apologies were received from Wolf.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of October 26 These were amended and agreed.
- 2 Co-options It was decided to co-opt Ellis Smith, M.P. and Lord Parington to serve on the Executive Committee for the remainder of the current year.
- 3 Report from Women's Group Conference This was accepted. The activities proposed were authorised, provided no serious expense was placed on the Society's funds.
- 4 Report from Socialist Propaganda Committee Agreed.
- 5 Report from Colonial Bureau Agreed.
- 6 Report from International Bureau Agreed. The proposed Conference on December 12-13 was also agreed.
- 7 Summer School Committee for 1943 The following were appointed: Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Clarke, Emil Davies, Diamond, Franklin, Humphreys, Zena Minardiore, Agnes Murray, N. Pease, Doreen Price, Irene Reussin, Dorothy Thompson, Blanco-White.
- 8 Books in Hand or Proposed It was reported that the following books were in hand or proposed:

<u>Editor or Author</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Publishers</u>
(a) Paul Yates	Raw Materials	Cape
(b) Rita Hinden	Colonies	Gollancz
(c) Doreen Idle	War in West Ham	Faber
(d) Margaret Cole and Barou	Russia	Routledge
(e) Ernest Davies Lasd, etc.	Anglo-American Relations	Faber

- 9 Organising Secretary It was decided to suspend the Organising Secretary from all duties until his conduct had been investigated by the following sub-committee: Hitchison, Franklin, Durbin, Lasd and Griffiths. This sub-committee was to meet on Thursday, November 5 at 4.15 p.m. at the office.
- 10 Date of Next Meeting November 9 at 4.0 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, November 9, 1942, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of November 2 (enclosed).
- 2 Report of sub-committee on Conduct of the Organising Secretary.
- 3 Other Business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, November 9, 1942, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Franklin, Griffiths, Miss Lawrence, Hitchison, Robson, White, Mrs. Watton, Zilliacus and Parker.

Apologies were received from Lasdi, Miss Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of November 2 These were approved.
- 2 Pamphlet on Fabian Society It was decided to authorise publication if Miss Lawrence thought the points raised at the Executive Committee meeting had been met.
- 3 Conduct of the Organising Secretary It was decided to discharge Mr. Gwyn Jones on a month's notice. His resignation was to be accepted if tendered. His suspension from duties was to continue until the end of his term of office.
- 4 Next Meeting November 25.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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List of Members whose subscriptions are more than three months in arrears.

Lady Abercrombie	21/-	Mrs. Henriques	10/6	Thomas Robbins	42/-
David G. Ansell	10/6	L. W. Hereward	10/6	Graeme	
Oliver Baldwin	21/-	Harold Heys	10/6	Shankland	10/6
Malcolm Black	10/6	Claude Hilton	10/6	A. T. Stevens	10/6
Miss M. Böwer	10/6	E. J. Holborow	5/-	F. Alan Stiles	10/6
Mrs. Brinton	21/-	C. Hollingsworth	21/-	E. Sheridan	10/6
A. R. Braybrooke	10/6	W. J. Hull	10/6	R. Temple	5/-
A. E. Brooks	10/6	A. L. Hutchinson	10/-	L. W. Thomas	12/6
Mrs. M. Buchanan	21/-	Edw. Jennings	10/6	Henry Trickett	10/6
A. A. Carter	10/6	Miss H. M. Keynes	10/6	V. H. Turnbull	5/-
A. P. Cawson	21/-	Miss E. Lacon	15/-	R. Vadsworth	10/6
W. Leith-Hay-Clark	42/-	Mrs. M. P. Lewis	20/-	F. B. Wedder	
Miss E. A. Cowley	10/6	D. V. Lock	10/6	F. T. Willey	10/6
Arthur Cox	5/-	Miss E. McDonald	10/6	A. D. Veall	5/-
Mrs. I. Hill Dodd	21/-	J. A. Macdonald	5/-	Miss K. E. A.	
D. V. Dobson	21/-	D. W. A. McInery	10/6	Webb	5/-
Miss Margaret Elliott	5/-	D. MacIlrath	21/-	B. M. Wellington	10/6
Miss M. M. Fanshaw	10/6	Francis Meddings	10/6	Miss F. Wilkins	10/-
A. B. Fraser	21/-	Mr. and Mrs. Naish	21/-	G. M. Williams	10/6
A. R. Gardiner	21/-	Mrs. E. H. Nield	10/6	G. P. Wright	10/-
Miss George	10/6	J. Oates	10/6	Miss E. Zam	10/-
A. Ginsburg	10/6	Miss E. M. Oliver	10/6		
A. M. Goodfellow	42/-	A. A. Parker	10/6		
Capt. H. Gordon Dean	21/-	T. A. Phillips	5/-		
A. Halevy	5/-	Ernest H. Rahardt	10/6		
Miss Harari	5/-	Joseph Reeves	10/6		
		Mrs. J. Reeves	10/6		

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, November 23 1942, at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of November 9 (on back)
- 2 Organising Secretary - arrangements for new appointment
- 3 Proposed Rule 12 Correspondence from members and local societies
- 4 Local Societies Convention Arrangements
- 5 List of members to be struck off .
- 6 Other business
- 7 Date of Next Meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, November 23 1942, at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Davies, Farington, Mitchison, Robson, Ellis Smith, Blanco White, Mrs. Wootton and Parker.

Apologies were received from Franklin and Griffiths.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of November 9 These were approved. It was reported that the pamphlet on the Fabian Society had been approved and was in the press.
- 2 Organizing Secretary
 - (1) Mr. Gwynn Jones' letter of resignation was received;
 - (2) Arrangements for advertising the post were confirmed; Mrs. Cole, Davies and Parker were to form a Sub-Committee to interview candidates and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.
- 3 Proposed Rule 12 Suggestions made by local societies and members were considered. It was decided to insert "after a period of six months" after Local Societies at the beginning of the 3rd paragraph. It was decided not to accept other suggestions sent in.
- 4 Local Societies Convention Arrangements were confirmed and authority given to the Chairman to accept amendments from the floor to Rule 12, provided they did not introduce new matter.
- 5 List of Members to be struck off These were to be removed from membership.
- 6 Publication It was decided to publish a biographical pamphlet on Richard Carlisle, preferably by arrangement with the Rationalist Press Association or some other interested body.
- 7 Next Meeting This was fixed for December 28 at 4 p.m. Authority was given to call an earlier meeting if it appeared necessary.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, December 14, 1942, at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of November 23 (on back)
- 2 Local Societies' Convention and Special Members Meeting: Report to be received. After listening to the discussion members of the Executive Committee present decided to withdraw the proposed new rule 12. The following resolution was passed:

"That a Committee be appointed to consider the relations between the parent Society and the local Societies; that the Committee consists of the Chairman, together with three representatives of the Executive Committee and three recommended by the Convention of local Societies. All members of the Committee to be individual members of the parent Society."

- 3 Retirement of Miss Gibson
- 4 Report of Sub-Committee on appointment of Assistant Secretary
- 5 Other business
- 6 Date of Next Meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, December 14 1942, at 1 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Franklin, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Robson, Miss Sutherland, Woolf, Mrs. Wootton, Zilliacus and Parker.

Apologies were received from Clay.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of November 23 These were approved.
- 2 Local Societies' Convention and Special Members' Meeting It was reported that members of the Executive Committee present had decided to withdraw the proposed rule 12 after listening to the discussion; the following resolution had been passed: "That a committee be appointed to consider the relations between the parent Society and the Local Societies, and that the Committee consists of the Chairman, together with three representatives of the Executive Committee and three recommended by the Convention of Local Societies. All members of the Committee to be individual members of the parent Society." It was decided to hold a meeting of this Committee on January 16/17 or 23/24. Cole, Mrs. Cole, Davies and Miss Lawrence (or Miss Sutherland) were to represent the Executive Committee. Suggestions as to points to be put forward at this meeting were discussed (see attached note).
- 3 Retirement of Miss Gibson Appreciation was expressed at Miss Gibson's 28 years' service to the Society. It was decided to empower the Treasurer to pay her £120 a year pension on retirement. Miss Gibson was to be asked to continue full time until someone to replace her could be found, and part time when he was learning the job.
- 4 Organizing Secretary It was decided to appoint Oliver Gollancz as wartime Organizing Secretary at £300 a year. Permission was to be obtained from the Society for any other paid work taken; it was to be understood that not more than two classes weekly were to be taken.
- 5 Proposed Social Security Bureau This was to be discussed further at the next meeting and a memo by Parker circulated.
- 6 Jewish Question A letter of sympathy was to be sent by the General Secretary. Suggestions for further action were to be considered at the next meeting.
- 7 Date of Next Meeting This was to be on December 28 at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, December 28 1942, at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of December 14 (on back)
- 2 Jewish Question Any further action
- 3 Meeting of Socialist Propaganda Committee of December 18 Report
- 4 Suggested General Appeal to Members
- 5 Proposed Social Security Bureau Memo to be circulated
- 6 Other Business
- 7 Date of next meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

P.T.O.

SOCIAL SECURITY BUREAU

The Executive are asked to consider the advisability of setting up a Social Security Bureau of the Fabian Society. Such a Bureau would undertake education, propaganda and research within the sphere of Social Security and its implications. It would use and extend the Society's numerous existing contacts in this field and would turn to good account the work which has already been done on Social Security in the Research Department.

A WHY A SOCIAL SECURITY BUREAU?

1 The whole idea of Social Security has caught the public mind and is likely to be in the forefront of reconstruction discussion for a long period. Further, it is quite clear from discussions following the Beveridge Report that the implications of Social Security are extremely wide and that there is a great deal of new ground to be covered by research in the problems of full employment, public medical service, industrial training and rehabilitation, and the administration of a Social Security Ministry.

2 The Fabian Society has acquired a reputation for good work in the field of Social Security which seems to have been enhanced since the publication of the Beveridge Report. We are now being asked for speakers on Social Security at the rate of one a day, for study syllabuses, reading lists, etc. etc. There are increasing opportunities for propaganda and research, see below, paragraphs D and G.

3 If no ad hoc arrangement can be made, it would be impossible for further work to be done in this field because:

- (i) the job is a big one and cannot be undertaken in the Research Department, which is already fully occupied;
- (ii) The Research Department has devoted much time to Social Security already, and the balance of the research program requires a shift of research into another field.

4 The Society is now in a position to strike hard for Social Security. If no facilities are created the work already done will come to a dead end. If we go ahead now we should be able to achieve very marked results. We touch a sufficiently different section of the community to avoid duplication of the T.U.C.'s work.

B WHAT WOULD IT DO? (Examples only)

PROPAGANDA

1 Offer to service all M.P.'s wishing to speak in the House or elsewhere on Social Security. We are in a position to give accurate factual and statistical help on the existing social services to anybody asking for it, but it is impossible to do this under present pressure of work.

2 Draw up a panel of Social Security speakers and notify relevant organisations that we can send them speakers as required. We should hold Discussion Groups for these speakers if needed and promote such Discussion Groups in the provinces. These might take the form of Social Security groups or clubs wherever we had a good enough person to act as leader.

3 Prepare Speakers' Notes, several series, e.g. on the Beveridge Report, social insurance, the health services, employment policy, industrial training, etc., and have them on sale.

4 Prepare bulletins, broadsheets, etc. for Local Societies, Divisional

5 Discover pockets of resistance and rally like-minded persons to counter them in all relevant ways.

6 Bring the Fabian Society, through the medium of Social Security, before members of organisations with which the Research Department has already established contact, e.g., the Relieving Officers' Association, National Council of Social Service, the organisation of Public Assistance Officers, the National Association of Administrators of Local Government Establishments, the Assistance Board Staff Side Whitley Council, National Institute for the Blind, Pensions Officers, the Department of Customs and Excise, Joint University Council for Social Studies and Public Administration, the Association of Approved Societies, Clerical and Administrative Workers' Union, etc. etc.

7 Write articles and notes for any journal in which they can be placed.

C RESEARCH (Examples only)

1 Full employment A major research project should be immediately initiated with a view to publishing material on the maintenance of full employment.

2 Industrial training This seems to be an integral element in Social Security and in the maintenance of full employment, especially at a time of rapid technical development when people's skills are liable to become obsolete within their lifetime. There is scope for immediate work on the extension and equipment of modern industrial training centres. Secondly, the possibility of refurbishing the skills of those, e.g. widows, who plan to return to the productive field as manual, technical or professional workers, needs detailed consideration.

3 Social Security administration and the dovetailing of a centralised Ministry with local committees needs further exploration than we have been able to give it during the preparation of our book.

4 The needs and activities of the aged have not been sufficiently studied. There is likely to be controversy about what the aged really do and what they really need. If a small sample survey could be undertaken by the Social Security Bureau, and the results published, it would be extremely useful. Other projects will no doubt develop as the Bureau gets under weigh.

D HOW WOULD IT WORK?

The suggestion is that Mrs. Clarke, the present Research Secretary, who has specialised knowledge of the social services, should resign her post as Research Secretary and become secretary of the Social Security Bureau. She would be assisted by Mrs. Watson, who at present gives full-time secretarial assistance in the Research Department. It would be necessary to hire an additional room outside 11, Dartmouth Street, and to equip this. (See financial estimates below). It would also be necessary to appoint a new Research Secretary and clerical assistant to replace Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Watson, both of whom would prefer to transfer to the Social Security Bureau. It seems unnecessary for the Bureau to have a specific membership, but it should certainly ask for financial contributions over and above postage and stationery costs from those adherents who were on its mailing list. The aim of the Bureau would be primarily to mobilise into constructive activity the interest of those who are keen to see the concept of Social Security placed upon the Statute Book, but who at the moment have no recognised channel of individual, purposeful activity. There is no doubt that there would be a long list of adherents and that the Bureau would be selling something which the public is extremely eager to buy. We must emphasize here that the function of the Bureau would be not only propagandist

but also research. It would therefore have long-term rather than transient social importance, and would enable the Society to contribute to the improvement of social conditions in this country more vigorously than has been possible hitherto.

B WHAT WOULD IT COST?

1 Salaries Mrs. Clarke at present receives £200 a year part-time and is willing to continue on the same terms (subject to the Society's salary ratio remaining constant).

2 Mrs. Watson receives £208 full-time.

3 Premises This is still under investigation. At the moment it would be possible to get 3 rooms at £95 or possibly a little less - 2 fairly large and 1 small. The rent of the S.P.C. room at 4 Queen Anne's Gate is £52 a year for a small unsatisfactory room. If we gave this up and took the 3 rooms, which are in Old Queen Street, the additional cost on the Social Security would be not more than £43, and we should get a small typist's room in addition. Alternatively we could probably take one of these rooms only at about £40 a year. This includes good lino. In addition there would be the cost of electric light, a small fee for the hire of gas fires already installed, the cost of running the gas fires, and cost of cleaning, which would be 5/- a week for all 3 rooms or 2/- for 1 room. Also we think there would be an additional charge for window-cleaning.

Note: These rooms are now vacant, but the Government is apparently taking up office space quickly and other premises near enough to 11 Dartmouth Street might work out more expensive. It is not easy to rent one room by itself. There is apparently no need to take more than a quarterly lease of such rooms. We are investigating other premises.

4 Equipment It should be possible to furnish a room, including black-out, at £10 if we bought second hand kitchen tables (5x3, £3.15.) instead of desks. There is a certain amount of spare furniture in 11 Dartmouth Street. Cost of installing the telephone would be additional initial expenditure. (If the new room had no line the cost of furnishing would be increased).

5 Total Cost: Adding an assumed £100 for gas, electricity, telephone, stationery, the total cost about £580.

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Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Davies, Faringdon, Franklin, Miss Lawrence, Robson, Miss Sutherland, White, Mrs. Wootton, Zilliacus, Parker, Mrs. Clarke.

Apologies were received from Ellis Smith and Miss Wilkinson.

1. Minutes of meeting of December 14. These were approved.
2. Jewish Question It was decided to send out a statement to all members and local societies on behalf of the Executive Committee, together with a descriptive circular.
3. Report of Socialist Propaganda Committee meeting of December 18 This was moved and approved. It was decided (a) that local societies should be asked to pay speakers' out of pocket expenses where hospitality is not provided in addition to travelling expenses; (b) that the Socialist Propaganda Committee should rank as a subcommittee of the Executive Committee, its minutes being reported for approval and the functions assigned to it to include the following:-
 1. The Committee should assist in securing maximum publicity for the work of the various sections of the Society and to make recommendations thereon.
 2. The Committee in addition to initiating publications of a popular nature may make recommendations concerning other publications.
 3. That this Committee should advise upon work of local societies in so far as it relates to the carrying out of the propaganda activities of the parent society.
 4. That the Committee should make periodical surveys of the composition and contacts of local societies with a view to ascertaining the propaganda tasks which they can carry out.
4. Staff Salaries
 - (a) It was agreed to raise the salary of the General Secretary by £100 a year, the details to be fixed by the Honorary Treasurer.
 - (b) A discussion took place on the comparatively low rates of pay received by other senior members of the staff. It was decided to raise this question again when sufficient funds were available.
 - (c) The Treasurer was authorised to issue a general appeal to members.
 - (d) Attention of members was to be drawn to the Dartmouth Street Trust.
5. Proposed Social Security Bureau It was decided to refer the proposed scheme to the Research Committee for further consideration. Activities of other bodies in connection with the Beveridge Report were to be ascertained.
6. Hon. Secretary's Article on Beveridge Report It was decided to publish this, subject to readers' consent. Readers: Zilliacus, Robson, Miss Lawrence.
7. Marx Anniversary Commemoration The General Secretary was to attend meeting to discuss this.
8. Date of Next Meeting January 25 at 4 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, January 25 1943, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 4 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of December 28 (enclosed)
- 2 Report of Research Committee (to follow)
- 3 Report of Meeting with Representatives of Local Societies (on the table)
- 4 Appointment of Book-keeper
- 5 Report on Membership
- 6 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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Present G.D.H. Cole (chair)

Representing Executive Committee: Margaret Cole, Emil Davies,
Susan Lawrence.

Representing Local Societies: L. J. Callaghan, J. Diamond,
Gwyneth Morgan.

Secretary, John Parker.

Margaret Cole reported on returns sent in from Local Societies, their different characters and membership, etc., and on affiliated labour organisations. John Parker reported on national membership and national and local finance.

After discussion on many subjects it was decided:

1 Self-denying ordinance That this should be applied to local as well as to national societies, and should be interpreted so as to cover controversial political matters of national importance.

2 Election of Executive Committee The following form was suggested:-

"All members who have paid their appropriate dues to their Local Society, and on whose behalf any dues which have been agreed upon have been paid to the National Society, shall be entitled to vote in the Annual Postal Ballot for the election of the Executive Committee."

N.B. This applies only to Local Members who are not members of the parent Society and a check on dual voting will be necessary.

For this ballot it will be necessary for the names and addresses of paid-up members of Local Societies to be sent up to Head Office in good time for ballot papers to be issued to them.

3 Amendment to Rule 11 The following were suggested:-

- (a) Student members of the W.E.A. and N.C.L.C., members of Labour Youth organisations, undergraduates and members of the ranks of H.M. Forces, shall be allowed to become and continue as probationary members at the discretion of the Executive Committee;
- (b) The 2/6 rebate allowed to Local Societies outside the Metropolitan Police Area in respect of members who are also National members should be abolished, and that each Local Society should be required to pay an affiliation fee of 1/- yearly for each local member who is not a national member, with a minimum affiliation fee of 10/6 for each Local Society.

4 Referendum

(a) It was suggested that instead of Rule 10 a new Rule 6 should be inserted as follows:-

"The Executive Committee may at any time refer any question to the decision by postal ballot of all the members entitled to vote in the election of the Executive Committee."

(b) It was suggested that Rule 5 be amended as follows:-

Any alteration of or addition to Rules 1-6 declared by the Executive Committee to be a fundamental alteration shall be adopted only if supported by not less than three-quarters of the members present at such Annual or special meeting, and if thereafter accepted by a majority of a postal ballot of all members entitled to vote in the election of the Committee.

- 5 Discipline of Local Societies The following alteration in the suggested Rule 12 was proposed:-

"The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend and/or subject to the right of the Local Society to appeal to the Annual Meeting, to sever all connection with the Local Society.
- 6 It was also suggested that no Society should be recognised as such which had less than 10 members, and that 5/- should be laid down as a minimum subscription.
- 7 Membership Card A standard membership card for all members of Local Societies was suggested. The Fabian Society to have these printed and Local Societies to buy quantities from them as required. Space to be left for name of Local Society and name and address of member. Should also indicate if member of Local Society is also a National Member, and contain exhortation to become one. Space to be left on back for registering subscriptions so that card can serve as a receipt.
- 8 Fabian News It was suggested that Secretaries of Local Societies should requisition the number of copies of the News they required, on an annual basis and should be responsible for their distribution to their own members, and that a copy of the current News should be sent by post to every member with the ballot paper for the Executive Committee.
- 9 Co-opted Members Discussion took place, but the Committee decided against making any recommendation.
- 10 Model Rules and Instructions for Local Societies Agreed that the Executive Committee should draft and circulate.
- 11 Socialist Propaganda Committee Suggestions that more local Society members be added and the name changed were put up for later consideration.
- 12 Directive Approved generally, and suggestion of brighter front page approved.

JOHN BARNER General Secretary
HAROLD GIBB Honorary Secretary

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Suggestions for discussion at Meeting to consider relations of Central
and Local Societies

- 1 Rule 12 in its amended form.
- 2 Any other alterations in rules concerning the purpose of the meeting.
- 3 The future of the Socialist Propaganda Committee and its organization.
- 4 A list of by-laws to supplement rule 12, etc. (Arrangements for calling an Annual Convention of Local Societies, for voting at such Conventions). It was suggested that each paid up Society should be entitled to two delegates and have two votes.
- 5 No decision was taken as to whether local societies should be directly represented on the Socialist Propaganda Committee executive, or whether some of the co-opted members of the Executive Committee should be drawn specifically from active members of local societies. Strong opposition was expressed to any direct representation of local societies on the Executive Committee.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of Research Committee held at 11, Dartmouth Street,
S.W.1. on Friday, 15th January 1943 at 4.15 p.m.

Present: Parker (Chair), Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cole, Durbin, Fiske,
Franklin, Robson, Mrs. Wootton. Apology from Yates.

1. Report on Research, previously circulated. The Committee accepted this, and recommended that the pamphlet on Land by Lewis Silkin should be published forthwith. If the author agreed, Taski should be asked for a preface. Full Employment: The Research Secretary was instructed to approach Joan Robinson for a simple pamphlet on this as soon as possible. She was also instructed to ask Kaldor for a tract or pamphlet on The Cost of Reconstruction Projects in Relation to Estimated Post-War National Income.

2. Full Employment: It was recommended that the Economic Committee be convened at an early date in order to consider the initiation of work (a) on Full Employment of a more solid and serious nature than the pamphlet referred to in (1), and (b) on the Budgetary cost of Reconstruction, the latter to be undertaken after discussion of the pamphlet by Kaldor recommended for immediate preparation.

3. Social Security. It was reported that (a) Sir William Beveridge was not intending to set up any bureau or other organisation to push his Report, though it was understood that he would feel beneficently towards the efforts of others, (b) that the Labour Party and the Trades Union Congress were both actively supporting the Report and were holding meetings and conferences in connection with it. It was felt that the job of the Fabian Society apart from supplying speakers as at present, would be immediately to influence middle opinion by press articles, pamphlets, etc. by supplying information to M.P.'s. initiating research on questions immediately arising, and by watching and countering the main lines of attack. This work could not be done without additional staff, it was therefore recommended that if sufficient money could be found (a) a Social Security Committee be set up of which Mrs. Clarke should be secretary. (b) A Research Assistant to Mrs. Clarke should be appointed, who should be expected to type his or her own correspondence. (c) Extra clerical assistance for typing other than letters should be secured. These appointments to be made for six months, and the position reviewed thereafter. The following names were provisionally suggested as members of the Committee:-

D.N. Chester, Hugh Franklin, Barbara Gould or Morgan Phillips, Jim Griffiths, Fred Hughes, Frank Pakenham, W.A. Robson, Ellis Smith, Austin Spearing, Mrs. Barbara Wootton.

4. Jewish Questions. John Parker reported that Miss Grace Leybourne had offered to do paid research for the Society, and was interested in working on the present and post-war problems of Jewish Settlement and Anti-Semitism. He had already contacted Jewish organisations and was assured that sufficient finance would be forthcoming. The Research Committee advised that he should proceed with this project and that a later meeting of the Research Committee should appoint an ad hoc Advisory Committee to consult with Miss Leybourne on her work.

5. Women's Group Research. Mrs. Cole reported that a study on Women's Work and Wages, self-financing, will be put in hand by the Women's Group with the co-operation of the Trade Unions, as soon as possible, a part-time worker being appointed.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, January 25 1943, at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Davies, Durbin, Franklin, Mitchison, Robson, Ellis Smith, White, Wolf, Mrs. Wootton, Ziliacus, Parker, O. Gullanz, Mrs. Clarke.

Apologies were received from Harold Clay and Jim Griffiths.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of December 26 These were approved.
 - 2 Report of Research Committee This was amended. It was decided:
 - (1) To ask the Economic Committee to put work in hand on Full Employment on the lines suggested;
 - (2) To set up a Social Security Committee if the necessary finance could be raised. The officers were empowered to negotiate with others proposing work in this field if it appeared desirable;
 - (3) The following were to be asked to serve on the Social Security Committee: Chester, Franklin, Barbara Gould, Jim Griffiths, Hughes, Pakerhan, Robson, Ellis Smith, Spearing, Barbara Wootton, Stillwell, Stark Murray;
 - (4) To put work in hand on the Jewish question if the necessary finance could be found.
- It was reported that difficulties had arisen in connection with the Women's Group Research.
- 3 Report of Meeting with Representatives of Local Societies This was corrected and accepted. (1) The officers were appointed as a drafting committee to prepare the necessary amendments of the rules; (2) Diamond and Callaghan were to be added to the Socialist Propaganda Guiding Committee.
 - 4 Book-keeper It was decided to appoint Mr. Bardsley at £200 a year, rising to £250 after three months. The appointment to be subject to a month's notice on either side.
 - 5 Report on Membership This was accepted.
 - 6 Birmingham The General Secretary was empowered to visit Birmingham and try and settle difficulties.
 - 7 Date of Meeting of Drafting Committee (officers) Tuesday, February 9 at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.
 - 8 Date of Next Meeting Monday, February 22, at 4 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

November 1st. 1942

Miss Edith Helfand	10/6
Vivian V. Esch	10/-
Rev. W. J. W. Tunnickliffe	42/-
Ernest W. Ashford	10/6
M. Mezincescu	42/-
Aberystwyth L.P.	10/6
Miss H. Whyborn	21/-
J. F. Ford	5/-
J. W. Kirk	10/6
Roy Clowes	5/-
F. W. Bateson	21/-
R. Ewbank	10/6
Miss Phoebe Johnson	10/6
Mrs. H. M. Briggs	10/6
E. F. M. Elborn	10/6
C. M. Tubb	10/6
Sir Noel Cutis Bennett	42/-
Gladys Jones	10/6
Frank Mathews	21/-
Rita Osterman	10/6
J. H. Eaton	10/6
Mrs. F. Goodwin	21/-
Grace G. Leybourne	10/6
Ald. T. E. Watkins	10/6
Horace Williams	10/6
Miss J. Stokes	21/-
Margaret Bower	10/6
A. Nathan	42/-
Pontardawe T. C.	21/-
H. W. Marshall	10/6
B. C. Adams	21/-
W. R. Thomas	10/6
Mr. Goodall	10/6
Jean Hamlyn	21/-
L. Brander	21/-
John Levitt	5/-
Philip Brandon-Jones	10/6
E. F. Q. Henriques	21/-
J. G. Leatham	21/-
Miss W. M. Tee	10/6
Hylde Epstein	10/6
Henry Epstein	10/6
Mrs. D. Dobson	10/6
A. H. J. Dobson	10/6
Edgar Richards	42/-
Kenneth G. Brooks	10/6
Enfield Highway Co-op Party	21/-
C. H. Barnes	10/6
National Union of County Officers (Cardiff)	42/-
S. A. Young	21/-
H. G. Jenkins	10/6
Mrs Beatrice Swire	10/6
Keighley Fabian Society	10/6
Ernest J. Ashdown	21/-
Beatrice Stenhouse	10/6
Gertrude E. Webster	10/6
W. Wodak	5/-
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G. Wilkinson	10/6
Miss Edith J. Arnold	21/-
John Vass	21/-
L. Grove	10/6
P. D. Greenall	21/-
Miss J. A. F. Hilton	10/6
A. G. Harvey	10/6
John F. Hill	42/-
Mrs. Phyllis M. Paine	21/-

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Miss Gwèn Barnard	42/-
Tenby Fabian Society	10/6
J. H. Goode	21/-

December

E. H. Fowkes	10/6
E. W. Marshall	10/6
J. McShane	10/6
Mrs. Dorothy Fox	10/6
Mrs. A. Wilson	10/6
James Cresswell	42/-
E. Felton Falkner	21/-
Thomas Fisher	10/6
Miss Hilde Anerbach	10/6
G. W. Coleman	10/6
L. J. Callaghan	10/6
A. B. Matthewson	10/6
D. F. Dunball	21/-
W. J. George	21/-
Maurice Ashley	21/-
G. Suggitt	5/-
D. W. Humphreys	21/-
Thomas R. Brown	42/-
Miss D. V. Harrison	10/6
C. E. West	10/6
R. B. Cant	10/6
Esther M. Walton	42/-
Mrs. C. L. Hinton	10/6
Mrs. M. L. Taylor	8/-
Miss E. J. Bliss	8/-
Miss R. J. Walker	10/6
L/Bdr. Blumberg	5/-
Hilda Mohr	10/6
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A. B. Clinkscale	21/-
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George Mason	10/6
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Rev. E. W. Brewin	10/6
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C.J.Shaw Scott	5/-
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Miss E.S.MacDairmid	21/-
Jean Scarlett	21/-
C.G.W.Whibley	10/6
B.Duckworth	10/6
Dr. Ruth Borchardt	10/6
R.N.Jackson	10/6
Harold P.Roffey	42/-
Annie E.James	10/6
E.Royston Pike	21/-
A.W.Huzzard	10/6
Joan Brighton	5/-
Helen Lowenthal	21/-
Mr. & Mrs. C.L.Jones	42/-
Penelope Deed	10/6
James Johnson	10/6
William Bosworth	42/-
Gilbert Elliot	21/-
Rita G.Davis	21/-
A.Hudson	42/-
H.M.Dawson	42/-
D.J.McCracken	42/-
H.B.Dunn	10/6

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, February 22, 1945, at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of January 25 (on back)
- 2 Suggested Alteration of Rules (enclosed)
- 3 Industrial Group - report (on the table)
- 4 Delegates to London Labour Party:
 - (a) Appointment of two to next Conference (March 27)
 - (b) Appointment of member of the Executive Committee for next year (John Parker has served for the present year)
- 5 List of New Members (on the table)
- 6 List of Members whose names are to be removed (on the table)
- 7 Other Business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

P.T.O.

11. Annual General Meeting, to sever all connections with the local Society.

Local Societies shall subscribe a minimum of 10/6 yearly to the Central Office. An additional fee of 1/- a year per member shall be paid by the local Society to the Central Office for all members who are not also national members of the Society. Members of local Societies who are not also national members shall have the right to attend national activities at the same rates as national members; members of local Societies within the Metropolitan Police Area shall not be entitled to attend national activities of the Society within the M.P.A. at preferential rates unless also national members. The Central Office shall issue to all local Societies the necessary number of membership cards.

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New MembersFebruary 19 - March 19, 1943

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Ansell, John H.C.	£5
Styles, Arthur C.	£2/12/6.
Honeybell, Geoffrey.	£2/2/-
Humphreys, Miss D.	"
Howard, H.G.C.	"
O'Brien, T.	"
Wintle, A.D.	"
Anderson, Frank.	"
Burton, Geoffrey Sadler.	"
Lopez, Juan.	"
Mitchell, Colin F.	"
Russell, Miss Edith.	3 "
Stanley, J.	"
Frau P. Furrer (Switzerland)	"
Mitchell-Cotes, Sir Wm. Campbell.	"
Anderson, H.S.	"
Ingram, Mrs. Millie J.	"
Robinson, Mrs. E.A.	"
Gray, John.	"
Joad, Cyril E.M.	"
Charlesworth, Bernard J.	"
Martin, C.C.	"
Ollerton, Florence.	£1/1/-
Harc, Hon. Richard	"
Watt, George S.	"
Blackburn, A.R.	"
Bush, Mrs. L.E.	"
Chrenstein, Carl.	"
Cox, Ralph.	"
Listy, P.	"
Frackowiak, Eustace.	"
Landman, R.H.	"
Vince, Elizabeth.	"
Seal, Vera G.	"
Zakowski, Julius.	"
Litaver, M.	"
Nodland, A.	£1

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- 5 The Society shall be governed by an Annual Meeting of members to be held at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. Notice of the date of the Annual Meeting shall be given through Rebian News or otherwise not less than six weeks before the meeting, and the Agenda for the meeting, including resolutions sent in by members, shall be similarly circulated not less than a fortnight before the meeting. Notice of amendments must reach the Central Office at least three days before the meeting. Copies of the Annual Report shall be circulated a fortnight before the meeting. All national members and fully paid up members of recognised local Societies shall have the right to attend and vote at the meeting. Associates and one representative from each subscribing body shall have the right to attend, unless specially excluded from any private session, but shall have no right to vote. Special private meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or at the request of at least 100 fully paid up members sent to the General Secretary in writing, but no alteration of or addition to the Rules shall be made save at the Annual Meeting or at a special private meeting convened solely for that purpose. Any alteration of or addition to Rules 1-5 shall be adopted only if supported by not less than three quarters of the members present at such Annual or special meeting.
- 6 When a requisition signed by not less than 100 members is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss any resolutions, the Executive Committee shall order the resolutions to be circulated, and shall appoint for the meeting the earliest convenient date thereafter. Any proposal to alter the Rules shall be circulated to all members not less than 14 days before the meeting. The Executive Committee may and shall on a requisition signed by not less than 100 fully paid members refer any question to the decision by postal ballot of all the members entitled to vote in the election of the Executive Committee.
- 8 Before the Annual Meeting, the Society shall elect by ballot an Hon. Treasurer and 14 other members of the Executive Committee to hold office for one year. Nominations for these shall be invited from national members and fully paid up members of local Societies at least one month before voting papers are sent out. All nominations must be returned within 21 days of issue. Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to open the ballot box, to count the votes, and to certify to the General Secretary the number of votes polled. All members of local Societies whose names have been received at the Central Office shall be entitled to vote in the Annual Postal Ballot for the election of the Executive Committee. The new Executive Committee shall come into office immediately after the Annual Meeting.
- 12 The Executive Committee shall have power to recognise a local Society and to approve its rules. No group shall be recognised as a local Society unless it has a minimum of 10 members qualified under Rule 4. The minimum subscription for a member of a local Society shall be 5/-. The Executive Committee shall have power to make by-laws for the regulation of local Societies and these by-laws may include a provision that the local Society shall observe the provisions of Rule 5. Full membership of local Societies shall be open to those willing to accept the Rules of the local Society; any person may become an associate of a local Society if in general sympathy with its objects. Associates shall not have the power of voting in elections of a local Society or at any Annual or Special Meeting.

In the event of a local Society failing to pay its dues or adopting a policy contrary to that of the Society as a whole, as laid down in these Rules, the Executive shall have power to suspend till the next Annual General Meeting, or, subject to the right of the local Society to appeal to

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, February 22, 1947, at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Davies, Creech Jones, Faringdon, Franklin, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Woolf, Mrs. Wootton, Ziliacus, Parker, Oliver Gollancz, Mrs. Clarke.

Apologies were received from Clay, V. Gollancz, Robson, Miss Sutherland, Miss Wildinson.

1 Minutes of meeting of January 25 These were approved.

- (a) Social Security Committee It was decided to go ahead in setting up this committee in view of the finance received. Authority was given to the officers to appoint an Assistant Research Secretary for six months.
- (b) All Party Beveridge Committee Authority was given to assist in getting such a body into being. Parker, Cole and Mrs. Wootton were to meet on Tuesday, March 2, at 3.15 p.m. to consider personnel of such a committee, etc.
- (c) Socialist Propaganda Committee Report approved. The Executive Committee agreed that the following functions of the Committee be added to the four functions previously approved.
"5) That the Committee may, on its own initiative, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, or at the request of the Executive Committee, initiate or carry out other forms of Socialist propaganda as may seem desirable."

2 Alteration of the Rules The following alterations were to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting:

- (a) To be Repealed Present Rules 5, 7, 10, 11
- (b) To be Renumbered Rule 6 to become 7
" 3 " 9
" 9 " 10
- (c) New Rules 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13 as follows:-

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6 When a requisition signed by not less than 100 members is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a general meeting to discuss any resolutions, the Executive Committee shall order the resolutions to be

circulated, and shall appoint for the meeting the earliest convenient date thereafter. Any proposal to alter the Rules shall be circulated to all members not less than 14 days before the meeting. The Executive Committee may and shall on a requisition signed by not less than 100 fully paid members refer any question to the decision by postal ballot of all the members entitled to vote in the election of the Executive Committee. (54)

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11 Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means. The minimum annual subscription for members of the Society and for all subscribing bodies and associates shall be 10/6. A 10/6 subscription shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of Fabian News, Fabian Quarterly and all pamphlets priced 6d or less issued by the Society, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. A subscription of 20/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of the above periodicals and all pamphlets priced 1/- or less. A subscription of 42/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of all publications issued by the Society, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. Student members of the W.B.A. and N.C.L.C., members of Labour Youth Organisations, undergraduates and other full-time students, and members of the ranks of H.M. Forces, shall be allowed to become members and to continue as probationary at the discretion of the Executive Committee for an annual subscription of 5/-, for which they shall receive the above periodicals and such a limited number of pamphlets as the Executive Committee shall decide. The Executive Committee shall have power to strike off the books any member who, after notice, fails to pay his subscription.

12 The Executive Committee shall have power to recognise a local Society, and to approve its rules. No group shall be recognised as a local Society unless it has a minimum of 10 members qualified under Rule 4. The minimum subscription for members of local Societies shall be not less than 5/-. The Executive Committee shall have power to make by-laws for the regulation of local Societies and these by-laws may include a provision that the local Society shall observe the provisions of Rule 3. Full membership of local Societies shall be open to those willing to accept the rules of the local Society; any person may become an associate of a local Society if in general sympathy with its objects. The rules of all local Societies shall contain a provision that associates shall not have the power of voting in elections of a local Society or at any Annual or Special Meeting.

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at the same rates as national members; except that members of local Societies within the Metropolitan Police Area shall not be entitled to attend national activities of the Society within the M.P.A. at preferential rates unless they are also national members. The Central Office shall issue to all local Societies the necessary number of membership cards.

13 Any question as to the interpretation of these Rules shall be settled by the Executive Committee subject to appeal to a meeting of members qualified to effect an alteration of Rules.

- 3 Industrial Group Report Received.
- 4 Delegates to London Labour Party Conference Parker, Franklin, (Oliver Gollancz as reserve).
- 5 London Labour Party Executive John Parker - appointed for year 1943-4.
- 6 List of New Members Received.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, March 22, at 4.45 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of February 22 (on back)
- 2 Report re Social Security Committee (on the table) and Social Security League (to be made verbally).
- 3 Nominations for Labour Party Conference:
 - (a) Treasurership and other officers
 - (b) Delegate to Conference
- 4 Relations with Socialist Student Organisations
- 5 Dates and Arrangements for Executive Elections, Annual General Meeting, etc.
- 6 Reader - Medical Education
- 7 Date of Next Meeting
- 8 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, March 22, 1943, at 4.45 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Faringdon, Franklin, Griffiths, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Robson, Ellis Smith, Woolf, Mrs. Wootton, Parker, O. Gollancz, Mrs. Clarke.

Apologies were received from Clay and Creech Jones.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of February 22 These were approved.
- 2 Report on Social Security Committee This was approved.
- 3 Labour Party Conference Nominations Treasurer: Herbert Morrison;
Fabian Society Delegate: Emil Davies.
- 4 Relations with Socialist Student Organisations The Report from Cole and Parker was received; it was decided to take no action.
- 5 Dates and Arrangements for Annual General Meeting, Executive Election, etc. :
 - 1 Nominations - Executive Committee To be asked for - May News;
 - 2 Executive Election - Ballot Papers to go out - June News.
 - 3 Annual General Meeting, July 5, at the Livingstone Hall at 2.30 p.m.
- 6 Publications The following Readers were appointed:
 - 1 Medical Education Professor Ryle; Cole
 - 2 Karl Marx Woolf; Davies
 - 3 John Burns Iaski; Miss Lawrence
 - 4 International Authority Woolf

These were to be published if the readers' reports were favourable.
- 7 Proposed Monthly Paper Mitchison and the officers were appointed as a sub-committee to go further into this question and report back to the Executive Committee.
- 8 New Members' List This was received.
- 9 Date of Next Meeting April 19 at 5 p.m. During the summer the Executive Committee will meet at 5 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, April 19 1943,
at 5 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 22 (on back)
- 2 Draft Accounts for year ending March 31, 1943 (on the table)
- 3 List of New Members (on the table)
- 4 List of subscribers to S.O.S. fund (on the table)
- 5 New Publications - Readers required for Can We Afford Beveridge?
- 6 Report on Social Security Committee (enclosed)
- 7 Report on Colonial Bureau (enclosed)
- 8 Report on Socialist Propaganda Committee (enclosed)
- 9 Other Business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

19th April 1943

Note:- (The figures furnished are incomplete and subject to adjustment. Shillings and pence are in all cases omitted)

THE FABIAN SOCIETY
Year 1942/3

Preliminary Statement of principal Revenue and Expenditure
Accounts

Year ended 31st March 1943

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Principal Revenue Accounts

1941/2

Current Year

£2447	Subscriptions	£2971
£491	Donations	479
	Lunches	40
Balance	Bookshop	Balance 68
£79	Conferences	Balance 9
£87	Summer School Fees and Expenditure	300

SPECIAL FUNDS

1941/2

	S O S Appeal (Issued March 1943)	204
£304	Home Policy (Research)	632
£253	Colonial Bureau	256
£144	International Bureau	199
£10	Scholarship Fund	1
£35	Womens Group	34
---	Industrial Advisory Bureau	26
£103	Socialist Propaganda Committee	122

Principal Expenditure Accounts
Current Year

1941/2		
£1623	{ Salaries. Wages including INCOME TAX Deductions, N.H.I. and Unemployment, and part time staff }	£2594
£1530	Office Expenses (Including Postage, Heat, Light, Fuel, Mortgage Interest etc.)	1385
£14	Library	77
£337	Pensions	344
£67	Affiliation Fees	49

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Staff Pension Scheme

Deductions from Wages £12)
plus Societys £12) £24

Sundry Debtors

Post Master General)
(Bursures Reply)) 2

£37

Bookshop

No particulars yet received

Sundry Creditors

Hereford Times 131

£53 Telephone 20

Small Accounts totaling 50

Bookshop Accounts }
received this morning } 30
and unchecked }

Deposit Accounts 10

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday 19 April 1943 at 5 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

Present: Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Davies, Faringdon, Franklin, Mitchison, Robson, Ellis Smith, Woolf, Barbara Wootton, Parker, Oliver Gollancz.

Apologies were received from Clay and Creech Jones.

1. Minutes of meeting of March 22 These were approved.
 - (a) It was reported that the A.G.M. would be held at the Royal Hotel
 - (b) It was decided to publish Lasd's lecture on Marx when revised after being seen by Parker; if he felt that it was still in an unsuitable form it was to be referred to Cole to read.
2. Draft Accounts for year ending March 31, 1943 These were received.
3. List of Subscribers to S.O.S. Fund This was received.
4. New Publications:

Can We Afford Beveridge? Readers: Barbara Wootton, Frank Stillwell.
5. Report on Social Security Committee This was received. It was decided to accept Joan Clarke's offer to take a reduction of £50 a year for so long as she received a salary from the Social Security League.
6. Report on Colonial Bureau This was received.
7. Report on Socialist Propaganda Committee This was received.
8. Industrial Group Minutes These were received.
9. Fabian Jubilee The possibility of a book by many authors (in 6 or 7 sections) assessing value of Society's work was to be considered and reported on to the next E.C.
10. Labour Party Conference A tea was to be arranged on Tuesday or Wednesday and Cole and Clay invited to speak; a leaflet primarily about the Industrial Group was to be sent out if possible to all delegates.
11. Autumn Lectures A more detailed program on a Fabian four year plan was to be circulated to the next E.C.
12. Budgeting Committee Davies, Mrs. Cole and Parker were to prepare a budget for the year 1943-4.
13. Cash Balances These were to be reported monthly in future.
14. Proposed Monthly Paper General approval was given to the suggested agreement which was to be signed by Cole on behalf of the Society. Mitchison was empowered to agree any minor alterations with Blackburn subject to approval by Cole. Cole, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mitchison, Woolf, Parker, Oliver Gollancz and Mrs. Clarke were appointed to the Editorial Board on behalf of the Society. Mrs. Cole was to make all necessary arrangements with Blackburn for the paper's production. The monthly was not to be issued to members who were to be invited to take out separate subscriptions to it.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday 17 May 1943 at 4.30 p m at 11 Dartmouth Street, S W 1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of April 19 (on back)
- 2 Fabian Jubilee Book - Detailed scheme to be considered (on the table)
- 3 Autumn Lectures Proposed Program (on the table)
- 4 Labour Party Conference Report on proposed Society activities.
- 5 Annual Report Consideration of draft (to follow)
- 6 Annual Financial Statement (on the table) Consideration of.
- 7 Monthly Paper Further report on.
- 8 Executive Elections Arrangements for Count.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE which took place on Monday May 17 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Davies (chair), Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Faringdon, Franklin, Creech Jones, Miss Lawrence, Robson, Miss Sutherland, Miss Wilkinson, Blanco White, Mrs. Wootton, Parker & Oliver Gollancz.

Apologies were received from Gray, Cole, Mitchison

- 1 Minutes of meeting of April 19 These were approved.
- 2 Autumn Lectures It was decided to hold a series on Blue Prints for the Postwar World. Speakers and subjects were approved as follows:-

<u>A Better Civil Service</u>	G.D.H. Cole
<u>Freedom Under Planning</u>	B. Wootton
<u>State and Industry</u>	Morrison
<u>Democracy and the Working of Industry</u>	Agar
<u>Art and the People</u>	Keynes, Kenneth Clark
<u>Budgeting in the Postwar World</u>	Jean Robinson, John Willmot, Durbin.
- 3 Labour Party Conference Arrangements for Society activities were announced. Gray and Parker were to speak at the tea meeting at Caxton Hall.
- 4 Annual Report The draft was revised and approved.
- 5 Annual Financial Statement This was approved. Franklin was to be added to the Budgeting Committee.
- 6 Monthly Paper Mrs. Cole reported on progress.
- 7 Executive Elections The count was to take place on June 21st; Howell and a voluntary worker were to carry this work out.
- 8 S.P.C. Minutes Approved.
- 9 Industrial Group Minutes Approved.
- 10 Beatrice Webb Memorial Meeting. The officers plus Mrs. Drake, Miss Lawrence and Blanco White were to form a sub-committee to make necessary arrangements for this to be held in a grand committee room at the House of Commons. It was suggested that Shaw, Wells, Malsky, Morrison, Alexander, E.D. Simon and Carr Saunders might be approached to speak, and Snell to take the chair. The creation of a Beatrice Webb Research Fund was to be inaugurated at the meeting.
- 11 Further Commemoration of Beatrice Webb It was decided to ask the Coles to prepare a biographical tract on the Webbs; Margaret Cole's Quarterly article was to be republished as a 1d leaflet.
- 12 Date of Next Meeting June 28 at 4.30 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, June 28 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of May 17 (enclosed)
 - (a) Executive Elections (Results on enclosed list)
 - (b) Beatrice Webb Memorial Meeting (Report on arrangements)
- 2 Annual General Meeting Any necessary arrangements.
 - (a) Alterations in rules It is suggested that the Secretary should move the Executive's Proposals. Two minor amendments have been sent in by the Central London Society. It is suggested that these should be accepted:

New Rule 8 line 6 for nominations read ballot papers
New Rule 12 paragraph 3 line 2 delete additional
 - (b) Financial Statement Suggested Treasurer presents.
 (Please note that the Financial Statement in the Annual Report is slightly different from that presented at the last meeting of the Executive)
 - (c) Report Suggested that the Secretary presents this.
 - (d) Chairman of meeting Suggested that Franklin be appointed.
- 3 Hon. Solicitors Offer of a member to be considered.
- 4 Monthly Paper Report on Progress.
- 5 Diamond Jubilee Book To be discussed.
- 6 Members in arrears to be struck off (List on table)
- 7 Other business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

RESULT OF E.C. ELECTION

<u>Elected</u>		<u>Not Elected</u>	
G.D.H. Cole	712	Ellis Smith	325
Margaret Cole	659	Austen Albu	322
A. Creech Jones	591	Ivor Thomas	308
Jim Griffiths	558	Hugh Franklin	302
Leonard Woolf	529	G.R. Blanco White	299
Susan Lawrence	488	G.R. Mitchison	296
W.A. Robson	478	Harold Clay	252
K. Zilliacus	407	Jack Diamond	219
Ellen Wilkinson	387	Brian Barker	167
Barbara Drake	379	Oliver Powell	156
Lord Paringdon	373	P.H. Meyer	140
Mary Sutherland	367	F.H. Cobb	126
N. Barou	358	John Lewis	97
Evan Durbin	340	A.H.P. Palmer	69

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, June 28 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Davies (chair). Mrs. Drake, Barington, Franklin, Cresch Jones, Susan Lawrence, Mitchison, Robson, Blanco White, Woolf, Parker & Gollancz.

Apologies from Coles, Jim Griffiths, Mary Sutherland, Ellen Wilkinson.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of May 17 These were corrected and approved. It was announced that the Webb Memorial Meeting was to take place on July 14 at 4.30 in the Grand Committee Room at the House of Commons. Dev-
eridge was also to be invited to speak.
- 2 Annual General Meeting
 - (a) Alteration in Rules It was agreed that the Secretary move the B.C.'s Proposals and that the amendments submitted by Central London Society be accepted.
 - (b) Financial Statement To be moved by the Treasurer.
 - (c) Report To be presented by the Secretary.
 - (d) Chairman of meeting Franklin appointed.
- 3 Hon. Solicitors It was decided to take no action on offer.
- 4 Monthly Paper Progress was reported on by Gollancz and Mitchison. G.D.M. Cole, H.I. Cole, Mitchison and Woolf were appointed as a sub-
committee to take any emergency action if necessary and make recom-
mendations to the new B.C. Mitchison was authorised to continue neg-
otiations.
- 5 List of members to be struck off Received.
- 6 List of New Members Received.
- 7 Correspondence re Commonwealth It was decided to take no further
action.
- 8 Correspondence with Shepherd about Bournemouth Society Bulletin Sec-
retary's action approved.
- 9 Staff Call up difficulties reported. A full list of staff and Sal-
aries to be put before the new B.C.
- 10 Paper Difficulties of supply reported. It was decided to give
priority to research pamphlets.
- 11 B.C.C. Minutes received. Details as to the proposals for monthly
meetings to be placed before the new B.C.
- 12 Industrial Group Minutes received.
- 13 Treatment of Enemy People After War It was decided to ask the In-
ternational Bureau to put a scheme for a conference to be held before
the Autumn Lectures on this subject before the new B.C.
- 14 Diamond Jubilee Book Postponed to next B.C.
- 15 Next Meetings
 - (a) After A.G.M. on July 5
 - (b) July 26 at 4.30

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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NEW MEMBERS

22nd. March to 25th. June 1943

Michael M. Essex	21/-	Lindsay Phillips	5/-
Mrs. Evelyn Lightman	10/6	R.A. Sprent	5/-
R.H. Manning	21/-	Capt. L.C. MacClean	21/-
Mrs. Jean Fillingham	10/6	W. Hogan	42/-
Jack Carney	42/-	Miss V.L. Doc	10/6
Laura J. Cleall	42/-	J.F. Phillips	10/6
Rushcliffe Div. Lab. Pty.	10/6	G.B. Cherry	10/6
J.A. Ord	10/6	Mr. Tharp	10/6
James W. Auld	10/6	C. Chappell	21/-
W. Bannister	10/6	J. Darker	21/-
Mrs. Stambois-Miller	21/-	Percy Rovson	10/6
Herbert Falvey	21/-	W. Key, M.P.	42/-
Mrs. Mary Mikardo	10/6	H. Timmington	10/6
Bristol North Lab. Pty.	10/6	Miss Vera Dart	42/-
Irene Adams	10/6	A.H. Berlandina	42/-
Ruth I. Marks	10/6	R.E. Crabb	42/-
R.A. Mackay	42/-	J.G. Watson	5/-
Mrs. Mabel Tylecote	42/-	Miss I. Radcliffe	21/-
Mrs. Susan Isaacs	42/-	P.A. Smith	42/-
Oscar Watts-Tobin	21/-	H. Morgan, M.P.	42/-
Prof. Bryan Stanley	10/6	P.G. Barslow, M.P.	42/-
Joseph J. Henderson	21/-	Miss Wonchockier	42/-
A.E. Quartermain	21/-	A. Dumper	5/-
H.L. Vaughan	42/-	B.M. Ivison	42/-
		Miss J.C. Mellor	42/-
		S.C. Brcaley	10/6
		Mrs. Hodgkinson	42/-
		A.G. Young	42/-
		Capt. Hamilton	60/-
		Mrs. E. Conlin	10/6
		Mrs. M. Revill	10/6
		Mrs. M.A. Saul	10/6
		A.L. Harris	21/-
		E. Carlile	10/6
		B.J.V. Slater	5/-
		Aubrey Finch	5/-
		Pembrey R.O.F. Assoc.	21/-
		E.J. Swinn	10/6
		H.S. Wilkinson	42/-
		J.M. Boyle	10/6
		T.J. Smith	10/6
		Charles Rew	42/-
		G. Wilson	42/-
		P.G. Richards	5/-
		C.M.G. Ridchalgh	5/-

APRIL

Mr. & Mrs. E.F. Wykeham Martin	21/-		
Mrs. S.N. Cowling	21/-		
P. Pugh Davies	10/6		
L.A. Stuck	10/6		
Mrs. A.G. Lake	10/6		
Fred Quick	10/6		
L.F. Parker	10/6		
H. Thorneycroft, M.P.	21/-		
A.N.C. Palmer	10/6		
John S. Leck	21/-		
Thos. Fraser, M.P.	21/-		
Harry Stanley	42/-		
Mrs. H. Stanley	42/-		
Banstead Lab. Pty.	21/-		
Coeds Labour Perty	10/6		
Mrs. G. Foster	10/6		
Joyce N. Howe	21/-		
Stanley Wise	21/-		
Trudy Steiger	10/6		
Wendy Ogilvie	21/-		
J.M. Flanagan	42/-		
H.L. Platt	10/6		
R.D. Jones	10/6		
J. Mackenzie	21/-		
E. Morgan Jones	10/6		
E.W. Skryme	42/-		
Jane Judelson	10/6		
Peggy Thornborough	5/-		
V.F. Beck	10/6		
J.H. Dumbleton	10/6		
H. Oldfield, M.P.	21/-		
K. Knipe	10/6		
Miss J. Jackson	10/6		
V. Bosley	10/6		
P. Hamson	10/6		
G. Gately-Philip	10/6		
H. Westbrook	40/-		
Miss H. Delahunty	20/-		
A. Wilson	21/-		
A. Lafitte	21/-		

MAY

Dr. H.J. Ganz	10/-
V.E. Collings	10/6
H. Solamon	5/-
Miss I. Witney	21/-
G.H. Elphick	10/6
Miss D. Turnbull	10/6
J.A. Milner	21/-
W.M. Willman	21/-
S. Pike	42/-
Miss E.M. Jenkins	10/6
J.C. Lindsay	10/6
W.E. Balmer	10/6
E. May Thomas	42/-
J. Longhurst	21/-
Mrs. C. Tweedale	21/-
Mrs. M. Shenkin	10/6
H.J. Thompson	5/-
Mrs. Seligman	10/6
C.E. Wightman	5/-

MAY (Ctd.)

R. L. Evans	21/-	Miss D. Tibble	42/-
Mrs. K. Hughes	21/-	Miss E. A. Duncan	21/-
J. McCutcheon	10/6	D. O' Driscoll	10/6
B. H. Thewlis	10/6	J. A. Chrichton	42/-
Miss Rawlings	5/-	Helen E. Coppen	21/-
Miss J. Lamb	10/-	C. I. Drayton	10/6
Kenneth Wilson	10/6	M. Goodridge	42/-
A. H. Jones	42/-	P. K. Hopper	5/-
Mrs. Frances Reilly	21/-	H. W. W. Lyon	5/-
Mrs. Thornburn Muirhead	21/-	W. J. Gilroy	10/6
Bristol Central Div. Lab. Pty.	10/6	Miss P. Mills	10/6
Mr. Kari	42/-	F. Vivian	5/-
F. Trembl	10/6	David A. Jones	42/-
Mrs. Hercbergowa	10/-	J. R. Dale	21/-
Roy Thomas	5/-	Margaret Abernethy	10/6
Miss M. Sandilands	21/-	Miss R. F. Alford	10/6
Miss J. Sandilands	21/-	Paul White	21/-
Miss M. Tessel	21/-	Mrs. N. Shaw	10/6
Mary Dawson	5/-	Miss E. Ginsberg	10/6
Mrs. Fletcher	10/6	Miss L. Ginsberg	10/6
Mr. & Mrs. Pilgrim	21/-	Miss Mary Tyson	21/-
D. C. Rooke	42/-	M. P. Ramsay	21/-
R. Dudley Joyce	42/-	H. W. Spencer	42/-
H. E. Daniels	21/-	H. R. M. Chamberlain	42/-
E. Lupton	42/-	Susan E. Sas	10/6
Miss N. M. Stalker	10/6	Miss G. Fainstone	10/6
Lillian Williams	21/-	R. Brewer	5/-
Janet Sewell	10/6	Mr. & Mrs. Turner	21/-
B. Hodgson	10/6	C. C. Thomson	10/6
J. M. Mitchison	21/-	Miss N. Hayes	10/6
R. W. Inglis	42/-	Miss M. Holdheim	10/6
Miss M. Palmer	10/6	C. W. Fletcher	10/6
Lancaster Div. Lab. Pty.	10/6	A. F. Gibson	10/6
Frances Krusin	10/6	Donia Nachshen	10/6
T. Lazar	5/-	Miss M. Munby	42/-
Miss R. D. Phillips	10/6	Miss F. M. Green	42/-
M. Richardson	10/6	W. A. Gibson	5/-
Mrs. I. E. Parker	10/6	H. D. Morgan	10/6
Mrs. Hogg	10/6	Pamela vann Gott	10/6
A. H. Liggitt	10/6	Miss M. A. English	42/-
Mrs. E. Ford	10/6	A. N. Wedgwood Benn	42/-
D. A. Ayres	10/-	R. L. Jones	10/6
G. Lorimer	10/6	M. A. MacCaulay	10/6
Mrs. Bannister	10/6	Mrs. Hallworth	10/6
R. L. Kirk	21/-	Margaret Leaver	21/-
E. C. Castle	42/-	G. McQuade	10/6
R. D. Gee	10/6	F. H. Weiss	10/6
Hetty Raingold	10/6	J. E. Herbert	21/-
Capt. H. C. Head-Jenner	42/-	Monica Felton	21/-
P. Woodhouse	21/-	A. Abraham	10/6
Philip Pock	21/-	Dr. & Mrs. Martin	21/-
Miss D. James	21/-	Ivor O. Thomas	42/-
S. Marx	10/6	Marjorie Boulton	10/6
Miss J. Lorne	10/6	Mrs. F. Kerby	21/-
Miss R. E. Terry	10/6	V. Gabert	21/-
Rev. W. G. Tubb	10/6	Miss J. Shaw	10/6
A. W. Peddar	21/-	Miss M. Millar	10/6
V. E. Tarbush	10/6	W. E. R. Woods	21/-
Shrewsbury Div. Lab. Pty.	10/6	Alice West	10/6
W. C. Hosken	10/6	J. E. Small	10/6
D. A. Davidson	10/6	Miss C. Wabson	10/6
		Miss V. Winperis	10/6
		Harry Craig	10/6
		Miss E. F. Sharpe	10/6

FABIAN SOCIETY

11 DARTMOUTH STREET
LONDON SW1

Telephone : WHItchall 3077

Chairman : G. D. H. COLE
Hon. Treasurer : A. EMIL DAVIES LCC
Hon. Secretary : MARGARET COLE

General Secretary : JOHN PARKER MP
Org. Secretary : GWYNETH JONES
Research Secretary : JOAN S. CLARKE

July 3rd, 1943.

There will be a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
on July 3rd, 1943, at the Royal Hotel at 5 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1 Co-options for forthcoming year
- 2 International Bureau - Appointment
- 3 Home Research Secretary Mrs. Clarke has re-
signed; it is recommended that Mr. Jack Grey,
the Assistant Research Secretary, be appointed
Acting Research Secretary.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Saturday, July 3 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C.1.

Present Davies (chair), Darou, Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Mrs. Drake, Parker and Collancz.

- 1 Co-options for Forthcoming Year Ellis Smith, Mitchison, Franklin.
- 2 Attendance at Sub-Committees
- 3 International Bureau The following were appointed for the forthcoming year: H.N. Brailsford, Lord Tarington, W. Arnold Forster, Helen Grant, Jim Griffiths, M.P., John Rynd, Harold Laski, John Harrack, John Parker, W. Pickles, Margaret Cole, George Strauss, M.P. Dorothy Woodman, Paul L. Yates, K. Zilliacus.
- 4 Home Research Secretary The resignation of Joan Clarke was announced. It was decided to appoint Jack Gray as Acting Secretary; the position was to be reviewed in a few months.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, July 3rd 1943, at 2.30 p.m. at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C.1.

There were about 140 persons present.

Franklin was in the chair.

- 1 Apologies from Cole, Jim Griffiths, Mary Sutherland.
- 2 Minutes of Annual General Meeting of July 4, 1942 These were approved
- 3 Annual Report This was proposed by John Parker, sections were introduced by members of staff responsible and questions asked and answered. The Report was then approved.
- 4 Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts These were approved. Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus and Co. were appointed as auditors for the ensuing year.
- 5 Alterations in Rules The following were approved: New rule 8 lines 6 - 7 for nominations read ballot papers. New rule 12 paragraph 3 line 2, delete additional. Redraft to read a fee of 1/- a year per member over and above the first 10 members etc.
- 6 Local Fabian Societies A useful discussion on their work and problems followed tea.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, July 26 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of June 28 (enclosed)
- 2 Minutes of meeting of July 3 (enclosed)
- 3 Further co-options for the year
- 4 Proposed Home Research Committee Appointment for the year. It is suggested that this should meet quarterly and co-ordinate all work in this field including the Social Security Committee, the Economic Committee, the Industrial Group and its sub-committees, and the Women's Group. It is proposed that the Secretaries of the International and Colonial Bureaus should attend to keep in touch
- 5 Colonial Bureau Appointment for year
- 6 Industrial Group Appointment for year
- 7 Women's Group Appointment for year
- 8 Socialist Propaganda Committee Appointment for year
- 9 Budgeting Committee Report
- 10 Proposed Finance Committee It is suggested this should be appointed to raise funds
- 11 List of Staff On the table
- 12 Date of Next Meetings
 - (1) Home Research Committee (if appointed)
 - (2) Executive (a meeting is not usually held in August)
- 13 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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COLONIAL BUREAU

RITA HINDEN	Secretary		<u>£250 p.a.</u>
BERTRAM HUTCHINSON	Assistant	<u>Part Time</u>	
	Reads and files Colonial papers, proof-reads <u>Empire</u> , etc.		<u>£2 p.w.</u>
O SCOTT	Assistant	<u>Part Time</u>	
	<u>Empire</u> distribution, etc.		<u>Expenses only</u>
ELSIE NEWTON	Shorthand Typing		<u>£3.15 p.w.</u>

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

MILDRED BAYFORD	Secretary	<u>Part Time</u>	<u>£200 p.a.</u>
GERTRUDE RITCHIE	Shorthand Typing		<u>£3.15 p.w.</u>

ACCOUNTANT'S DEPT

MR BATESLEY	Accountant		
	Responsible for Membership Records, etc.		<u>£250 p.a.</u>
ODDIN THOMAS	Assistant and secretary to Accountant; responsible changes of address, etc.		<u>£1.17.6 p.w.</u>

BOOKSHOP & PUBLICATIONS

LEONARD JAMES	Manager		
	Supervises juniors		<u>£3.10 p.w.</u> <u>plus bonus on sales</u>
GRIMAL MARTIN	Junior		<u>£1.12.6 p.w.</u>
	(Second-in-charge, bookshop)		<u>plus bonus on sales</u>
DONALD TURBULL	Junior		
	(Post, packing, collecting, one day weekly Accountant's dept.)		<u>£1.5s p.w.</u>
BERNARD COX	Junior		
	(messages, packing, etc.)		<u>£1.5s p.w.</u>

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FABIAN SOCIETY STAFF

The following staff work regularly in the office in addition to the Hon. Secretary: Full time - 17, Part time - 10:-

GENERAL

JOHN PARKER	General Secretary	<u>Part Time</u>	<u>£300 p.a.</u>
OLIVER COLLANZ	Organising Secretary Secretary Fabian Publications, Sec. S.P.C., Editor <u>News</u> and <u>Quarterly</u> .		<u>£300 p.a.</u>
ZENA PARKER	Assistant to Organising Secretary Organises lunches, dances, summer schools, etc; general arrangements for clerical staff.		<u>£4 p.v.</u>
MRS EVANS	General shorthand typing, deals with membership enquiries, responsible for membership despatch.		<u>£3.15s p.w.</u>
VIOLET WELIER	Junior Switchboard operator; routine typing and general office work.		<u>£1. 5s p.v.</u>

HOME RESEARCH

JACK GRAY	Acting Secretary; supervises Library		<u>£200 p.a.</u>
MISS PERKINS	Secretarial Assistant, Home Research Dept. Files periodicals and memoranda, assists with Women's Group and at Conferences.		<u>£4 p.v.</u>
DICK DAVIES	Research Assistant	<u>Part Time</u>	<u>£1 p.w.</u>
	Filing, What to Read Lists, etc.		
MINNA SIECHT	Education Research Officer	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>£4 p.v.</u>
	Temporary Assistant on Monthly basis. Partly financed by Sara Hall Trust.		
ANNE HILL	Research Assistant Women's Group	<u>Part Time</u>	<u>£3 p.v.</u>
	Temporary Appointment specially financed.		

MORRIS LIGHTMAN

INDUSTRIAL GROUP

MORRIS LIGHTMAN	Librarian	<u>Part Time</u>	<u>10/- p.v.</u>
W FISKE	Secretary	<u>Part Time</u>	<u>£2 p.v.</u>
GRETA BOOLE	Shorthand typing, Industrial Group and Home Research Dept.		<u>£3.15s p.w.</u>

SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE

DOROTHY FOX	Assistant Secretary	<u>Part Time</u>	
	Correspondence, Local Societies, arranged speakers, etc.		<u>£1.10 p.w.</u>
MALVIN SIDE	Shorthand typing		<u>£3.15s p.w.</u>

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P.T.O.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE which took place on Monday July 26, 1943, at 4.50 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W. 1.

Present Davies (chair), Barou, Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Franklin, Parindon, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Robson, Sutherland, Wilkinson, Woolf, Ziliaus,

Apolo gies were received from C.D.H. Cole.

1. Minutes of meeting of June 26 These were approved. (a) Webb Memorial Fund Steps taken to inaugurate were described. It was suggested that Haley and Middleton (Labour Party) Citrine and Loughlin (TUC) and Farney (M.P.) should be contacted. Any necessary finance to inaugurate fund was to be advanced by the Society. (b) Proposed Monthly Paper Failure to establish was reported. It was decided to thank Mrs. Cole and Mitchison for the work undertaken. (c) Conference on Enemy Peoples Steps taken were approved. The International Bureau was to invite delegates from labour organisations.
2. Co-options Ellis Smith - unwilling to serve; Albu, Diamond, Barker, Blanco White - to be co-opted if able to attend regularly; George Bishop and J.W. Wilson - to be approached.
3. Home Research Committee It was decided to set up the following Committee to report to the next E.C. on the organisation of home research: Mitchison (chairman), Robson, Mrs. Clarke, Durbin, Albu, Miske, Barou, Mrs. Cole, Franklin, Parker, Mrs. Banford, Dr. Hinden, Collanaz, Gray. Jack Gray was to be appointed as Acting Secretary; the appointment to come up for review at the end of December.
4. Colonial Bureau The following were appointed for the year: Adams, Mrs. Cole, Parindon, Greenidge, Horrabin, Husley, Lawrence, Lewis, Macmillan, Parker, Shields, Woolf, Wright, Hastowel; Brailsford was to be approached.
5. Industrial Group The following were appointed for the year: Albu, Ayar, Barou, Brockhurst, Darling, Dickson, John Lewis, Sidney Lewis, Milardo, Ellis Smith, Stewart, Worswick, Rowe. It was suggested that further trade unionists should be co-opted.
6. Women's Group The appointment of the following committee was confirmed: Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Malone, Miss Murray, Mrs. Pollard, Miss Davie, Miss Sutherland, Miss Perkins. A letter of appreciation and an honorarium of £10.10.0 was to be sent to Miss Murray for her services as secretary.
7. Socialist Propaganda Committee The following were appointed: Mrs. Cole (chairman), Mrs. Banford, Barker, Emil Davies (vice-chairman), Diamond, Durbin, Miske, Gray, Dr. Hinden, Hillar, Parker, Postgate, Sheffington, Dorothy Fox, Collanaz.
8. Finance Committee The following were appointed: Davies, Mrs. Cole, Parker, Barou, Franklin. They were to present a report and budget to the next E.C.
9. List of Staff Received.

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10 Publications Letter to an Insurance Agent - Not to be published.
Readers appointed:

- (a) International Finance Hoade, Cole
- (b) Rent Chester, Rowtree, Susan Lawrence
- (c) Full Employment Gaitskell, Chantler, Cole
- (d) Colonial Internationalisation Woolf
- (e) Colonial Nutrition Creech Jones to suggest

11 International Authority Committee Membership Minutes as to right of E.C. members to attend committees and sub-committees to be looked up and rules operated. If necessary matter to be raised again at next E.C.

12 Dates of Meetings

- (a) E.C. September 27
 - (b) Home Research Committee
 - (c) Finance Committee
- } to be arranged for mid-September.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, September 27 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of July 26 (enclosed)
- 2 Webb Memorial Fund (Report on Progress)
- 3 Home Research Committee (Minutes enclosed)
- 4 Draft Budget for 1942/3 and Note on Present Financial Position (enclosed)
- 5 The Right of the Members of the Executive Committee to attend Sectional Committees and sub-committees of the Society of which they have not been selected as members (Note: This matter was raised at the last meeting of the E.C. Minutes which have been passed on this subject will be on the table. A decision on the whole subject is required)
- 6 Paper Position Report on
- 7 Local Fabian Societies (a) Terms of Recognition by Labour National Executive; (b) Central London Society and London Labour Party
- 8 List of New Members On the table
- 9 International Report (minutes enclosed)
- 10 Industrial Group (minutes enclosed)
- 11 Names to be removed from membership
- 12 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A Actual 1943/44
 E Estimate Estimate

1st. Half
 April to Sept.

2nd. Half
 Oct. to Mch. 1944

<u>INCOME</u>		(All estimated)	
Subscriptions	E	1575	1575
Donations	A	779	
..	E	20	200
..	A	95	
S.O.S. Appeal	A	205	
Easter School	E	30	
Summer School	E	700	
New Year School			60
Conferences & Lunches	E	90	90
Misc. Receipts	E	25	35
Book Shop & Publications	E	180	200
Royalties	E	130	130
Economist 50%	A	15	15

D.S.T. Balance

3844

2305

£292/ 0/ 0

<u>Expenditure</u>		(All Estimated)	
Salaries, Wages & Part Time	A	2096	2150
House & Housekeeper	E	275	275
Telephone	E	75	75
Postage	E	350	325
Office Expenses	E	400	350
Fabian News	E	60	50
Fabian Quarterly	E	75	70
Affiliation Fees	E	30	30
Pensions	A	220	220
Staff Savings. Society's share	E	50	60
Contingencies	E	20	20
Domestic Insurances Fire, Burglery, E.L. and War Damage	E	25	25
State Insurance of Staff	E	35	40

£3711

£3690

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NEW MEMBERS

1st. July to 25th. September 1943

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JULY

Commonwealth (N.Ireland)	42/-	R.J.Hurst	42/0
Mr. & Mrs. Turner	21/-	Mrs. D.M.Hurst	10/6
A.G.Chappelow	7/6	Miss M.Schroeder	10/6
C.J.Harrald	42/-	Mr. Moffett	10/-
Miss C.Gordon Howard	10/-	J.A.L. Caunster	42/-
Mrs. G.Harris	21/-	Joyce Hayward	10/6
Ray G.Willis	21/-	W.J.Field	42/-
Miss E.McCallum	21/-	John English	21/-
A.E.Bennett	5/-	A.Arendt	42/-
Miss S.Stern	10/6	E.Herzbera	21/-
Miss P.Kris	10/6	J.E.Carter	21/-
F.P.Chambers	10/6	Cyril Dixon	10/6
Miss A.Greenwood	10/6	Miss M.D.Fox	10/6
Miss H.Hermannova	10/6	R.Reichenbach	42/-
Miss E.Cohen	10/6	Wandsworth Trades Council	10/6
Miss T.Vamosi	10/6	D.Ll. Mott	21/-
David Evans	21/-	Mr. & Mrs. G.Haseltine	21/-
Dr. L.Henisch	10/6	Beatrice Cohen	10/6
John S.Aston	10/6	Alan A.D.Cohen	10/6
E.R. van Cooten	10/6	G.Low	10/6
Rev. A.B.Bird	10/6	Mrs. F.Barner	21/-
Miss E.T.Henderson	10/6	Beryl Outwin	10/-
A.W.Rablen	10/6	E.Schwabacher	10/-
Mrs. Camella	42/-	Philip Unwin	21/-
Leslie Britton	21/-	M.Jahoda	42/-
N.B.Halladay	42/-	Frances Chadwick	10/6
Ota Bakri	10/6	C.M.Rozen	10/6
Mr. & Mrs. Reosenweig	21/-	R.Gibson	5/-
P.Stokes	21/-	B.C.Cartland	21/-
Miss K.F.Garry	21/-	Miss A.Finniston	10/6
Miss A.E.Guest	21/-	J.B.Butler	10/6
D.G.Frank	21/-	A.McConnell	21/-
W.S.Csborn	42/-	Harold Jack	10/6
Ursula B.P.Mott	42/-	Rev. R.Gardner	21/-
Constance Vandenberg	10/6	V.Terradez	18/-

JULY (Ctd.)

Miss E.Floyd	10/6	Elaine D. Levy	10/6
L.S.Toon	10/6	V.Holub	10/6
Mrs. E.M.Toon	10/6	Albert Exles	10/6
J.J.Lerman	42/-	Miss M.Edwards	10/6
Mrs. J.Wood	10/6	Marianne Bredig	10/6
Miss Warner Lee	10/6	Reginald Mitchell	21/-
R.S.G.Rutherford	10/6	M.Joseph	42/-
F.E.Leach	10/6	Miss P.Crankshaw	10/6
C.W.Taffs	21/-	C.A.W.Thorne	21/-
Mr. Whitefield	10/6	Printing Machine Managers Assoc.	42/-
Irene H.Hyman	10/6	P.D.Ecman	42/-
Mr. Heckstall Smith	10/6	G.Merrie	10/6
H.J.Chelsom	42/-	J.Neary	42/-
A.Whitworth	21/-	A.G.Cruft	42/-
<u>AUGUST</u>		E.J.F.James	10/6
J.J.Friend	10/6	W.J.Lee	42/-
B.J.D.Smith	10/6	J.E.Isaac	42/-
N.V.Pinks	10/6	J.C.Booler	10/6
Marjorie Kohn	10/6	Susan Eatwell	10/6
P.J. de Grouchy	42/-	Capt. Hopkinson	10/6
R.Brunby	42/-	Miss E.V.Engvall	10/6
J.H.W.Turner	10/6	Sydney Edwards	10/6
Glossop & Hadfield L.P.	21/-	Mrs. A.Edwards	10/6
Margaret Tod	10/6	Mrs. M.Groome	10/6
John C.Eastwood	21/-	John Leese	21/-
T.A.C.Sparling	21/-	A.J.Williams	42/-
J.W.Boyle	42/-	C.J.Childs	42/-
A.Kingsley	10/6	Hester Atkinson	42/-
Miss P.B.Hotson	10/6	E.Collins	10/6
E.D.Lewis	5/-	Capt. D.Pepper	5/-
Ianthe Elstob	21/-	Miss Edwards	5/-
N.R.F.Grey	21/-	Mrs. J.M.Hogg	10/-
Mrs. C.Tessel	21/-	J.Szapiro	42/-
T.V.Epstein	10/6	J.J.R.Minett	10/6
P.Taylor	10/6	Moss Joseph	10/6
Rosa Lee	10/6	Miss J.Moore	10/6

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AUGUST (Ctd.)

Marie Fisher	42/-	Harold Cleland	10/6
Jessie Jarvie	21/-	R. Pedley	10/6
Max Koutnik	21/-	G. Goyder	42/-
Miss L. Miller	10/6	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
Herbert L. Hunt	10/6	Miss H. Forrest	10/6
V. L. Lewis	10/6	G. Gardiner	42/-
Miss D. Weil	10/6	Ian Black	10/6
M. M. Tilley	10/6	Mrs. Noble	10/6
Mrs. M. Hunt	10/6	Miss J. East	10/6
Wm. Morgan	10/6	Mrs. Greta Bool	10/6
E. M. Harling	10/6	Christine de Peyer	10/-
G. T. Blau	10/6	John C hambers	10/6
Helen Wallis	10/6	J. Cater	21/-
Jane Levy	10/6	D. P. Chesworth	5/-
Betty Gordon	10/6	Edgar Cambridge	10/6
Mrs. G. Feldman	10/6	Donald Perry	5/-
M. Hayward	10/6	Miss C. Stocker	10/6
Miss M. M. Johnstone	10/6	J. S. Tobin	10/6
N. Gorwiz	5/-	A. C. Hazel	21/-
L. Ramsbury	5/-	Charles Leahterland	42/-
Irene M. Holoran	10/6	Miss Sarah Navin	10/6
Major Campbell	42/-	T. Sherrington	10/6
Mrs. M. Mawson	10/6	Miss Lidington	42/-
H. S. Young	10/6	Ll. Thomas	21/-
D. Razzak	5/-	Herbert Hart	42/-
J. S. Thomas	21/-	Morris Cargill	42/-
T. H. Hughes	10/6	Miss Sybil Edwards	42/-
Miss J. S. MacKinley	5/-	Miss M. S. Roberts	21/-
R. B. Wells	10/6	Miss M. Pinnington	10/6
W. B. Reddaway	21/-	C. A. Beaumont	10/6
D. Bently	10/6	Otto Wombach	10/6
D. Houghton	10/6	Olaf R. Eriksen	42/-
Capt. J. Lake	42/-	L. S. Hartland	10/6
G. E. Liddiard	10/6	Robert Barczinski	10/6
Miss D. Urwick	10/6	Joyce Goodlet	10/6
Percy Hughes	10/6	Betty Woodall	10/6

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE which took place on Monday, September 27th, 1943, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 4.30 p.m. (15)

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Barber, Barcu, Mrs. Cole, Diamond, Mrs. Drake, Farington, Franklin, Cress Jones, Robson, Miss Sutherland, White, Wolf, Zillihaus, Parler and Gallanz.

Apologies were received from Davies.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of Jul 26 These were received.
- 2 Chairman It was decided to appoint C. D. H. Cole.
- 3 Webb Memorial Fund Report on Progress received.
- 4 Home Research Committee
 - (a) Minutes corrected and accepted. Business arising:
 - (1) Costs of Reconstruction The scheme was approved in principle, but was referred to the Home Research Committee after a verbal report on later development.
 - (2) Trade Unions Dr. Barcu withdrew his proposal, saying he might bring it up later.
 - (b) Supplement to the minutes accepted. Business arising:
 - (1) Medical Service Approval was given to the suggested scheme, with the caution that the group would not go blindly after a State-Salaried-Medical Service, but should discuss what could be done under present circumstances, in the light of the E.M. decision.
 - (2) Education Lady Simon's name was to be added and W. Sheaman was to be fully consulted.
 - (3) Distribution II. Gaitskell was to be asked to serve on the sub-committee. Hermann Levy was to be given access to our material on this subject.
 - (4) History of the Fabian Society An effort should be made to find an author for a popular 1/- pamphlet. Lowentien was to be given full facilities for his proposed history, but the Society was to take no responsibility. The question of new Fabian Essays was to be discussed again and Wolf invited to draw up a scheme.
 - (c) New Socialist Essays Wolf was to be asked to draw up a scheme for further consideration.
- 5 Terms of Reference for Home Research Committee, the Bureau and all sub-committees to be drawn up and brought up for approval to the E.C.
- 6 Draft Budget This was received. The Finance Committee was to meet as soon as half yearly audit had been completed and report to E.C.
- 7 Right of Members of E.C. to attend Committees and Sub-committees Existing minutes to be redrafted for discussion by next E.C.
- 8 International Authority Group Its appointment was to be put on next Agenda.
- 9 International Report Received.

- 10 Paper Position reported.
- 11 Local Fabian Societies Terms of recognition by Labour National Executive reported.
- 12 List of New Members Received. Membership form to be redrafted.
- 13 Readers Appointed
 - (1) Private School System Mrs. Drake
 - (2) Problem of Race Susan Lawrence, Robson
 - (3) Facts for Socialists Cole, Halder, P.W.B. Andrews
(Note to advise further readers for sections if necessary)
 - (4) New Charter for Education Lady Simch, Mrs. C. I. c.
 - (5) Small Savins Chester, Durbin, Tress
 - (6) Civil Aviation Woolf, McKinnon, Wood

They were to be published subject to favourable reports.

14. New Members List received.
- 15 Shaw Letter to be sent on wife's death.
- 16 Pamphlets Policy To be discussed at next meeting.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

TABIAN SOCIETY :::: 11 BARTHOLOMEW STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, October 25th, 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Bartholomew Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of September 27th (enclosed)
- 2 Webb Memorial Fund Report on progress
- 3 Home Research Committee (Minutes enclosed)
- 4 Socialist Essays Woolf's suggestions (on back)
- 5 Right of Members of B.C. to attend Committees and Sub Committees
Draft of new minute (on back)
- 6 Finance Committee Report on table
- 7 International Authority Group Consideration of appointment
- 8 International Bureau Quarterly report enclosed
- 9 Pamphlet Policy Discussion and report on paper position
- 10 Socialist Propaganda Committee Minutes enclosed
- 11 Industrial Group Terms of reference enclosed
- 12 List of members to be reviewed (on the table)
- 13 Other Business

JOHN BAKER
General Secretary.

Socialist Essays

The Future of Socialism

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|---|---|-----------------|
| 1 | <u>Historic: 1889 to 1944</u> | Harold J. Iasli |
| 2 | <u>The New Social Fabric</u> | R. H. Ramsey |
| 3 | <u>The New Economic Fabric</u> | |
| | I think that a group of Fabians, e.g. Cole, Durbin, Barbara Wootton, and one or two younger members should meet and decide how this can be subdivided and each be responsible for dealing with a particular division in a separate essay. | |
| 4 | <u>The New Industrial Fabric, The Relation of Workers' Organisations to the New Socialism</u> | Margaret Cole |
| 5 | <u>Lessons from the U.S.S.R.</u> | H. Barou |
| 6 | <u>Safeguards for Democracy in a New Socialism</u> | W. A. Robson |
| 7 | <u>National or International Socialism?</u> | Albu |
| 8 | <u>Socialism & Modern Economic Theory</u> | Joan Robinson |
| 9 | <u>Social Standards and the New Socialism</u> | Leonard Woolf |

LEONARD WOOLF

Attendance at Committees

The Honorary officers shall have the right to attend all committees, sub-committees and groups as ex officio members, if they so desire. Any other member of the Executive Committee shall have the right to attend any committee directly under the Executive Committee and may attend any sub-committee or group with the consent of the responsible controlling committee. Members so attending shall not vote. Agendas for meetings of committees, sub-committees and groups shall be sent only to members of such bodies, except by special arrangement.

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

A meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE took place on Thursday, October 21st 1943, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 2.30 p.m.

Present Davies (chair), Barou, Mrs. Cole, Franklin, Parker & Gallanec.

1 Present Financial Position

- (a) Dissatisfaction was expressed that the Accountant had not completed the accounts in time for the meeting.
- (b) On figures submitted it appeared that expenditure had exceeded income by about £400 on the half year ended September 1943, and this excess was likely to amount to £1,500 by the end of March, 1944.
- (c) The General Secretary announced changes to be put in hand for the keeping of membership cards, stencils, etc.

2 Recommendations

- (a) That all possible economies in working be achieved, but that no major cuts in activities be proposed at the moment.
- (b) The Committee was to review the position in 3 months time and make a further report to the Executive Committee.
- (c) Proposals already made for raising money through the different sections were to be co-ordinated and carried out; a special drive was to be made to build up the Dartmouth Street Trust.
- (d) All £1. 1. Od. subscribers to be asked for an extra 2/6 towards increased war costs as their subscriptions fell due; a limited number of 1/- pamphlets in future only to be sent to £1. 1. Od members but all to be available on demand.
- (e) All members paying by bankers order were to be approached to give a Dartmouth Street Trust bankers order.
- (f) Help was to be asked from sympathetic trade unions and co-ops.
- (g) Subscriptions to the Colonial and International Bureaus were to be raised to 10/6 a year and library subscriptions to £1. 1. Od.
- (h) Members interested were to be invited to organise a musical festival or other activities to raise funds.

3 Clerical Staff - wage rates It was decided that no change could be recommended in view of the present financial position; a special grant of 5/- a week was to be made to Miss Newton in view of her special circumstances.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, October 25 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (Chair), Albu, Parker, Barou, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Diamond, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Marjargon, Franklin, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Robson, Miss Sutherland, Miss Willinson, White, Woolf, Zilliacus, Parker and Gallanez.

Apologies Bishop.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of September 27 Approved.
- 2 Webb Memorial Fund Progress reported.
- 3 Home Research Committee (a) Minutes approved; further information reported. (b) Home Research Secretary It was decided to appoint Jack Gray, subject to Padley's right to reinstatement, if he so wishes on return from the war.
- 4 Socialist Essays It was decided not to proceed with the suggested book. A course of lectures on the lines favoured in the discussion to be held in the spring was to be submitted to the next E.C. by Mrs. Cole and Parker, following circularisation for comment to W. H. Durbin, Cole and Miss Willinson. Publication of these lectures was to be considered.
- 5 Right of Members of the E.C. to attend Committees and sub-committees The following minute was to replace all earlier minutes: "The Hon. officers shall have the right to attend all committees, subcommittees and groups as ex officio members, if they so desire. Any other member of the Executive Committee shall have the right to attend any committee directly under the Executive Committee and may attend any sub-committee or group with the consent of the responsible controlling committee. Members so attending shall not vote. Agendas for meetings of committees, subcommittees and groups shall be sent only to members of such bodies, except by special arrangement."
- 6 Finance Committee Report received. It was decided to implement all the recommendations of the report save 2 (b) and 2 (g). Library subscriptions were to be raised to £1. 1. 0. The Finance Committee was to prepare a further report, including consideration of a Jubilee Appeal for the Dartmouth Street Trust, for submission to the Executive on November 22.
- 7 List of New Members Received.
- 8 List of Members to be struck off Agreed.
- 9 Other Business Adjourned.
- 10 Date of Next Meeting (a) Special Meeting - November 8, to deal with all outstanding business save finance. (b) Special Meeting to consider Financial Position - November 22.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, November 8 1945, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of October 25 (on back)
- 2 Summer School Committee appointment for 1944
- 3 Diamond Jubilee Reunion Suggested programme for soiree:
Large Hall at Royal Hotel (booked) on January 4 in the evening.
Speeches: Cole (chair),
 Shaw)
 Davies) representing different periods in the
 Laski) Society's history.
with short sketch and songs by Workers Musical Association.
Refreshments.
- 4 Suggested Terms of Reference of New Research Committee and other Committees (on the table)
- 5 Socialist Essays Proposals for Spring Lectures (on the table)
- 6 International Authority Group Consideration of appointment
- 7 International Bureau Quarterly report (already sent out)
- 8 Socialist Propaganda Committee Report
- 9 Pamphlet Policy Discussion and report on paper position
- 10 Other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

At the request of the Treasurer some copies of the papers in connection with the Dartmouth Street Trust are enclosed. In view of the Society's serious financial position it is hoped that it will be possible for members to contact friends known to be interested in the Society, and ask them to help by signing the necessary forms.

The meeting on November 22nd will be devoted primarily to the financial position. The meeting on November 8th is to clear off outstanding business.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE HOME RESEARCH COMMITTEE

For consideration by the Executive Committee

- (1) The Home Research Committee to be responsible for promotion, co-ordination and general supervision of Home Research work, including such work undertaken by the Industrial Group, the Women's Group and the Socialist Propaganda Committee, but not including the non-research activities of these bodies.
- (2) The Home Research Committee to consider all offers of money for Home Research work or proposals to raise such money and either to accept or reject such offers or proposals and report to the Executive Committee or to refer such offers or proposals to the Executive Committee. This does not apply to the Women's Group or to any other body authorised by the Executive Committee to act independently in such matters.
- (3) The Home Research Committee to consider now and from time to time the terms of reference of the sub-Committees or groups engaged on Home Research and to revise such terms by agreement with the Committee or Group concerned or to make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to any revision of such terms so far as they concern Home Research work.
- (4) The Home Research Committee to constitute such sub-committees or other bodies as it may from time to time think advisable for the promotion or co-ordination of Home Research work and to fix their terms of reference.
- (5) Where no sub-committee or other group is available or can conveniently be constituted, the Home Research Committee to undertake the promotion and supervision of individual research work.
- (6) The Home Research Committee to consider from time to time sub-committees and other bodies constituted for Home Research and to recommend to the Executive Committee the dissolution of such bodies in cases where their research work is at an end or in the opinion of the Home Research Committee should be terminated.
- (7) All Home Research work or research work directly linked with home affairs to be brought to the notice of the Home Research Committee; and similarly the Home Research Committee to be responsible for bringing to the notice of the International Bureau or the Colonial Bureau any research work on or directly linked with foreign or colonial affairs.
- (8) The Home Research Committee to promote, co-ordinate and supervise research work of local societies so far as it can reasonably do so and having due regard to the functions and activities of the Socialist Propaganda Committee. Clause 2 not to apply to such work, but the Home Research Committee to have power to make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to the financial aspect of local society research work, generally or in any particular case.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ECONOMICS SUB-COMMITTEE

As approved by the Home Research Committee

- (1) Status: To exist as a sub-committee of the Home Research Committee.
- (2) Objects: To co-ordinate and, subject to the supervision of the Home Research Committee, initiate research work which applies economic thought to socialist problems.

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

Suggestions for lectures/essays on Immediate Future for Socialists (or some such title). N.B. The titles throughout are hurriedly devised.

- 1. To Your Tents, O Israel A review of how the Tories won the Coalition - refusal to plan, refusal to touch basic industries, etc. The inevitability of the break. Lasli, Parler
- 2. Turn Left in Europe We must win for our friends and not for our foes, who are sitting ready to snatch the peace away - Darlenism, etc. No peace can last if we put back the gents who made the war. A short practical programme of demands which Socialists should make - as they did in 1917-18. Pickles, Wolf, Zilliacus
- 3. Shall I have a Job? The minimum conditions of full employment - what an expansionist policy involves. A programme for controls, rationing, demobilisation. Cole, Wotton, Willinson
- 4. Shall I have a Home? The conditions of decent life in postwar Britain. A programme for building and planning. Relate 3. Cole, Robson, Davies
- 5. Can we have Security? The case for Beveridge, humanitarian and economic (to keep up demand for necessities, etc.), the case for health and medicine, for an assured standard of life on nutritional principles, Minimum demands. Relate 3 and 4. Wotton, Hitchison
- 6. Education for Democracy Explains itself, but relate to Bill, and to 4 (for priorities). M.I.C.
- 7. What Shall We do with the Controls? Immediately, to hold them - but what next? Cole, Parler, Griffiths
- 8. What About Foreign Trade? How can we export, how rebuild markets? Planning of trade, central of export and import, a Tennessee Valley in Europe. Relate to 5. Durbin
- 9. Can we have Peace? Ourselves, the U.S.S.R., the U.S.A., China, France. What can we hope to get, and how? Relate to 2. Zilliacus, Wolf
- 10. Empire and Subject Peoples What shall we aim at? A Fabian Colonial Policy Hinden, Creech Jones, Farquodon.
- 11. Conclusion (not a lecture). Pull together and hammer home the various points and their interrelation. Let the People Sing. Editor

M.I.C. if required

The six suggested to be given as lectures 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7; and either 8, 9, or 10.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE which took place on Monday, November 8 1943, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Barker, Creech Jones, Davies, Diamond, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Franklin, Robson, White, Wilson, Wood, Parker and Gollancz.

Apologies were received from Barou, Mrs. Cole, Parington, Miss Lawrence, Miss Sutherland, Miss Wilkinson, Zilliacus.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of October 25 Agreed.
- 2 Summer School Committee The following were appointed for 1944: Agnes Murray, H. Cole, W.D. Davies, Hugh Franklin, Irene Russian, Dr. Thompson, H. Humphreys, M. Pease, Z. Parker, G. R. Blanche White, Miss D. Price, Jack Diamond, Dorothy Fox, R. Skeffington.
- 3 Diamond Jubilee Reunion It was decided to ask the following to speak at a dinner: Cole, (chair), Shaw, Davies, Inslid. The office were to arrange a musical interlude. Efforts were to be made to find alternative accommodation to the Royal Hotel.
- 4 Terms of Reference (1) Home Research Committee Those were revised and submitted to the committee for further consideration. All terms of reference of its sub-committees were referred to the Home Research Committee for approval. (2) Colonial and International Bureau: Existing statements of aims and objects approved.
- 5 Spring Lectures Mrs. Cole, Barker and Diamond were to form a sub-committee to arrange these with a view to possible publication. Consultation with the S.P.C. was to take place. An attempt was to be made to get delegates from D.L.F.'s, T.U.'s, etc., and a synopsis of the lecture issued to those attending. It was suggested that 6 lectures should be arranged on "Home Economics" and if successful a further 6 on Political and International Affairs. The proposed outline was accepted in principle subject to a modification of (1). The arrangement of a weekend conference on the likely developments of the International Situation was referred to the International Bureau.
- 6 International Authority Group Possible creation referred to International Bureau.
- 7 International Bureau: (1) Quarterly Report Received. (2) Minutes of meeting of October 19 Received. The creation of the Fabian International Youth Forum was approved provided it involved no change on the Society's funds. Resolutions involving the Society's name were not to be passed at its meetings.
- 8 Socialist Propaganda Committee (1) Minutes Received. (2) Terms of Reference Revised to include right to "institute research into methods of propaganda".
- 9 History of the Society Tuncy to be approached by Creech Jones either to write a History of the Society or assist in editing a new edition of Fabian Essays.
- 10 Pamphlet Policy A report to be presented to the December E.C.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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TABLAN'S SOCIETY :::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S W 1

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, November 22 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. Please make every effort to be present.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of November 8 (on back).
- 2 Financial Position Report from Finance Committee of November 17 (on the table) and any necessary actions.
- 3 Other Business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE took place on Thursday, October 21st 1943, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 2.30 p.m.

Present Davies (chair), Barou, Mrs. Cole, Franklin, Parker & Callanccz.

1 Present Financial Position

- (a) Dissatisfaction was expressed that the Accountant had not completed the accounts in time for the meeting.
- (b) On figures submitted it appeared that expenditure had exceeded income by about 2,000 on the half year ended September 1943, and this excess was likely to amount to £1,500 by the end of March, 1944.
- (c) The General Secretary announced changes to be put in hand for the keeping of membership cards, stencils, etc.

2 Recommendations

- (a) That all possible economies in working be achieved, but that no major cuts in activities be proposed at the moment.
- (b) The Committee was to review the position in 3 months time and make a further report to the Executive Committee.
- (c) Proposals already made for raising money through the different sections were to be co-ordinated and carried out; a special drive was to be made to build up the Dartmouth Street Trust.
- (d) All £1. 1. Od. subscribers to be asked for an extra 2/6 towards increased war costs as their subscriptions fell due; a limited number of 1/- pamphlets in future only to be sent to £1. 1. Od members but all to be available on demand.
- (e) All members paying by bankers order were to be approached to give a Dartmouth Street Trust bankers order.
- (f) Help was to be asked from sympathetic trade unions and co-ops.
- (g) Subscriptions to the Colonial and International Bureaus were to be raised to 10/6 a year and library subscriptions to £1. 1. Od.
- (h) Members interested were to be invited to organise a musical festival or other activities to raise funds.

- 3 Clerical Staff - wage rates It was decided that no change could be recommended in view of the present financial position; a special grant of 5/- a week was to be made to Miss Newton in view of her special circumstances.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee took place on Wednesday, November 17th, 1943, at 4.30 p.m. at 4 Essex Court, Temple, E.C.4.

Present: Barou, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Franklin, Parker & Gollancz.

1. Minutes of a Meeting on October 21st received.
2. Financial Position. It was reported that (a) the Society had £273 in hand, and outstanding debts of £391. (b) that on estimates made before the recent drive to bring in money, there was a prospect of a deficit of £930 for the current year. (c) that in view of the special donation of £500. received this year, that at least £1500. extra income was required yearly, if the Society was to be placed on a sound financial basis. (d) that promises of £604. had been received to meet the needs of the current year, (e) that Dartmouth Street Trust Covenants to the value of £501. had been signed or promised since October 14th, 1943. (£200. of this included in the attached estimates).
3. Recommendations.
 - (a) that no cuts in activities or **increases** in subscriptions take place. (b) that an appeal be launched to get covenants of £2000. for the Dartmouth Street trust. This should be done in connection with the jubilee; all members should be approached through a special letter. (c) that some months later there should be an appeal to members to increase their subscriptions (for the benefit of those not wishing to sign covenants). (d) that the financial position be reviewed after the accounts for the year had been audited. (e) that the amount of money made up to Hughes be reduced to 4/- week from Oct. 1st 1943. in view of his increase in pay; that Gant's money continue to be made up as hitherto for the time being. (f) that the minimum subscriptions to the Colonial and international bureaux continue at 7/6 a year. (g) that the amount of literature sent out automatically to 10/6 members be reduced to a face value of 5/- a year including the Quarterly. (h) that the price for tickets at the next Dance be raised to 3/6 single and 6/- double as an experiment. (i) that members be encouraged to take out deposit accounts with the bookshop.

JOHN PARKER,

Gen. Secretary.

	Bardsleys estimate.	Actual.	Bardsleys estimate.	J.P.'s estimate
<u>INCOME.</u>				
Subscriptions	1575	1600	1575	1800
Donations	894	722	200	300
Dartmouth Street Trust	-	250	-	400
S.O.S Appeal	205	31	-	-
Easter School	30	30	-	-
Summer School	700	532	-	-
Dances	-	-	60	100
Conferences & Lunches	90	20	90	* 140
Misc. Receipts	25	23	35	25
Bookshop & Publications	180	166	200	100
Royalties	130	202	130	200
Economist	15	15	15	15
	3844	3641	2305	3080

* includes Autumn Lectures.

EXPENDITURE.

Salaries Wages.	2096	2169	2150	1835
Salaries Made up	-	82	-	38
House & Housekeeper	275	241	275	241
Telephone	75	67	75	70
Postage	350	299	325	300
Office Expenses	400	551 *	350	450
Rabian News	60	45	50	45
Rabian Quarterly	75	120	70	120
Empire, France & Britain (net cost)	-	155	-	15
Affiliation Fees	30	-	30	60
Pensions	220	221	220	220
Staff Savings Society's Share	50	50	60	60
Contingencies	20	20	20	20
Library	-	12	-	12
Domestic Insurances. Fire. Burglery, E.L. & War Damage	25	25	25	25
State Insurance of Staff	35	43	40	40
	3711	4100	3690	3551

Deficit * 133 459 1385 471

* includes £70 (repainting, repairs) & cost of AGM & printing of Annual Reports.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, November 22, 1943, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 4.30 P.M.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Diamond, Farington, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Wilson, White, Woolf.

Apologies from Davies, Creech Jones, Barcu, Franklin, Miss Sutherland, Robson.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of November 8 Report received.
- 2 Finance Committee Report received. It was decided to carry out the following recommendations:
 - (a) that no-outs in activities or increases in subscriptions take place; new activities were only to be put in hand after very careful consideration by the E.C. (b) that an appeal be launched to get covenants of £2,000 for the Dartmouth Street Trust. This should be done in connection with the Jubilee; all members should be approached through a special letter. (c) that some months later there should be an appeal to members to increase their subscriptions (for the benefit of those not wishing to sign covenants).
 - (d) that the financial position be reviewed after the accounts for the year had been audited. (e) that the make up of money to Hughes was to cease from October, 1943, in view of his increase in pay; his contribution to the staff savings fund was to be met by the Society from that date. (f) that Gauntlett's money was to be made up as hitherto for the time being. (g) that the minimum subscriptions to the Official and International Bureaus continue at 7/6 a year. (h) that the Quarterly should be raised in price to 1/- an issue. (i) that the amount of literature sent out automatically to 10/6 members be reduced to a face value of 7/- a year including the Quarterly.
- 3 Spring Lectures Progress was reported. It was decided to ask all lecturers for a synopsis of their lectures before the lecturers met and discussed their texts.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, January 24, 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of November 22, 1943 (on back)
- 2 Publications - Consideration of Report (enclosed)
- 3 Tracts and Pamphlets Ruling as to difference
- 4 Industrial Group Annual Report (enclosed)
- 5 Home Research Committee Minutes (on the table)
- 6 Evidence to Beveridge, Full Employment Inquiry Authorisation of publication
- 7 List of new members (on the table)
- 8 Report on Membership
- 9 List of members to be removed (on the table)
- 10 S.P.C. Minutes (on the table)
- 11 Other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

1 Sale of Publications The sale of the Society's publications has kept pace with the general expansion of the Society's work. They fall into two distinct groups:

(a) Books The financial and sales responsibility for these is usually taken by a publisher. In this case royalties are received in due course. Considerable sales of such books, however, are effected through the Bookshop. In the majority of cases, the publishers' agreement includes the right to sell at below the official retail price, provided a bulk order is placed and retail orders are received before the publication date. Members are made aware through Fabian News and the Booking Slip that such books can be ordered before publication. The Bookshop makes a small profit on such orders to cover itself for the work involved. Despite this advantage accruing to pre-publication orders, there is also a steady sale of Fabian books at the standard price after publication.

Most of the books are written by members, and their work represents free contributions to the Society. In certain cases, authors require a lump sum down or a proportion of the royalties.

(b) Fabian Pamphlets The vast majority of these are financed directly by the Society (as also one or two recent booklets). In a year the average number of 1/- pamphlets is five, and of 6d six. At the present time it is rare to bring out anything at other prices. Very considerable sums of money have to be sunk, at present costs, principally with the Hereford Times, for bringing out pamphlets. The majority of pamphlets sell out very rapidly after publication nowadays. With present paper difficulties the number printed has to be kept at a figure that would allow a small profit to be made if there is a complete sell-out after allowing all members free copies. All publications are costed on the assumption that receipts from sales will not only cover the cost of printing those sold, but also those given free to members. Even with the present rapid sales there are some pamphlets which stick, and there is a considerable time lag before the money comes in. (Many sales are on Sale or Return to local societies, local Labour Parties, etc.; they pay up at infrequent intervals, sometimes returning stuff that is unsalable.)

Before the present paper difficulties were so serious, attempts were made to get book sales through Messrs. Smith's, Menzies, Wynans, etc. Considerable sales were effected a year or so back, as these people were short of material for display, and were prepared to give our stuff a showing they would not do in normal times. However, the sales had to be at a very big discount, and there were large returns, many of which were not in a very salable condition. In one case, Dr. Barou's Soviet Home Front, a large print of the pamphlet was specially made by Gwyn Jones for a verbal order from Smith's, which did not materialise. On balance, and allowing for the over-printing of this pamphlet, the publicity the Society secured from these bookstall sales, leading as it did to an increase in membership, was probably worthwhile. At the present moment little further can be done in this direction, partly because Smith's think we are too "Red", and partly because we have not the paper available to spare for sales on which there is such a small remuneration.

In addition to the sales to local societies and local Labour Parties, there are a large number through other organisations such as Trade Union Branches, W.E.A. and N.C.L.C. class secretaries, Women Institutes, Youth

Clubs, etc. A remarkably large number of sales, however, are for small postal-order sales. A great deal of work is required in dealing with these small orders.

2 Sales of non-Fabian Books These have increased rapidly in the last half-year. The profits on these sales now more than cover the Bookshop wages bill. This means that the profits on the sales of non-fabian publications provide us with a staff which deals with our own publications sales, and assists with other office duties, such as postage, running messages, etc.

3 Present Paper Position Early in the war it was possible to buy up large stocks of paper; these have now been used up. Our printers, the Hereford Times, have managed to put considerable stocks of paper at our disposal from a quota allotted to them for all publications. They also seem to have got us paper from other sources. Recently the position has altered for the worse and the Hereford Times told us early in the autumn that they would have to limit our supplies in future. The Executive decided with the coming of paper difficulties to give first preference to research publications, and agreed that on the whole we should try and publish as much work as possible approved by readers, even if it meant having small editions of pamphlets, and not taking advantage of the possibility of big sales on a popular subject. (How the Russians Live, which was produced before the paper shortage, sold 16,000, partly, it is true, through Messrs. Smith's, but without any special drive; further copies could have been sold if we had had the available paper). The change in the paper position has definitely made it impossible to bring out further "popular" pamphlets of the earlier letter type.

The paper position has been met for the time being, partly by going over to small type, in response to the request of the government and of our printers, and partly by decreasing the number of pamphlets given to members as a matter of course, and increasing those available on demand. The normal print of a sixpenny pamphlet (9,000 words) going out to all members is 6,000; this allows for 4,000 free copies. If the pamphlet is on demand, the total published will vary a good deal according to the assumed popularity of the subject, and the likely number of those which will be demanded free. It is usually in the nature of 3,750. A print of 3,500 is normal for a shilling pamphlet (17,000 words; this allows for 2,000 free copies and 1,500 for sale.

In two recent cases - Full Employment (6d) and A New Charter for Education (1/-) - the original prints were for 7,000 and 3,500 respectively; for the former there was a reprint of 1,000 and the latter of 500, as the sell-out was so quick, and the current political interest appeared strong. The cost of these reprints will only just cover themselves; had more paper been available, and had it been possible to carry out extensive publicity in connection with the pamphlets, much bigger sales could undoubtedly have been achieved.

The Hereford Times publishing estimates are still very much the lowest; in a number of cases, however, we are considering putting certain pamphlets with other publishers if they can supply us with the paper, although the cost may be greater. It is proposed to do this in connection with certain pamphlets where a bigger sale is likely than is normally the case.

With the growth of the Society's activities there has also been an increased sale of some of our older pamphlets. The standard tracts on Local Government are running out fairly steadily, and a new series will be required after the war, when Local Government machinery has been revised. Both the Fabian Society edition of Facts for Socialists (1937), and the N.F.R.B. Facts and Figures (1935) have sold out, and there should be a good market for a new edition of the Facts.

The books Public Enterprise (1937, edited by W. A. Robson) and The British Civil Service (1937, Herman Miner), have either sold out or have almost run out. In both cases, the publishers, Allen and Unwin, have come to us, and offered to make the necessary paper available if we will revise them for a new edition. This is now being done. Allen & Unwin are taking financial responsibility in both cases; previously the Society took responsibility for The British Civil Service. A new edition of Social Security also seems likely.

4 Empire and France and Britain Empire and France & Britain were originally distributed free to members of the respective bureaux, and to the two guinea members of the Society. In order to economise in paper, two guinea members were asked whether they wanted the periodicals sent to them. About half replied in the affirmative.

Empire is a bimonthly periodical sold at 3d. The usual print is 1,350. Of these some 600 are distributed free to Bureau members, two guinea members and a free list. Another 185 go to subscribers and between 350 and 400 are sold through booksellers. There is usually a small financial deficit which is borne by Morrabin, but this has fallen rapidly and should disappear in the near future.

France and Britain is issued monthly, selling at 2d. Of the normal print of 2,500 some 650 are distributed free to members of the bureau, two guinea members and a free list. The Free French pay for 2,000 copies at 1d but only take 1,500. Some 400 are sold in bulk at varying discounts. It will be seen that the financial success of France and Britain is dependent upon the support of the Free French.

5 Staff Publications Committee All publications, after recommendation from the relevant committees and approval by readers, pass into the hands of the Organising Secretary (Oliver Gollancz), who sees them through the press. About a year ago, I created a Staff Publications Committee to keep watch on the question of publications. This consists of myself, Gollancz, the Home Research Secretary and the Bookshop Manager, and meets about once a month. It is small enough to be able to be called at short notice if necessary. It rations paper supplies and keeps a watch on sales, having reports from the Bookshop Manager on this subject. It decides whether a reprint is justified, and what size it should be. If sales of particular pamphlets are sticking, it considers whether the normal publicity can be in some way followed up. The committee also is informed as to the publications coming forward, and attempts to space them out as made, so that there is an even flow. If necessary, efforts are made to speed up particular pamphlets. A watch is also kept by the committee on the placing of books with publishers and on the number of pamphlets going to 10/6 members; decisions are taken as to which should be sent out to all and which should be on demand. Suggestions for the layout of pamphlets are considered, although the ultimate decision in this matter rests with the Organising Secretary, in consultation with the General Secretary.

6 Publicity Apart from that obtained from the Fabian News, publicity is mainly obtained from reviews. There is a standard review list for distribution, to whom the Organising Secretary sends copies of new publications. This list varies according to the subject matter of the pamphlet. Given present restriction of space, a remarkably large number of reviews appear. These undoubtedly have a big influence on sales. Many appear sometime after the date of publication, and sometimes lead to fillips of these which appear to be sticking. Some direct advertising is carried out; the sales of American Labour particularly benefited by this.

Soon after the amalgamation, bright colours were introduced for the covers of pamphlets, and the necessary stock of cover papers built up. Home Research pamphlets are normally red, tracts - green, International Ctd.

and Biographical pamphlets - blue; Colonial pamphlets - cream and green. From the evidence of members, there is considerable appreciation of the colouring. There is little doubt, however, that the design of separate special blocks for each pamphlet would have a considerable influence on sales. If it could be done, the increased sales would in most cases justify the increased cost. There are two serious difficulties, however: Firstly, the preparation of good cover designs for each pamphlet requires a good deal of time. Our experience of advisory committees of experts has not been a happy one, as they have differed very much amongst themselves; and the time factor is usually of great importance if the pamphlet is to come out both in time for a particular monthly distribution and at the politically psychological moment. These difficulties will exist in peacetime as well as war. Secondly, the present paper position makes it impossible to have large sales of any particular pamphlet. They would upset the whole publishing programme, unless, of course, special supplies of paper could be obtained for any particular pamphlet. The present costing basis certainly does not allow for the increased cost of special blocks which could not be recovered by an increase in sales.

7 An Executive Publications Committee? Some members of the Executive have suggested that an Executive Publications Committee would be of value. It has been suggested that some members of the Board of the Board of Fabian Publications, Ltd. (Oliver Gollancz, Emil Davies, John Parker, Frank Horrabin, Mrs. Horrabin, Margaret Cole, Leonard Barnes, Creech Jones) might form the basis of such a committee, with the addition of one or two other Executive members. In normal times such a committee might be able to help very considerably in expanding sales both by helping with cover designs, and with publicity ideas for particular pamphlets. Its work at the present juncture would be very restricted, unless it wishes to consider the postwar position in advance. If its members could get access to special supplies of paper, it might try out publicity ideas in connection with a particular publication. The Executive should consider whether such a committee would serve a useful function at the present time, or whether it would overlap with the Staff Publications Committee.

I take the view very strongly that the Staff Publications Committee serves a useful purpose, and that its character would be completely changed if its membership were increased, and if members of the Executive were added to it. It is essential it should be a small committee of the staff members responsible, and it should be able to meet at short notice.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Analysis of Sales of some Typical Pamphlets

			<u>Date of Publication</u>
1	<u>How the Russians Live</u>	24 pp. 6d	February, 1942
	6,000 cost	£ 63. 1. 0.	
	5,000 cost	45. 5. 0.	
	<u>5,000 cost</u>	<u>45. 5. 0.</u>	
	16,000	£ 153.11. 0.	

Cost of single pamphlet 2 1/2d.

Distribution

3,500 free			
4,000 @ 3 1/2d	£	58. 6. 8.	(Smith's)
1,000 @ 3 1/2d		14.11. 8.	(others)
5,500 @ 4 1/2d		103. 2. 6.	
<u>2,000 @ 6d</u>		<u>50. 0. 0.</u>	
16,000	£	226. 0.10.	

PROFIT.....£72. 9.10.

2	<u>Regional Government</u>	27 pp. 6d	March, 1942
	4,000 cost	£ 24. 1. 8.	
	<u>2,500 cost</u>	<u>22. 8. 3.</u>	
	6,500	£ 46. 9.11.	

Distributed

3,500 free		
1,500 @ 3 1/2d	£	21.17. 6.
1,000 @ 4 1/2d		10.15. 0.
<u>500 @ 6d</u>		<u>12.10. 0.</u>
6,500	£	55. 2. 6.

PROFIT £6.12. 7. (Likely to sell out gradually)

3	<u>A World on the Future</u>	24 pp. 6d	May, 1942
	11,000 cost (2 reprints)	£ 64. 0. 0.	

Distributed

3,000 free		
8,000 sold	£	106.10. 0.

PROFIT.....£42.10. 0.

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4 Wool Industry 24 pp. 6d May, 1942

4,000 cost	£ 20.18. 8.
<u>1,000 cost</u>	<u>10. 6. 0.</u>
5,000	£ 31. 4. 8.

Distributed

3,500 free	
1,000 @ 4½d	£ 18.15. 0.
<u>176 @ 6d</u>	<u>4. 8. 0.</u>
4,676	£ 23. 3. 0.

324 unsold

LOSS.....£8. 1. 8. (few further likely to sell)

5 Soviet Home Front 40 pp. 6d October, 1942
(mistake in pricing by Gwyn Jones)

6,000 cost	£ 67. 9. 6.
<u>5,000 cost</u>	<u>61. 4. 0.</u>
11,000	£ 128.13. 6.

Cost of single pamphlet 2½d

Distributed

3,000 free		
2,000 @ 3½d	£ 43.15. 0.	(Smith's)
500 @ 3½d	7. 3. 10.	(others)
500 @ 6d	18.10. 0.	
<u>1,500 @ 4½d</u>	<u>28. 2. 6.</u>	

7,500 £ 91.13. 4.

3,500 not yet sold

PRESENT LOSS £37. 0. 0.

6 Richard Carlyle 36 pp. 1/- February, 1943

3,000 cost £ 40.18. 6.

Distributed

1,500 free	
800 @ 9d	£ 30. 0. 0.
<u>348 @ 6d</u>	<u>17. 8. 0.</u>

2,648 £ 47. 8. 0.

PROFIT £6. 9. 6. (will sell out gradually)

7 Electricity Supply 28 pp. 1/- February, 1943

3,000 cost £ 30.19. 3.

Cost of single copy 2½d

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7 Electricity Supply (ctd)

Distributed

1,800 free	
800 @ 9d	£ 30. 0. 0.
400 @ 1/-	20. 0. 0.
<u>3,000</u>	<u>£ 50. 0. 0.</u>

PROFIT£19. 0. 0.

8 Can We Afford Beveridge? 24 pp. @ 6d

May, 1943

5,000 cost	£ 39. 1.10.
2,500 reprint cost	19. 4. 0.
	<u>£ 58. 5.10.</u>

Distributed

4,000 free	
500 @ 3½d	£ 7. 5.10.
2,000 @ 4½d	37.10. 0.
1,000 @ 6d	25. 0. 0.
<u>7,500</u>	<u>£ 69.15.10.</u>

PROFIT£11.10. 0.

9 Full Employment 28 pp. @ 6d

September, 1943

7,000 cost	£ 59.10. 6.
1,000 reprint cost	16. 0. 0.
<u>8,000</u>	<u>£ 75.10. 6.</u>

Distributed

4,000 free	
3,150 @ 4½d	£ 59. 1. 3.
850	21. 5. 0.
<u>8,000</u>	<u>£ 80. 6. 3.</u>

PROFIT £4.15. 9. (300 Still unsold but going rapidly)

NEW MEMBERS

25 October 1943 to 22 January 1944

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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, January 24th, 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W. 1.

Present: Cole (Chair), Albu, Barau, Diamond, Davies, Marin Cop, Franklin, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Nelson, Wilson, Wolff, Parker and Gallanor.

Apologies were received from Miss Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of Meeting of November 22nd, 1943 Approved. Financial position reported.
- 2 Publications Report received. It was decided (a) that a report should be presented yearly in future (b) that Diamond should act as convener of an informal group of W.C. members to advise on Publications Policy (c) that the Bookshop be amended for last year's expansion.
- 3 Tracts and Pamphlets It was decided that the Publications Committee should in future place more weighty research in the Research Series, less weighty research in the Tract series and Propaganda Material in the special series.
- 4 Industrial Group Annual Report approved. Suggestions were made for a Steel Group personnel. Appreciation was shown of the first year's work.
- 5 Emp Research Committee Minutes approved. Mrs. Drake was to act as a convener of a group (Robson, H. R. Kuczyński, Mourath, Stella Churchill) with power to co-opt, to consider the possibility of giving evidence to the Royal Commission on Population.
- 6 Evidence to Beveridge - Full Employment Inquiry Readers - Cole, Albu, Wilson. Publication to take place subject to their approval.
- 7 Wonga Pamphlet To be submitted to Mitchison to read for Miss Gollanor unwilling to publish.
- 8 Propaganda Committee Minutes approved. (a) Sheffield Rules - It was decided to approve these save that on Resolutions which was to read "The Society agrees to submit no resolutions of a political character on matters of national or international policy expressing an opinion or calling for action to any body to which it is affiliated." The model rules for Local Fabian Societies to be amended in the same way. (b) Report on Local Societies - To be presented to next W.C.
- 9 List of New Members Received.
- 10 List of Members to be struck off Agreed.
- 11 Colonial Annual Report Received.
- 12 London Labour Party Conference The following delegates appointed: Franklin, Rita Hinden, with Davies as reserve.

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A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Friday, February 26th, 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Bartholomew Street, E.C. 4.

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of Meeting of January 24th (on back)
- 2 Report on Local Societies (enclosed)
- 3 Staff Pensions Scheme Payment to Mrs. Evans
- 4 Appointment of readers for pamphlets on:
 - (a) I.L.O.
 - (b) International Unity
 - (c) Co-op centenary
- 5 The Labour Movement in the Dominions Proposed research group under the Organisation Secretary.
- 6 Labour Property Consideration of New Trustees
- 7 London Labour Party Appointment of member of Executive Committee for 1944-5 (John Parker is serving at the present time)
- 8 Autumn Lectures Question of Publication

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

P.T.O.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE which took place on Monday February 28 1944, at 4.30 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Barker, Darou, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Diamond, Faringdon, Franklin, Miss Lawrence, Hitchison, Robson, Wilson, White, Woolf, Parker and Gollancz.

Apologies were received from: Albu, Mrs. Cole, Griffiths, Miss Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of Meeting of January 24 Approved
- 2 Report on Local Societies This was received. Suggestions re research work by local societies, etc., was put forward for discussion at Jordans Conference. Appreciation was shown of Mrs. Fox's work
- 3 Staff Pensions Scheme Payment of the Society's contributions on her behalf to Mrs. Evans was authorised
- 4 Publications The following pamphlets were to be published subject to favourable reports from readers:
 - (a) I.L.S.O. Woolf, Leeds
 - (b) International Unity Albu, Mrs Cole
 - (c) Co-op Centenary Barnes, Cole
- 5 Labour Movement in Dominions Oliver Gollancz was to prepare a pamphlet on this subject with the assistance of a research group
- 6 Fabian Property Davies and Parker were to become Trustees; Galton was to be asked to resign
- 7 London Labour Party Executive Parker appointed to represent Fabian Society for 1944-5
- 8 Autumn Lectures Report on their publication and sales received. It was decided to continue publication; an attempt was to be made to get permission for individual lectures to be omitted or published in advance if the lecturer so desired
- 9 International Bureau Appointment of Faringdon as vice-chairman was confirmed
- 10 Co-options to the E.C. Planders and Shoffington to be invited to serve for the rest of the year
- 11 Spring Lectures To be proceeded with; a decision as to whether a meeting should be held on April 5 was left to a decision after seeing how lectures are going
- 12 Darou's Research Memo - referred to Home Research Committee for discussion and report
- 13 Industrial Group Minutes Received

JOHN PAINTER
General Secretary

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, March 27, 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of Meeting of February 28 (on back)
- 2 Beatrice Webb Memorial Appeal
- 3 Labour Party Conference Appointment of Delegate
- 4 Executive Elections and Annual General Meeting Arrangements for holding. The following dates are suggested: The count - Monday, June 26; Annual General Meeting - Saturday, July 1
- 5 Publications (a) Proposed short history of Society by Margaret Cole;
 (b) Readers - The State and the Future of Industry
- 6 List of New Members (on the table)
- 7 List of Members to be crossed off(on the table)
- 8 Any other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, March 27
1944, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 4.30 p.m.

Present Davies (chair), Allou, Parker, Baron, Mrs. Drake, Flanders,
Franklin, Diamond, Griffiths, Mitchison, Robson, Sheffington, Miss
Sutherland, Wolf, Gollancz and Parker.

Applauds from Cole and Mrs. Cole.

1 Minutes of meeting of February 26th

- (a) Jordans meeting. Report of proceedings received
- (b) Trustees. It was reported that Dodd and Galton had been re-
placed by Davies and Parker.

2 Beatrice Webb Appeal It was decided to postpone sending this out
until the late summer or early autumn.

3 Labour Party Conference Franklin was appointed as delegate.

4 Executive Elections and Annual General Meeting - Arrangements

- (1) May Fabian News - Announce date of A.G.M. and ask for nomina-
tions (to be in by May 15)
- (2) June Fabian News - Send out ballot papers (to be in by June 26
at 9.30 a.m.) and Annual Report
- (3) Count - June 26. Scrutinisers - Mr. Howell and Miss Wilson
- (4) A.G.M. - July 1 (afternoon) to be followed by an evening dance
and social
- (5) Special meeting for local society representatives in morning
July 2

5 Publications

- (a) Proposed short history of Society by Margaret Cole. Offer
vantly accepted
- (b) State and Future of Industry - Readers Allou and Joan Robinson
- (c) Coal pamphlet - Readers: Griffiths, Wilson
(Both to be published subject to readers' approval)

6 List of New Members Received.

7 List of Members to be crossed off Received.

8 Summer Schools Position reported; decided to go ahead as far as pos-
sible.

9 Proposed Conference on Delegated Legislation The following sub-
committee (Robson, Griffiths, Parker and Lasli or Pickles) to discuss
proposals with Morrison and make necessary arrangements.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

PACIFIC SOCIETY :::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WASHINGTON WASHINGTON D.C. 20001

A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, April 24, 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

AGENDA

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 27 (on back).
- 2 Annual report Draft on Table.
- 3 S.P.C. Minutes on table.
- 4 T.U. World Conference Proposed Pabian Functions.
- 5 Sale of Publications on Continent after Hitler Proposed agreement.
- 6 Staff Attendance at Summer Schools Proposed concessions.
- 7 Readers Guide to the Health Plan.
- 8 Publications Spring Lectures.
- 9 Other Business.

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General Secretary.

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FABIAN INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

The original basis of the Bureau's work as a forum for free discussion amongst socialists from all countries is undergoing a gradual reorientation to accord with the changing needs of the international situation, and the past year has been one of steady growth and increasing influence. The resuscitation and development of international organization in many spheres needs careful study and research if an unprejudiced and constructive approach is to be made by the Labour Movement. The first aim of the Bureau now is "To promote research into international problems in order that there may be a wide knowledge of the facts and an understanding of the problems themselves throughout the Labour Movement."

RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION.

The political and organizational problems raised by the creation of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration are being closely followed, and the group doing this work has had the constant guidance of Prof. John Marrack and W. Arnold Forster. A memorandum on the administration of relief under military authority has been submitted to a number of members of parliament, the International Sub-Committee of the Labour Party and others. A Paper on Relief and Rehabilitation, being a summary of the various official statements and papers on the subject, with a brief commentary, has had a wide circulation particularly amongst voluntary organizations concerned with relief work. The book "When Hostilities Cease!" containing papers on Relief and Reconstruction, first published in October 1943, was quickly sold out and is already in its second reprint.

The importance of the International Labour Organization in relation to rehabilitation and reconstruction has been strongly stressed during the year. Informal discussions were held in May between international Trade Unionists and Socialists under the Chairmanship of Jim Griffiths M.P. with the assistance of R.J.P. Mortished of the I.L.O. As a result of the discussions two brief memoranda were circulated to British Trade Unions; the first dealing with the immediate problems of reconstruction - relief, and economic and political rehabilitation - the second with the future of the Trade Union Movement and the I.L.O.

As time passed it became evident that there was a great need for information in regard to the I.L.O., its purpose and achievements, and on the understanding that such a pamphlet would be welcomed in the T.U. Movement a descriptive survey was prepared and is being printed at the time of writing this report. Our thanks are due to Ellen McCullough for her generous assistance and the collaboration of George Chester, Harold Clay, Arthur Deakin, Charles Dukes, Lincoln Evans, J. Hallsworth and John Price is gratefully acknowledged.

The subject of International Labour Unity has received close study under the guidance of Leonard Woolf, but the necessary revision consequent upon the dissolution of the Comintern and subsequent events has delayed publication of the manuscript. The pamphlet will, however, shortly be published with a preface by Louis de Brouckere, former Chairman of the Second International.

The recent Penguin by H.N. Brailsford on "Our Settlement with Germany" was written partly as the outcome of discussion initiated by the Bureau and acknowledgment is made to

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W. Arnold Forster and Leonard Woolf in the preface.

Detailed work on the future international authority is now proceeding under the direction of Leonard Woolf. It is planned to cover consideration of the necessity of an international authority for reasons of (a) security and (b) prosperity; the forms which such authority may take; the problem of security; and the international problem of prosperity, including the form or forms international government should take in the economic sphere, and the relationship between political and economic authority.

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS:

With the present fluidity in international relationships it has seemed that one of the most effective contributions towards clarification of policy was the provision of as many opportunities as possible for free discussion amongst socialists from all countries. In addition to the details given below, one method of achieving this has been the arrangement of small private discussions at which reports have been given which could not have been aired publicly.

In organizing the third International May Day Demonstration held in this country the Bureau was carrying on a tradition created in 1941 by the West London Labour Parties on the initiative of the Hammersmith Borough Labour Party. The Demonstration, compered by Jim Griffiths M.P., included speakers from thirteen European countries, Harold Clay and Alfred Barnes M.P., and was used extensively in the European service of the B.B.C, receiving good notices in the press.

In May a series of public lectures on Post-War Relief and Reconstruction were held at which the lecturers were Prof. John Marrack, Aleck Bourne, Sir Herbert Emerson, W. Arnold Forster and H.N. Brailsford. These lectures attracted people from voluntary organizations interested in training personnel for relief work and many people who had not previously been associated with either the work of the Bureau or the Society. The lectures were followed by a series of discussion meetings for speakers on Relief and Reconstruction at which Prof. John Marrack, W. Arnold Forster, Dr. Stark Murray, Paul Yates and H.N. Brailsford were present.

To help stimulate interest in the American Labour Movement a Brains Trust was held jointly with the N.C.L.C. in December. The Question Master was Bryn Roberts assisted by two of the visiting American Trade Unionists in this country, Sam Berger and Ernest Davies. Questions were sent in prior to the meeting by Trade Union branches and the audience, representing branches from all over London, numbered about 170.

Later in December a Conference was held on "The Future of Ex-Enemy Peoples in Post-War Europe". The subject was dealt with functionally in three sessions - Territorial, Economic and Cultural, the lecturers being H.N. Brailsford, W. Arnold Forster and Kingsley Martin, Philip Noel-Baker M.P. gave the opening address under the title "Why Fascism?" and the Chairmanship was shared by the Chairmen of the three sections of the Labour Movement - George Ridley M.P., Ebby Edward, Alfred Barnes M.P. and H.N. Brailsford. This Conference was also reported in the European service of the B.B.C.

In January an invitation Conference on "International Security" was held at Oxford. Many European countries were represented and observers were present from both the American

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and Chinese Embassies. The discussion was divided as follows:—"Post-War Balance of Power" opened by W. Arnold Forster, "Collective Security" opened by Louis de Brouckere, "Co-operation in International Society" opened by Thomas Balogh, "Organization of International Society" opened by Prof. D. Mitrany and "The Shape of International Authority" opened by Prof. H.J. Laski. The Chairmanship of the Conference was shared by Margaret Cole, H.N. Brailsford and Lord Faringdon, and a verbatim report of the Conference has been privately circulated.

In February a very small weekend discussion group under the Chairmanship of Lord Faringdon met at Jordans Hostel when the subjects for discussion were "The Problem of Displaced Persons"; "Minorities"; "Restitution;" and "Reparations". We are indebted to H.N. Brailsford for summarising the conclusions which will guide the Bureau in future work, the last two subjects being of basic importance in the economic reconstruction of Europe.

In March the Bureau took a great interest in and gave full support to the Conference on "Food and Agriculture" held by the Society. This Conference, which received a very wide press, had definite public educational value.

The final meeting in the year under review was a small but a very useful one, when the Chairman of the Bureau, Leonard Woolf, and the Secretary reported on two years' work of the Bureau, and Jim Griffiths M.P. gave his impressions of the re-action of American Labour to European problems.

"FRANCE & BRITAIN":

The monthly publication of "France and Britain" has been continued and correspondence indicates that this paper makes a valuable contribution towards the promotion of a closer understanding between the peoples of both countries, particularly between the Socialists.

FABIAN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM:

Although not much more than two years old, the Bureau has apparently reached the age of procreation. The inaugural meeting of the International Youth Forum was held in January with Lord Faringdon in the chair when Kingsley Martin spoke on "Across the Frontiers". Subsequent meetings have been held which, although small, are very encouraging for reasons of the average low age limit and the energy and sincerity shown in the discussions. The Forum does not aim at being a large constitutional organization but simply seeks to provide opportunities for young socialists from all countries to meet to discuss their common problems.

GENERAL:

The Bureau has sought consistently, within its limited resources, to influence Parliament and the press and a particularly encouraging sign has been the extent to which it has been consulted by other progressive organizations. Constant inquiries are still received from sections of the Labour Movement and other organizations for speakers.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

In recording our thanks to members of the Advisory Committee who have given their whole-hearted support in our work, we have to report that the Executive Committee of the Society has recently appointed Lord Faringdon as Vice-Chairman of the Bureau. We wish also to acknowledge with very real gratitude the valuable advice and support which certain of our comrades from the other European countries have been willing to give us at any time.

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HOME RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

During 1943-4 the scope of home research has widened considerably and in the case of many new projects research groups have been set up to make a thorough exploration on the field involved and to reach agreement on proposals where practicable. A Home Research Committee, with G. R. Mitchison in the Chair, has been set up to co-ordinate the Department's work, including research carried out by the Industrial Group and the Women's Group. The active participation and guidance of its members, together with members of other committees and groups, has been an indispensable factor in maintaining an even flow of sound and useful research; more particularly so because the administrative staff, reduced once more to the Home Research Secretary and one part-time assistant, is almost fully occupied in the mere running of the Department. Despite wartime difficulties every endeavour is made to continue the less momentous but traditionally respected part of the Society's work, such as the issue of book-lists and answers to the many and varied queries of members. The Fabian Quarterly, however, is no longer edited here, and last year's experimental Economics Class has not so far been renewed. Much of the "office research" has fallen upon the capable shoulders of Dick Davies as part-time assistant, but we are indebted also to Mrs. Dr. Brown, Mrs. Huxfield, William Osborn and Anthony Sargent for regular research assistance, as well as the many liquidators of office crises listed elsewhere.

Economic Reconstruction. The Economics Committee now meets regularly and has sponsored three valuable pamphlets on employment and allied problems. Barbara Cotton's introduction to Full Employment and E. F. Schumacher's more specialised Export Policy and Full Employment have both been extremely favourably reviewed and enjoyed a rapid sale. More recently the evidence submitted by a group of Fabians to Sir William Beveridge in connection with his current employment inquiry has been published under the title of The Prevention of General Unemployment. The financial proposals which it makes are provocative and may be usefully judged in relation to the Labour Party's own policy on finance which is scheduled to appear soon. The Committee's most important project, a book on Industrial Controls and the Future, is now nearing completion, although a little later than was first anticipated. Valuable material has been collected on the operation of war-time controls and suggestions made for post-war utilisation of them. Meanwhile, in response to a continuous demand for publications on this subject two pamphlets are being prepared for early issue, on The State and the Future of Industry and on Monopoly. Facts for Socialists is now in its 11th edition and incorporates a number of new sections as well as wartime statistics where available. Another pamphlet, Small Savings, furthers the Fabian reputation for presenting facts and practical suggestions on problems which other bodies have left comparatively unexplored. Finally, a research investigator, aided by a group of experts, is preparing estimates of the Cost of Reconstruction with a view to showing how much reconstruction we can afford out of the post-war national income.

Education. The appearance of Government legislation this winter has tempted the ad hoc Committee which guided Miss Linne Specht's research into the Private Schools (now complete and written up for publication) to remain in existence. Under the chairmanship of Harold C. Shearman it now meets regularly. In the late Autumn Dr. Grace Leybourne's commentary on the official reconstruction proposals was published under the title of a new Charter for Education. Before the first print had sold out the Bill appeared. A sub-committee met to consider it and drew up a lengthy list of amendments of which nearly all reached the Order Paper and some

received favourable treatment by the Government during Committee stage. The sub-committee is continuing to follow the Bill through its final stages.

With its passage into law, many practical problems of administration will arise. A short London conference was held in March to consider these problems, Lady Simon and Harold C. Shearman being the speakers, and several suggestions for future work arose during the discussions. On one of the most important, the Emergency Training and Recruitment of Teachers, a memorandum prepared for the Committee is shortly to be printed in Fabian Quarterly. A report of the conference is now available.

Social Security. Although, pending the arrival of a White Paper on social insurance, social security occupies less of our time than formerly, the Committee still functions, but now that education and propaganda is being effectively organised by the Social Security League, it is devoting its time almost entirely to research. In addition to projects already in hand, a pamphlet is being prepared on The Administration of Social Security, and the successful Social Security book is being re-printed with up-to-date revisions. A small group is discussing the White Paper on the National Health Service; its guide and commentary upon the Plan is due to appear concurrently with this Report as a Fabian Special pamphlet.

Miscellaneous. An Agricultural Policy Group is collecting memoranda on various aspects of its theme for eventual publication as a book. Its increasing membership, scattered over different parts of the country, communicates by post and by occasional meetings, and is welded into a whole by its energetic secretary, F. L. Bateson. In London a second group led by F. Le Gros Clark is discussing the future of food administration, particularly the part which the present Ministry can play. Both groups co-operated in the inter-departmental conference on "Food for All" held in February. Steps are being taken to convene a third group on Distribution, of qualified and interested members, while a fourth, recently set up, is making extensive enquiries into factors affecting the decline in population. A study on Gas Manufacture and Supply comparable to previous studies on electricity and coal is being prepared, also a pamphlet drawing lessons for present-day planners from the failure to implement corresponding plans made during and after the last war. Two successful Fabian books, viz. Public Enterprise and The British Civil Service are being revised for reprinting at an early date.

Bibliographies. Books go out of print so quickly in wartime that "What to Read" booklists soon become obsolete. They have temporarily been replaced by shorter lists which can be revised periodically with ease. Lists now available cover (1) Socialism and Politics, (2) Local Government, (3) Economics and Industry, (4) Education, (5) Housing and Town Planning, (6) Social Security (including Health), (7) Post-war Reconstruction.

Library. The demand for books from the Library still increases and we are indebted to Morris Lipton, the librarian, for the keen but thankless vigil he maintains over books in the library or in publishers' catalogues out with readers or with reviewers. A word of thanks also to the reviewers themselves, who still cramp their style beneath the yoke of 80 words, without remuneration and yet without complaint, and who surrender their copies to fill our all-too-incomplete shelves, and to members who have given books to the Library.

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INDUSTRIAL GROUP

The Industrial Group now appears in the Annual Report with its first completed year's work behind it. Its aims have been:

(a) To attract to the Socialist movement all those elements in industry which are politically unorganized and unconverted. To convince them that a planned Socialist economy is the only course that can prevent unemployment culminating in war and at the same time give them the spiritual satisfaction of achievement in industry.

(b) To act as an information bureau on industrial questions by setting up panels of experts in each industry to watch developments, advise Members of Parliament and generally put their technical competence at the disposal of the Labour movement.

a) Propaganda to attract the middle elements in industry to the Socialist movement has been fostered in the following ways:

(1) A week-end conference on Full Employment at the Royal Hotel was held on May 22 and 23 1943, with an average attendance of 80. It was stimulating and useful and was addressed by Joan Robinson, William Werbey, Austen Albu and E. F. Schumacher.

(2) In view of the success of this conference, it was decided to hold regional conferences on the same subject which should deal not only with the national but also the regional aspects of the problem, and these have been held at Bristol on October 2 1943, attended by 109 people and addressed by John Parker and Ian Mikardo; Glasgow on October 16 1943, attended by 147 people and addressed by D. Worswick, S. K. Ratcliffe, John McCormick, Mrs. Norrie Fraser and Sir F. J. Dollan; Cardiff held on December 4 1943, attended by some 20 people and addressed by Austen Albu and Stanley Hines; Sheffield on February 9, addressed by E. F. Schumacher and Austen Albu; Liverpool on March 26, addressed by Austen Albu. Further conferences will take place in West Hartlepool and Southampton.

(3) In addition to these activities speakers on industrial subjects have been provided for the W.E.A., Co-operative Societies, Trade Union branches, Trades Councils, Left Book Clubs and our own local societies.

The whole of this program has been intended to impress the Socialist case for industry while making adequate practical plans for the transition from war to peace and capitalism to socialism. These activities have resulted in a steady flow of new members into the Society.

b) To set up panels of experts to carry out research. In view of our limited resources in personnel and finance, it was decided to work only in those fields where the Labour Party and the Trade Unions were not pre-eminently active. In the first instance, some ten panels of experts were therefore set up with wide terms of reference to determine what the Socialist policy in their field was to be and to act as advisers to the Labour movement, particularly M.P.'s.

- (1) Civil Aviation. This panel by its research has greatly influenced Labour Party policy and its conclusions are shortly to be published in the form of a pamphlet. On March 19 1944, it organised a conference at the Royal Hotel on Civil Aviation which was very successful in attracting outside interested bodies.
- (2) Electrical Supply Industry. This group is shortly to produce a document embodying details and criticisms of the many plans put forward for the future of this industry by various interested bodies.
- (3) Machine Tools. This group, conscious of the position in which we found ourselves in 1940 as a result of the size and unco-ordinated activities of our Machine Tool industry, is endeavouring to discover how it can best be re-organized and how it can enter the export field after the war in view of the many overseas requirements there will be.
- (4) Small Industrialists. This group, realising that the Small Industrialist will be encouraged to continue in certain fields of industry under a near-Socialist economy but that he will be liquidated under monopoly capitalism, is deciding what form of approach can be made to small firms through Rotary Clubs, Chambers of Trade and their own Manufacturers' Associations. A document has been prepared and will be circulated as soon as it is made acceptable both to the principles of the Society and the members of the panel.

Panels are also active in Electronics, and in the position of the Civil Servant in Industry.

Panels have also been set up in Agricultural Policy and Retail Distribution, but as their scope lies largely outside the purely industrial field, they have been passed over to the Research Department.

Further Panels are in formation to cover the Rubber, Oil and Chemical, Cotton and Textile industries and the workings of the Joint Production Committees.

The Group is also, with the help of the panels, preparing lists of experts in various industrial fields who are known to be progressive, because it has been found that the Labour movement lacks nominees to serve on Government Committees etc., when industrial matters are under discussion.

The tangible results of a first year's working must always appear small because the work is internal and organisational, but this phase is now ending and we are ready to go outside to make more contacts and expand our work. What has been done so far has been accomplished by the willing and continuous work of the panels through their conveners, and by the careful thought given to industrial problems by the Committee.

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COLONIAL BUREAU

The Bureau continued during the year in its three-fold task of following current events in the Colonies, engaging in more detailed research, and drawing colonial problems to the attention of Parliament and the public. Perhaps the most interesting development is the growth of the Bureau's reputation and influence inside the Colonies themselves. Publications are being ordered on a large scale for re-sale in the Colonies, and the volume of correspondence is continually on the increase.

Collection of Information

The collection of day-to-day information on current events continues to be the basis of the Bureau's work, and is of constant help to M.P.s and other persons and organisations interested in colonial affairs, whose number is now definitely increasing. The subjects which have been handled in the Press, in Parliament, and at public gatherings, as a result of this painstaking collection of information, include the position in Mauritius, the future of white settlement in Kenya, development of regional colonial commissions, the position in Cyprus, and salaries in the Colonial Services, and West African constitutional reform.

Research and Publications

Research undertaken on behalf of the Bureau has resulted in the publication of three pamphlets and the preparation of two books during the course of the year. The first of the pamphlets "International Action and the Colonies" analyses the proposal for setting up international commissions to deal with colonial affairs on a regional basis (Listowel debated this matter in the House of Lords on January 26). The second pamphlet, "Kenya, White Man's Country?", is a study of the history and achievement of European settlement in Kenya, with proposals for a future line of policy acceptable to progressive thought in Britain. (Kenya was discussed in the House of Commons on December 17 on the initiative of Creech Jones and in the House of Lords on February 1 on the initiative of Faringdon). The third pamphlet "Hunger and Health in the Colonies", is a survey of the food position in the Colonies, and proposals for its improvement. The first of the books - now in the press - is a series of essays, written for the most part by members of the Bureau's Advisory Committee, on different aspects of the colonial problem. This collection is to be entitled "Fabian Colonial Essays" and will appear this year in commemoration of the Society's Jubilee. The second book is now ready for publication, and represents the final report of the Co-operative Committee of the Bureau, which has been at work for some time. The Report is a pioneer piece of work on the scope and function of the Co-operative Movement in the Colonies and formulates a number of recommendations for the setting up of separate Co-operative Departments inside the Colonial Office and in the separate Colonies, the revision of Colonial Co-operative laws and the appointment of specially trained staff. These proposals have now been presented to the Colonial Office.

A special Committee of the Bureau was set up to study workmen's compensation and social security. It produced a number of papers on this subject which formed the basis of a deputation to the Colonial Secretary on December 21. The deputation consisted of A. Creech Jones, M.P., R. Sorensen, M.P., John Parker, M.P., Lord Faringdon, Lord Listowel, Frank Stilwell and George Brown of the Transport & General Workers' Union and Rita Hinden. The documents have not been published but have been circulated to some dozens of trade unions and other organisations inside the Colonies.

"Empire", the bi-monthly journal of the Bureau, is rapidly increasing its circulation. The journal is bought in hundreds and resold in various of the Colonies - particularly the West African

Colonies and is also increasing its circulation at home. The articles appearing in "EMPIRE" are quoted widely, both in the colonial Press and in certain United States publications.

West Indies Committee

During the year the earlier West Indies Parliamentary Committee ceased to function and the Bureau was approached to set up a sub-Committee of its own to deal with West Indian affairs. David Adams, M.P., undertook the chairmanship, and a number of M.P.s and West Indians, resident in this country, were invited to join. Before the Committee could get under weigh, it suffered the loss of David Adams through death. The Committee has however been fortunate in securing the services of Ben Riley, M.P. as Chairman. A number of successful meetings have been held.

Communications with the Colonial Office

We have already referred to the Deputation received by the Colonial Secretary on certain labour problems, and to the presentation of the Co-operative Report to the Colonial Secretary, who has also been asked to receive a deputation to discuss Co-operation with him. There have been a number of other communications to the Colonial Office in the course of the year. A memorandum on mining in the Colonies was presented, criticising the apparent lack of policy governing the granting of mining concessions, and proposing a series of measures which would ensure the safeguarding of labour conditions, equitable taxations arrangements and the strengthening of colonial mining departments. This memorandum is still under consideration inside the Colonial Office. Letters have also been sent to the Secretary of State by the West Indies Committee on the question of West Indian representation on the Anglo-American Caribbean Commission (this representation has now been effected) and the proposed transfer of the Jamaica Telephone Service to a private company. An inquiry was made into the discrepancy of salaries and emoluments paid to European and African civil servants in West Africa, and a memorandum sent to the Colonial Office on this point. This, too, is still under consideration.

Conferences and Meetings

Two conferences were held during the year, in Leeds in July, and in Sheffield in October. These conferences were arranged by the local Fabian Societies on a delegate basis, and in each case were voted to be outstandingly successful. The Bureau supplied the speakers, which included, at Leeds, Lord Faringdon and Dr. Hastings Banda (from Nyasaland), with Creech Jones, M.P. and E.T. Harvey, M.P. in the Chair, and at Sheffield, Frank Horrabin, John Carter (from British Guiana), Rita Hinden and Creech Jones, with Tom Burden in the Chair.

A tea reception was given in August to the representatives of the West African Press Delegation, then on a visit to London. In December a meeting was held of the Bureau's members to report on three years' work of the Bureau. The first session was addressed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Bureau, followed by lively discussion. The second Session was devoted to a discussion of West African problems and was addressed by the Rev. I. Ransome-Kuti of Nigeria and K.A. Korsah of the Gold Coast, members of the Commission for Higher Education in West Africa.

Nigerian Fabian Society

Interesting reports of the work of the Nigerian Fabian Society have reached us during the year. This is the first Colonial Fabian Group to be established and is following in the Fabian tradition of research and discussion. It was a great occasion when the Chairman of the Bureau, on his visit to West Africa as a member of the Higher Education Commission, met and addressed the local Fabians.

The year has been one of consolidation for the local Societies in Great Britain (There are an additional five overseas); two-thirds have been active for two years or more and may therefore be considered established. The effort of Local Societies depends on the voluntary work of the Secretary and a handful of members struggling against circumstances of war, such as calling up of active members, removals from the locality and the difficulties of war conditions. Therefore the success achieved has not been easy and the contribution made to the wider Labour Movement has been greater than statistics suggest. During the latter part of the year much thought has been given to the next steps in Local Society activity so as to build effectively on the firm foundations which have been laid. There is every indication that the Local Societies are about to play as important a role in the political activity of the movement as they have played in the fundamental educational groundwork.

The aggregated membership of the 32 British Societies total around 1,800; this includes 1,278 local members entitled under the amended Rules of the Society, adopted at the last A.G.M., to the electoral rights of members of the parent Society, local associates and full national members who are also members of their Local Society. The direct influence of the Societies is considerably greater as non-members are welcomed at meetings and many representatives of local political and educational organisations attend the delegate conferences, which are one of their important activities. A considerable number of national members are recruited by the Local Societies, much Fabian literature is sold and affiliation fees contribute in part to the necessary office expenditure incurred by the Committee.

An increasing number of Divisional Labour Parties, Trade and Labour Councils, Trade Union Branches and Co-operatives are subscribing Bodies to the Society; to these and many other Bodies, such as W.E.A. Branches, Women's Guilds, Youth Organisations, speakers are found and assistance given. Often it can be arranged that speakers address a number of meetings when they are fulfilling an engagement in the provinces. How much we owe to members of the Society who so willingly give of their time and knowledge to address meetings under the inconvenience of wartime travel, most readers of this report will be aware.

Meetings. A great number of meetings of varying type, are held by Local Societies. The majority meet at least monthly (apart from special functions), some more often. In some cases Fabian meetings form the only public Socialist activity of the area; and apart from the service they perform in attracting new recruits, they also provide a selling-point for Socialist literature. The attendance at meetings, except for a few "specials" arranged for well-known names, tends to be on the small side, an audience of 70 being a good one. We feel, however, that the smaller audience of comparatively picked persons is of more value to the job which the Society is trying to do than the unselected crowd which comes to hear a speaker with a name and departs without effective discussion.

As far as possible, the central office endeavours to see that speakers from the parent Society visit all Local Societies from time to time, though this in wartime is not so easy.

Relations to Local Labour Parties. Many Local Societies are affiliated to their Borough or Divisional Labour Party; in a large number of Societies this affiliation is more than nominal, with representative on the D.L.P. executive. In a number of cases a Local Society through its members, has revived a moribund Party, or performed valuable functions such as regularly introducing subjects for discussion after business at members' meetings, organising joint conferences or schools, or providing literature or propaganda secretary. Recruits for the Party have resulted from the

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socialist education which members have obtained through the Local Society. In a few cases Labour Councillors regard the Local Society as a training ground for future colleagues.

In March a representative conference of Local Societies was held at Jordans which will probably become a landmark in Local Society history. Ways and means were discussed for encouraging the Societies to put their resources at the disposal of the Party and for training their members to equip themselves to carry out these most necessary jobs.

Regional Committees. In areas in which there are a number of Local Societies, representative Regional Committees have been created with their elected officers. They are active now in Scotland, S. Wales and in Yorkshire, the last being particularly active. These federations are valuable for the discussion of common problems, for making arrangements for the best use of visiting speakers, for co-operating with the Central Office in developing further Local Societies and Groups in the region and for preparing panels of speakers for their own use and that of the Regional Council of the L.P. They return a representative to the Regional Council, and by virtue of being the only "other Socialist organisation" affiliated, obtain a seat on the E.C. The Society also is represented on the Northern Regional Council. While special circumstances due to the Society itself operating primarily in London makes a London Regional organisation unnecessary, a meeting of representatives of the London Local Societies was held during the past year. The Society itself is affiliated to the London Labour Party on the basis of national membership resident in London.

A number of Regional Conferences have been held in collaboration with the S.P.C. by the Fabian Colonial Bureau and the Industrial Group, and Fabian Regional Committees and larger Local Societies. Most of these conferences, which could not have been held otherwise, have been particularly successful, being especially well-attended by delegates from a considerable variety of local organisations. Meetings of Local Society members and potential members have been held at each week of the Summer School, providing valuable contacts.

Publicity in Local Press. Particularly impressive is the large number and length of the reports on Local Society meetings that appear in the local press. The Socialist case is constantly being presented in its application to current problems, often even in the Conservative Press. Many of these reports are of excellent quality. In addition, the local Labour press carries full reports, thus helping to break down the suspicions of the Fabian Society held by some Party members.

Other work of the Committee. A number of Directives and special memoranda have been issued, giving suggestions for local activities and providing contact between the Societies and the Central Office. A Directive on How to Run a Speakers' Class has had a wide sale and a number of Societies have been encouraged to run classes. Financial assistance was given to a Speakers' Class run by the Central London Fabian Society.

A useful series of monthly meetings were held in London on Wednesdays under the auspices of the Committee. September: How a Political Society Functions: The Fabian Colonial Bureau - Rita Hinden, A Creech Jones, L.P., Herbert Hart, (Chairman - Frank Horrabin); October: On Presenting the issue of 'Full Employment' and the Transition to Socialism - G.D.W. Worswick (Chairman: Oliver Gollandz); November: The Health Services: The Present Position - Dr. Jules & Dr. Brian Thompson (Chairman Dr. Stark Lurray); December: The Machinery of the Labour Party - Harold Croft (Chairman -

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Margaret Cole). An Education Sub-Committee, which was set up to consider the socialist education of local members made suggestions to the main Committee, which have been the basis of strengthening Local Society activities.

The Methods of Propaganda Sub-Committee continued its work on the technique of propaganda; its members in their individual capacity submitted a memorandum to the Labour Party which is being considered. Much work has been put into the preparation of a hand-book on propaganda, which has proved useful in draft form, and is likely to be the basis of a more comprehensive work after the war.

WOMEN'S GROUP.

The Women's Group has continued to hold discussion meetings on matters of current interest throughout the year. The following have been discussed:- The Married Woman as Citizen (Speaker: Miss Grace Leybourne); The Nursing Profession (Speaker: Miss Dorothy Elliott, J.P., O.B.E.); Women's Work in Parliament (Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P.); The position of Women in America (Miss Dorothy Crook of the U.S.A. Office of War Information); Jobs for All - Women Included (John Parker M.P.); The County of London Plan (Mrs Dorothy Bolton, L.C.C.). The Group has continued its research work on Women's Work & Wages and two part-time research workers have been engaged to do the research work. Funds are still urgently needed to complete this work and the Secretary will welcome any donation.

The Group is open to all women members of the Society (at a subscription of 1/-) and to others as Associate Members. All interested are asked to communicate with Agnes Murray, the Groups' Honorary Secretary.

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for the year ending 31 March

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Introduction (to be added) by Margaret Cole

MEMBERSHIP, OFFICERS, etc.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP SINCE AMALGAMATION

March 31	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940
Total Membership	4082	3628	2672	2070	1859
Full Members	2701	2562	1999	1554	1320 X
Associates	926	869	557	433	281
5/- members	224	186	222	211	180
Local Societies	67	57	40	15	11
D.L.P.s, T.U.s, Co-ops, etc.	131	106	39	32	32
Libraries	33	34	37	36	35
Total New Subscribers	945	1049	716	306	122 (since July 1939)
Deaths, Resignations, Removed by E.C., etc.	491	93	114	95	--
Net Increase	454	956	602	211	--
Percentage Increase	8	35.5	29	11.5	--
Int. Bureau Membership	392	--	--	--	--
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The above table gives a summary of the growth of the Society in the 5 years since the amalgamation. At March 31, 1939, the joint membership of the two uniting bodies stood at 1840. A purge of unpaid members took place so that despite the addition of 122 new members after July that year, when amalgamation was completed, there were only 1859 members at March 31, 1940. From that date there has been a steady rise in membership to 4082. At the same time the number of local societies has risen from 11, with a membership of 126, to 67, with a membership of about 1,500. Subscribing organisations have increased from 32 to 131; the principle growth being in the number of local Labour parties and trades councils linked to the Society, which numbered 6 in 1939 and now number 79. A steady rise in the membership of the two Bureaus will also be noticed. These figures do not give a full picture of their activities as many people become full two guinea members of the Society so as to

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publications issued by the Society.

The past year has been one of consolidation. A comprehensive check up on membership cards and stencils has been followed by a drastic purge of members more than 3 months in arrears with subscriptions. It is recognised that wartime conditions make it difficult for many members to keep the Society fully informed about changes of address and to be up to date with subscriptions. Special consideration is shown to members of the services in these matters. Increasing paper difficulties however have led both to greater strictness than in the past and to the placing of a large number of our publications on demand to large sections of the membership. The large figure for Deaths, Resignations, Removals by the B.C. for the current year is explained mainly by the above factors. It is also true to say that some of the members joining during the big increase in the last few years have dropped out again when they found that the Society was mainly engaged in political research and education and was not a political party. The later section on Local Societies will show in greater detail that there has also been consolidation in that field.

OFFICERS

Alderman Emil Davies, J.P., L.C.C., was again elected Honorary Treasurer unopposed. The fourteen elected members of the Executive were: G.D.H. Cole, Margaret Cole, A. Creech Jones, M.P., Jim Griffiths, M.P., Leonard Woolf, Susan Lawrence, W. A. Robson, K. Ziliacus, Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., Barbara Drake, Lord Faringdon, Mary Sutherland, H. Carou, Ivan Durbin.

A. Albu, Brian Barker, Jack Diamond, Hugh Franklin, G. R. Mitchison, G.R. Blanco White and J.W. Wilson were co-opted in July, and Allan Flanders and Arthur Steffington in the following March.

G.D.H. Cole was re-elected Chairman and Margaret Cole Honorary Secretary.

Deaths

The Society records with regret the death of the following members who were particularly active in the Society: David Adams, M.P., J.C. Hamilton, Dorlose Matthews, Sir John Maynard, Mrs. Hall-Smith, Dr. M. W. Murray, George Ridley, Mrs. Bernard Shaw, W. P. Tousqaint.

FABIAN PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

During the present Parliamentary session this Forum of Labour M.P.s has met frequently and through the kind co-operation of its secretary, Ellis Smith, M.P., has discussed with Fabian experts several subjects of topical importance. Most meetings were on Home and allied problems. At these, particularly useful addresses were given by G.D.H. Cole on Full Employment, Professor R. H. Tawney on The Education Bill, Dr. Stark Murray on The Health White Paper and the Rt. Hon. Walter Nash on Social Security in New Zealand. G.D.H. Cole's address was later circulated at the request of many members present.

STAFF

The only change in heads of departments is in the Home Research Department, where Jack Gray - who had been acting as Assistant Secretary - succeeded Joan Clarke as Secretary in July. Mrs. Cowling is now voluntary Assistant Secretary to the Industrial Group and Bertram Hutchison part-time Assistant Secretary to the Colonial Bureau. To the secretarial staff, however, a number of new appointments have been made during the course of the year: Mrs. Ritchie - International Bureau; Mrs. Strauss - Socialist Propaganda Committee; Miss Elston - Industrial Group.

COMMITTEES

The following main Committees were appointed and served during the year: Home Research, Colonial Bureau, International Bureau, Socialist Propaganda Committee, Industrial Group, Summer School, Women's Group.

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DELEGATES

Emil Davies served as the Society's delegate at the Annual Labour Party Conference, 1943, and Hugh Franklin has been appointed for 1944. John Parker, M.P. was elected by the Constituency Parties to the Executive of the Labour Party and represented the Society on the Executive of the London Labour Party. Mrs. D'Elstrange Malone represented the Society on the Standing Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations.

AUTUMN LECTURES, 1943

The lectures, which aroused considerable interest among members and the general public, were held as is now customary on Saturday afternoons in the Conway Hall. The general title of the series was Can Planning be Democratic? with the following lecturers:-

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| Herbert Morrison, M.P. | <u>The State and Industry</u> |
| T. W. Agar | <u>Towards Industrial Democracy</u> |
| Barbara Wootton | <u>Freedom under Planning</u> |
| C.E.H. Joad | <u>Culture and the Community</u> |
| Joan Robinson | <u>Budgetting in the Postwar World</u> |
| G.D.H. Cole | <u>A Better Civil Service</u> |

SPRING LECTURES, 1944

During the current year should be included the first half of a series of lectures on Socialism and the Future of Britain initiated by the Executive to give a lead to the Labour Movement on the principle issues of reconstruction at home. The lectures were designed as a series, in a sense an up to date equivalent to the original Fabian Essays. The lectures, held on Wednesday evenings in the Livingstone Hall were very well attended and followed by lively discussion. The following is the whole series:-

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| Harold Laski | <u>We Must be Socialists</u> |
| John Parker, M.P. | <u>Work and Wealth</u> |
| Emil Davies | <u>Work and Trade</u> |
| Jim Griffiths, M.P. | <u>Who is to Control Industry?</u> |
| Ellen Wilkinson, M.P. | <u>A Rising Standard of Living</u> |
| G.D.H. Cole | <u>Money and Planning</u> |

DIAMOND JUBILEE MEETING

On January 4th a Reunion was held which was attended by over 350 members, including many old friends of the Society. G.D.H. Cole took the chair, and speakers included Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., Harold Laski, Emil Davies, John Parker, M.P., Harold Clay, Glen Attlee, M.P., Louis de Brouckere (on behalf of continental socialists). We were all indebted to Juliette Alvin for a 'cello recital and Stephen Schofield for a play-reading.

POLITICAL LUNCHEONS AND SOCIALS

Our monthly lunches, which have been well attended during the past year, have been addressed by Herbert Morrison, M.P., Harold Laski, Lord Latham, L.C.C., Harold Clay, John Parker, M.P., Hugh Dalton, M.P., Michael Foot, Jim Griffiths, M.P., Walter Nash.

A number of Dances have been held with considerable success, being very well attended and much enjoyed.

ASSISTANCE OF MEMBERS

In addition to those members who have assisted the Society by

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research, addressing meetings and sitting on Committees, many members have given assistance in essential office work and typing. Without their help the work of the Society would have been seriously hampered by the difficulties arising from war conditions. While we wish to thank all those who have assisted us in this way we can only mention here the following members: Miss D. Adams, E. Allen, Mrs. E. Barnard, Mr. A. Bethwell, Lady D. Ller, Miss Nabgood, Miss M. Hardie, Mr. & Mrs. Hawkins, I. Hyman, Mr. C. Harrell, I. Hyman, Mr. & Mrs. Ingran, Mrs. Kibble, Mrs. Dorothy Lingwood, Mr. Murray, W. T. Osborn, Miss M. Pocock, Mr. R. A. Sprent, Miss E. Wells, Rev. C.W.H. Whalley, Mrs. Whelan

ANNUAL MEETING

The 60th Annual General Meeting of the Society, which was attended by about 140 members, was held at the Royal Hotel on Saturday, July 3 1943, with Hugh Franklin in the chair. The meeting adopted an amendment to the Rules of the Society under which full members of recognised Local Societies were given the right to take part in election for the Executive and to vote at the A.G.M. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted, and thanks accorded to the auditors, Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus and Co., who were reappointed.

SUMMER SCHOOL

The School was held at the Senior School, Dartington, for the first three weeks of August, and at Frensham Heights for the following two weeks. As usual it was full throughout and extremely successful. Doreen Price acted as manager at Dartington and Lilian Hinton at Frensham. The Directors were Ellis Smith, M.P., Margaret Cole, Jim Griffiths, M.P., Dr. Brian Thompson and Oliver Gollancz. Lecturers included E. Ziliacus, John Clarke, Dr. Dudley Stamp, Dr. Darou, Margaret Cole, W. Pickles, Minna Specht, Gordon Childe, G.D.H. Cole, Harold Cowen, W.B. Curry, John Parker, M.P., C.E.M. Joad, Ernest Davies, A. L. Easterman, Margaret Yates, M.P.M. Durbin, A. Creech Jones, M.P., Una Marson, Kingsley Martin, Emil Davies, Frank P. Rowan, Allan Flanders, Miss Haslett. Grants were given from the Scholarship fund to students and foreign Socialists and a number of Trade Unions provided Scholarships for members wishing to attend. A successful Summer School reunion was held just before Christmas.

New Year and Easter Schools The Committee was unable to obtain accommodation for New Year or Easter Schools.

FABIAN QUARTERLY

With the October issue the Organising Secretary took over the editorship of the Quarterly from the Home Research Department. Points for Planners has been developed to give detailed analyses of the principle official and unofficial reports on reconstruction. An increasing number of libraries at home and abroad are now subscribing to the Quarterly, and a number of articles have aroused considerable interest in the professional press. While we cannot mention all who have assisted we wish to thank the main contributors who were: (July) Beatrice Webb Margaret Cole, A New Deal for Europe Wenzel Jaksch, The Political Consequences of Lord Keynes' Index, Army Education Harry Ross; (October) The Economic Strategy of the Transition to Socialism G.D.H. Worswick, The Wartime Economy of a Neutral Country Dr. Gustav Cederwell, The Italian Colonies Leonard Wolf, Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Dr. Donald C. Norris; (January) The Co-operative Balance Sheet (1844-1944) N. Darou, The Building Industry after the War G.D.H. Cole, The Conditions of Juvenile Employment P. Heinann and L.E. Keating, Full Employment and Monopoly Allan Flanders; (April) Fabian Failures and Successes Demard Shaw, Fabianism and the Next Age Harold Lasd, The Influence of Fabianism on British Social Policy W. A. Robson, The Shaw-Wells Controversy of 1904-1908 F. E. Loewenstein, The Work of the Fabian Society Today Margaret Cole, How a Political Society Functions The Fabian Colonial Bureau Rita Hinden.

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THE BOOKSHOP

The Bookshop is responsible for the sales of both Fabian and non-Fabian books and pamphlets. The sale of non-Fabian books has increased rapidly during the last year and the profits on these sales now cover more than the Bookshop wage bill. This means that the profit provides us with a staff which deals with our own publications sales and assists with other office duties. A large number of orders for Fabian and other literature are coming in from a variety of organisations and book-stalls are arranged at meetings of the Society.

PUBLICATIONS

In spite of shortage of paper a large number of pamphlets have been issued during the year, though the size of editions has had to be limited. A number of reprints have, however, been made. The general sales of both current and older Fabian publications has been heavy, with the result that many titles are now out of print.

Tract Series

- No. 259 Your Coal and You Norman Smith 4d
260 Small Savings By a Committee of the Fabian Society 6d

Research Series

- No. 70 The Nation's Land Lewis Sillkin, M.P., L.C.C., 6d
71 Labour and Europe The Need for a Socialist Strategy
The International Authority Group of the
Fabian International Bureau 6d
72 Can We Afford Beveridge? H. W. Singer, Ph. D.
73 Marx and Today Harold J. Laski 6d
74 Full Employment Barbara Wootton 6d
75 International Action and the Colonies Report of a
Committee of the Fabian Colonial Bureau 1/-
76 A New Charter for Education Grace G. Leybourne 1/-
77 Report Policy and Full Employment E. P. Schumacher 1/-
78 Kenya: White Man's Country? Report to the Fabian
Colonial Bureau 1/-
79 The Prevention of General Unemployment A Group of Fabians 6d

Biographical Series

- No. 14 John Burns G.D.H. Cole 1/-

Specials

- No. 5 Beveridge Quiz Compiled by Joan Clarke and Lawrence Coward 6d

Books and Booklets

- Social Security Edited by W.A. Robson (Allen & Unwin 15/-)
Plan for Britain Autumn Lectures 1942 (Routledge 6/-)
Our Soviet Ally Edited by Margaret Cole (Routledge 7/6)
When Hostilities Cease Papers on Relief and Reconstruction (Collanz 4/6)
Commodity Control P. Martine Yates (Cape 18/-)

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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE which took place on Monday, April 24, 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (Chair), Albu, Barker, Barou, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Diamond, Durbin, Flanders, Franklin, Partridge, Creech Jones, Mitchison, Miss Lawrence, Robson, Sheffington, White, Wilson, Parker, Collanz.

Apologies were received from Miss Sutherland, Woolf.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 27 Corrected and approved.
- 2 Annual Report Amended and referred to Hon. Secretary for final revision.
- 3 S.F.C. Minutes Approved; suggestions to Local Societies to be submitted to next E.C.
- 4 T.U. World Conference Arrangements for Fabian activities to be made by Creech Jones and Parker.
- 5 Sale of Publications on Continent after War Cole, Woolf, Barker, and Parker to form committee to consider any proposed agreement and report back to the E.C.
- 6 Proposed Pamphlet on Fabian Society for Continentals Help and advice to be given in its preparation but no official responsibility taken.
- 7 Staff Attendance at Summer Schools It was decided to continue the existing right of "seniors" to attend at cost price and of "juniors" to attend free with fares paid; "seniors" were to be given the alternative of a week free if they gave up a week of their holidays. This was to be reviewed next year.
- 8 Publications
 - (1) Readers
 - (a) Health Plan - Robson, Hastings, or Messer;
 - (b) Cole's syllabus on Labour Movement (S.F.C. to appoint readers)
 - (2) Co-op Pamphlet Suggested this should be lengthened into short book, or reduced to a 1/- pamphlet. Barnes' views to be obtained after revision.
 - (3) Spring Lectures To be submitted to Cole and Mrs. Cole to report back to E.C. as to suitability for publication.
- 9 Minutes of all Main Committees To be circulated to E.C. in future.
- 10 Note about Pamphlets on Demand To be inserted again in Fabian News.
- 11 Finance Committee May 8 at 3.30 p.m.
- 12 Nigerian Society Letter of greeting to be sent.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, 8 May 1944, at 4 p.m., at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present. Davies (Chair), Franklin, Parker and Gollancz.

Apologics. Barou and Mrs.Cole.

- 1 Present Financial Position. It was reported that there was a small deficit on the year ending 31 March 1944 ; a donation had been promised which would meet this. It was agreed that the accounts should be sent to the Auditor.
- 2 Estimates for year ending 31 March 1945. It was estimated that on conservative figures there would be an income of about £7200 and an expenditure of about £7500.
- 3 Recommendations. That no drastic changes be made in the activities of the Society. It was hoped that further increases in membership and in donations from the Dartmouth Street Trust would meet this difference.
- 4 Home Research Secretary. It was recommended that an increased salary of £25 a year be given from 1 June 1944.
- 5 Clerical Staff. The proposals put forward from the staff meeting were considered. It was recommended that the principle of a salary scale should be accepted but that a new scheme should not be drawn up and put into operation until after the war.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, May 22, 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, SW1.

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- 1 Minutes of meeting of April 24 (enclosed)
- 2 Executive Attendance Record (see below)
- 3 Minutes Home Research Committee (enclosed)
Socialist Propaganda Committee (enclosed)
- 4 Minutes of Finance Committee (enclosed)
- 5 Discussion on general memo on the Fabian Society submitted by Jack Diamond (enclosed) (*withdrawn*)
- 6 Socialist Propaganda Committee Recommendations sent out by the Committee to Local Societies following Jordans Conference (enclosed for information)
- 7 Other Business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

Attendances at Executive Meetings

	Possible	Attended		Possible	Attended	
	8	6	Griffiths, Jim	10	1	X
	8	6	Jones, A. Creech	10	5	X
	10	8	Lawrence, Susan	10	6	
X	10	8	Hitchison, G.R.	9	7	
X	10	6	Robson, W.A.	10	8	
	10	8	Skeffington, A	2	2	
	8	8	Sutherland, Mary	10	4	
	10	8	White, G.R. Blanco	8	6	
	10	5	Wilkinson, Ellen	10	2	
	10	7	Wilson, Harold	8	5	
	2	2	Woolf, Leonard	10	0	
	9	8	Zilliacus, K.	10	3	

X Non-attendance due to prolonged illness or absence from the country on official duties.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, May 22 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Barker, Barou, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Diamond, Durbin, Farington, Franklin, Crooch Jones, Mitchison, Robson, White, Wolff, Parker, Gollancz.

Apologies from Mrs. Drake, Miss Lawrence, Zilliacus.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of April 24 Approved. It was reported that duplicating paper was likely to be short in future; The Health pamphlet was to be referred to Messer and Mrs. Cole to read.
- 2 Executive Attendance Record Received. Attendance at main Committees was to be added for circulation in the News.
- 3 Minutes (a) Home Research - Agreed. Cole was to assist Gray in getting further action taken on the future of Emergency Welfare Services. (b) Socialist Propaganda - Agreed. (c) Colonial Bureau - Agreed. (d) Industrial Group - Agreed.
- 4 Minutes - Finance Committee - Agreed with the following changes: (a) Research Secretary - salary to be raised to £250 a year; (b) Proposed Clerical Staff scale - to be further discussed by Finance Committee with representatives of the clerical staff; (c) Beatrice Webb Memorial Fund. £25 to be donated on behalf of the Society.
- 5 New Publication International Investment Readers appointed. Cole, Heade, with Schuracher as a reserve.
- 6 List of New Members Received.
- 7 Annual General Meeting Proposed agenda approved; officers to use emergency powers to postpone in whole or in part if necessary. Attitude on resolutions submitted to be considered at Special Meeting of E.C.
- 8 Memo by Diamond and Durbin on Future of Society Referred to Special Meeting.
- 9 Special Meeting To be called at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, June 12th to discuss business mentioned above.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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Home Research Secretary: J. C. GRAY

June 1st, 1944.

A special meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, June 12th 1944, at 3.30 p.m. at PTE.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A general discussion will take place on the future work of the Society. A document by Dr. Barou is enclosed; this will form a basis of discussion together with that of Mr. E.F.M. Durbin which was on the table at the last meeting.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A G E N D A

- 1 Staff Attendance
- 2 Sidney Webb Order of Merit
- 3 Dr. Stark Murray's Letter
- 4 A.C.M. Resolutions
- 5 Durbin and Barou Memoranda
- 6 Any other Business

JOHN PARKER
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FUTURE OF THE LABIAN SOCIETY.

Now that the end of the war with Germany is in sight, I think that it would be desirable for us to consider the future work of the Society. A new Executive is soon to be elected but would it not be valuable to hold a special meeting of the present Executive in order to prepare a plan of work to be recommended to the new Executive?

Considering the present position and work of the Society there appear to me to be four proposals that we ought to discuss:

1. I have a feeling that our arrangements for collecting money are not as complete as they might be. We have no officer of the Society who is exclusively concerned with raising new money. Some few years ago we made the experiment of appointing a Deputy Treasurer for this purpose. The experiment was not a success - the Deputy Treasurer collected little or nothing. But I do not feel that this unfortunate precedent should be used to close our minds. If we can find a suitable person to accept the ungrateful task of "Collector-in-Chief" I believe that we are now in touch with a number of rich individuals who might be persuaded to cough up substantial sums. This is a full time job, but neither the Secretary nor the Honorary Treasurer, fully occupied as they are with the other duties of their offices, could be expected to undertake it.
2. I continue to feel worried about the present position of the Local Societies. We have allowed them to come into existence (because we felt that we could not possibly discourage the formation of such groups) without any clear conception of what they are to be or do. We are primarily a centralised Society for research. We do not wish to sacrifice any of the resources available for this main purpose to the building up of a national branch organisation for education or propaganda. At the same time none of us would wish to let them finish unnecessarily.

We now have, I am told, some 50 groups in varying degrees of activity. We must decide whether we wish to help them or not. There appear to me to be two, but only two consistent policies:

Either we can tell them that we have not sufficient administrative resources to help them, and they must either live under their own steam (to mix a metaphor) or die.

Or we must face the necessity of building up an efficient administrative machine for dealing with them. Nothing is wrong with our present arrangements except that they are absurdly inadequate. I would suggest that the minimum requirement for helping them properly is the appointment of not less than one full time travelling Secretary.

I think we ought to come to a decision on this point, or ask the newly appointed S.P.C. to report upon it.

- 3.) Coming to our main activity - that of Research - I think the time has come to draw up another Five Years Programme. We have done this from time to time in the past (I speak for the New Labian Research Bureau) and now that the period of "transition and reconstruction is plainly in sight, we should formulate a new and relevant "master plan". I am of course aware that no plan that we draw up can ever be fully implemented and that our work will continue to depend, as it always has done, upon finding voluntary workers with suitable qualifications. But equally clearly, a Society that advocates a planned economy should not be found without a comprehensive survey of its tasks and resources.

It would, I suggest, be best for us to consider the present structure of our Research Committee, and ask the newly appointed Supreme Research Committee (whichever that may be) to prepare a Five Year Plan.

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4. Finally, I am of the opinion that we do not do enough to explain our administrative set-up to our new members, and the way we work. The Annual Reports are at once too detailed, and too general to serve the purpose I have in mind. They are too detailed in describing the work completed in each year and not sufficiently precise in explaining how the Society functions. We have done a good deal in the last year or so, to describe the past history of the Society. But I feel that the time has come to draw up a descriptive document (not unlike a school prospectus!) that will explain the work and constitution of the Society - its past splendours and future hopes - to our members and particularly to our new members.

It would, I think be a good idea to call a special meeting of the Executive to discuss one Agendum - the Post-war Future of the Fabian Society

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Memorandum for the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society.

After serving as a member of the Executive for only one year, I should have hesitated to make the following observations, were it not for the fact that the rapidly accelerating pace of military, political and psychological events appear likely to impress upon the British Labour Movement the need and the opportunity for urgent action for which we are still far from being adequately prepared. To be caught in such a state of unpreparedness would be the more tragic because, with the traditions, experiences and human resources at its disposal, the Fabian Society is in a position to make an important contribution towards Labour research and the making and implementing of Labour policy.

I feel there is a lack of definite direction and of a clearly formulated programme in the Executive's work during the past year. The work is not directed towards certain specific tasks, but routine matters are dealt with as they arise. I think, therefore, that it is essential to decide upon certain main aims of the Society and to deal with them in an agreed order of priority.

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It is, therefore, essential to bring about comprehensive co-operation and co-ordination between the research bodies of the three branches of the Movement, which should find some basis of agreement for the economic division of labour. Each branch should be able to utilise the findings of the other branch for further research work, and the research activities of the various bodies throughout the whole Movement should be complementary. About a year ago, I proposed that the Fabian Society should take the initiative in securing the establishment, under the National Council of Labour, of a Labour Research Council. As I reported to Mr. John Parker, I gathered from private conversations with Mr. Middleton and Mr. Morgan Philip on the one hand, and the Secretary of the Co-operative Party, Mr. Bailey, on the other, that with tact, patience and persistence, it would be possible to reach agreement between all the parties.

3) The Fabian Society aims, not only at undertaking research work and publishing the results of this work, but also at organising collective research work through its various bureaux. Therefore, the function of the Industrial or International Bureau would be to act as the main channel of collective research work which these bodies organise and the results they produce. I cannot say much about the International Bureau, though the reports and publications which I have read, do not show any important results of original collective work. The Conferences which the Bureau organises are chiefly of a popular or educational type, and, useful as they are, they do not provide a substitute for the collective research that is required.

As a member of the Industrial Bureau from its inception, I must say that it has not attained the high standard expected of it.

This is mainly the result of war conditions and the very limited human material available; but what we should now ask ourselves is this: are the results of the work we are now doing in so many different fields is commensurate with the expense and effort invested in them, or would concentration of the available forces on fewer tasks produce more valuable results, maintaining more adequately the traditions that have secured for the Society the place that it now occupies in this country?

I believe that this is probably the most important practical question that our Society will have to face in the near future.

4) Research, however, is only one of the main aims of the Society; the second aim was formulated long ago by Mr. Cole - to educate intelligent Socialists for the Labour and Trade Union Movements. This education can be effected in many ways. One of the most important is the distribution of popular literature resulting from our own research as outlined above. My only criticism in this respect is that although our popular literature is equal in standard to any comparable body, the cover and format of our booklets are not always as attractive as those of our competitors. I understand that the Society has among its members many experts in the production of literature and I believe that insufficient use is made of their services. This conclusion results from the fact that very few, if any, of our booklets have a distribution of over 10,000 copies, including the 3,000 copies despatched to our own members. Those of us who are conversant with

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the state of the market are convinced that if our distribution were properly organised, we should be able to produce far larger quantities. The present paper shortage is a passing phase and I believe that it is time to begin preparations for post-war action. The important deficiency is, apparently, that we have not sufficiently close connections with distributing agencies in the book and pamphlet trade in general, and it is a matter of elementary foresight that one or two members of the Executive should devote their time and attention to this special problem.

5) However useful popular pamphlets are in reaching intelligent Socialists, much more could be done through persistent and systematic work in and through local Societies. I have visited about fifteen Societies during the past year and I saw little evidence of such an attempt, except, perhaps, in the case of one Society.

6) The objects which local Societies set themselves to undertake and the work they actually do lack precision in general and differ greatly from the Society's objects. The work devolves, mainly, upon the people who happen to reside in the particular locality. This is probably inevitable, but one should be able to improve the situation considerably by guidance from the central body and by advising local Societies as to the best methods by which their activities could best fit in with and reinforce the national effort. On that matter, I would like to make the following suggestions:-

a. To develop local research far more actively. I feel sure that with proper local research, guided and supported from the central body, those who at the moment remain outside the local Fabian Societies (because they are not interested in the type of semi-intellectual debating Society which some of our Societies represent to-day) could be recruited.

b. We have a unique opportunity to contact workers in factories, railway depots, etc., who have educational or social groups and reading rooms in the canteens, and for whom local Fabian Societies could supply intelligent speakers and reading matter. With the help of the trade unions, one could probably keep in close touch with such factory groups and induce some of them to affiliate to the Society.

c. This work is practicable also in co-operative and trade union organisations and in youth groups and should be initiated without delay. It would give many of our better-organised Societies a larger audience, at the same time inducing the more culturally-advanced members to improve their knowledge and their methods of presenting such knowledge - thus providing the new audiences with better service. Incidentally, this work would also be important and valuable, at this time, in helping the Society to cast off its reputation of being a dilettante middle-class Society which often keeps away from Societies the good "proletarian" elements of the Labour Party.

d. Finally, a word must be said about the way in which the Executive works. It has a large membership. It meets only once a month and its meetings usually last about two hours. The attendance varies from one meeting to another. It seems, therefore, increasingly necessary for such an Executive to use a wide division of labour and to divide responsibility among its members. It should empower groups of members to deal specifically with definite spheres of administration and organisation. Only in this way will

the Executive find the proper time for policy-making and be able to guide its own committees on matters of primary importance. Otherwise, there is no time or opportunity to discuss the major lines of the Society's policy, with the result that essential and fundamental work is often treated as a matter of mere routine.

I hope that the above observations may serve a useful purpose, for in the light of a year's experience, I feel that the Executive has not yet found the best way in which to utilise the special abilities of its members to the better advantage and effectiveness of the Society.

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NOTES FOR THE NEW FABIAN EXECUTIVE By the Chairman

(The outgoing Executive has held two special meetings for the purpose of discussing the work and organisation of the Society, and submits the following notes based on these discussions for consideration by the new Executive)

1 Policy and Scope of Work

(a) There was a good deal of discussion about the relative importance of the work of the Society in the fields of 'research' and 'propaganda'. It was, however, recognised in the course of the discussion that most of the work is, in a strict sense, really neither. It consists largely on the research side, of finding people who know about things and getting them to put their knowledge on paper, and on the 'propaganda' side, of diffusing this knowledge and the conclusions based upon it. Some of the 'research' takes shape in fairly elaborate studies of particular subjects: some necessarily in more ephemeral pronouncements on current proposals, such as Bills or White Papers, or in evidence presented to Commissions or Committees. It was generally agreed that (1) the main attention of the Society nationally should be given to original 'research', and to the presentation of the results in a valuable form so as to make them useful to the Labour Movement, but that it was also necessary for the Society nationally to issue from time to time pronouncements on current issues, which could not always be based on original research to any great extent; (2) that the main work of the local societies could be better defined as socialist education than as either research or propaganda, and should be directed to spreading a knowledge of facts and policies, based largely on the Society's research, in their own areas, both among existing labour and co-operative groups, and in such a way as to bring in new recruits, especially young people, to the local Labour movement and (3) that local societies could not be expected to undertake any appreciable amount of research on national questions, but could and should be encouraged to help the national Society by collecting local information and to work out the local applications of the research work undertaken by the Society nationally as well as to help local Labour bodies and Council members with information and suggestions on local matters.

(b) It was agreed that the time has come for working out a new research programme for the Society as a whole, covering the work of the various departments and bureaux, but that it would be unwise at present to work out a Five Years' Programme, as has been done in the past. The view was that the Society should at once work out an Interim Research Programme, designed to cover, say, the next eighteen months, but that the general heads of a longer-term programme should also be laid down, and the immediate programme be so framed as to be susceptible of being fitted in to the longer programme, when the time comes for elaborating it. It was, of course, recognised that, in face of the limitations of personnel, no programme can be more than a framework into which workers can be fitted as and when they become available; but it was felt that it was highly desirable, as in the past, to have such a framework ready for use. The formulation of such a programme should include not only a list of subjects, but also some consideration of the uses to which the projected studies are to be put. It was agreed that the working out of the proposed programmes should be referred to a special Planning Committee, and that the new Executive should be urged to appoint such a Committee at its first meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Society.

(c) Consideration was given to a resolution proposed to the Annual Meeting in which it was advocated that, in order to avoid overlapping and duplication with other bodies carrying on research in connection with the Labour and Co-operative Movements, and in order to promote better research for the movement as a whole, an attempt should be made to get established a joint research council, or some such body, under the auspices of the National Council of Labour, including the Fabian

Society, together with the research departments of the Labour Party, Trades Union Congress, and the Co-operative Union. To this it was objected that many attempts at closer joint working had been made in the past without success, and that a joint research body might easily result in hampering, instead of furthering Fabian research, because (a) the big official bodies were apt to hold that the publication of the results of research should be held up until all policies suggested had received the full approval of the combined bodies, and (b) because the official bodies were apt, in selecting or rejecting subjects on which they were prepared to authorise or encourage research, to be guided more by considerations of short-view expediency than an independent body such as the Fabian Society. It was held that the carrying out of the proposal in any formal way would be likely to hold up our research and to lead to friction whenever we desired to publicise policies which had not received full official approval, and to destroy the independence of the Fabian Society as a Socialist research body. On the other hand, it was agreed that, the more informal contact we can get with the research departments of the other bodies, the better. This is no more than we have consistently attempted hitherto, but it was agreed that further informal approaches ought to be made.

2 Local Societies

(d) It was generally agreed that on the one hand we could not leave the local societies entirely to their own devices and on the other we could not spare them more than a limited amount of help. The idea of appointing a travelling organiser was thought good, but was regarded as impracticable at present on both financial and personnel grounds. Neither the right person nor the money seems likely to be available. This means that we must do our best to guide the activities of local societies from headquarters by means of directives, by convening week-end schools and conferences, and by encouraging them to publicise locally the results of our research and also to apply it, in suitable cases, to local conditions.

(e) It was emphasized that, in face of differing local conditions, it is undesirable to attempt to force the local societies into a uniform pattern. They should, however, be encouraged to become affiliated to local Labour Parties (as most actually are) and to work as far as possible in and with the local Labour Movements, including the rendering of assistance in local research and information, the organising of educational conferences, and so on. It was regarded as highly desirable to build up, as quickly as conditions allow, Regional Federations of local Fabian Societies; but it was not regarded as practicable to attempt this at present over the whole country. There must be a good nucleus of local societies to form a basis for a Regional Federation in any area.

(f) It was suggested that local societies should be stimulated to make closer contacts with bodies active in educational work done in factories and canteens, and generally with local Trade Union and Co-operative bodies. These suggestions were not worked out in terms of ways and means, and some doubt was thrown on the ability of most local societies to tackle them, except on a small scale. It was pointed out that to encourage inferior or ill-informed work in these fields might do more harm than good.

3 Central Organisation

(g) It was suggested that the Society ought to appoint a Deputy Treasurer, to act solely as a money-raiser. This was regarded as worth consideration, if a really suitable man could be found; but it was emphasised that it would be useless to find a man who would merely appeal again to those who were already being appealed to. The proposal would be of value only if the Society could find a person who would be able to appeal to a quite different group of possible supporters.

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(h) There were suggestions from some members that, unless a larger revenue could be secured, the Society would do better to curtail its activities so as to do a few things well rather than many by halves. But no very clear proposals were made about the activities that could be cut off. It was pointed out that the local societies cost little, and that no great economy could be made by reducing activity in this field; and discussion of the work of the Colonial and International Bureau took the line rather of suggesting that they needed increased research staff than of proposing curtailments. In this connection it needs to be borne in mind that more research staff would mean more typing staff as well. It was agreed that additions to the staff are desirable; but the question is one of money, and, when resources become available, of priorities among the various claims.

(i) There was a good deal of discussion about the working of the Executive and its Committees. Several members urged that the Executive meetings were too infrequent or short to allow major questions of policy to be considered, and appeared to wish more time to be given to policy and less to administration, which they wished to see delegated more than at present to committees reporting only on major matters to the full Executive. In this connection, it was pointed out (1) that the Executive has shown a lively determination to discuss details, even when they have already been considered by Committees, and seems unlikely to give up this habit, and (2) that the absence of discussions of Socialist policy at Executive meetings is bound up with the deliberate decision of the Society to have no policy, beyond a general faith in Socialism embodied in its rules. This means that questions of Socialist policy are discussed in groups and committees of the Society, but not save quite exceptionally at Executive meetings. On the other hand, questions of the Society's policy - that is, methods of strategy and tactics, as distinct from matters of policy which are barred by the conditions laid down in the 'self-denying ordinance', unless, instead, it were decided to set aside certain days for unofficial or informal meetings of the Executive, to be devoted to discussions of such matters, and not to have any binding character. It was felt that this could not be done under present conditions with prospects of getting a satisfactory attendance.

(j) In considering executive organisation, it should be borne in mind that there used to be a Finance and General Purposes Committee, meeting between Executives, and also a general Research Committee, co-ordinating all the research work. The present organisation was adopted as a war measure, owing to the difficulty of securing frequent attendance. It was considered to be desirable to increase the membership of the existing Finance Committee, so as to enable it to act as a Finance and General Purposes Committee, but without delegating to it any power to act in matters of major importance. A proposal that the Executive should meet fortnightly, instead of monthly, was rejected on the ground that it would be impracticable under present conditions to get a sufficiently regular attendance. It was considered to be desirable to increase the membership of the existing Finance Committee, so as to enable it to act as a Finance and General Purposes Committee, but without delegating to it any power to act in matters of major importance. A proposal that the Executive should meet fortnightly, instead of monthly, was rejected on the ground that it would be impracticable under present conditions to get a sufficiently regular attendance.

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Committee and the International Bureau in, e.g., international economic research. There was a discussion on the question whether the control of research work undertaken by local societies ought to rest with such a Research Committee, if it were set up, or with the Socialist Propaganda Committee, or whether Local Home Research should be under the Home Research Committee, even if a general Research Committee was not established. It was decided to ask the special Planning Committee to report upon these points.

(l) It was agreed that some reconstitution of the Socialist Propaganda Committee is needed. It would probably be best to change its name to Local Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee (as there are reasons against dropping the present name just now), and to make it responsible for local organising as a whole, including relations with local societies, except in connection with finance, arrangements for Annual Meetings and voting, and possibly research (see above). It was further recommended that the Summer School Committee should be put in charge of general Conferences, week-end schools, lunches, and social functions, in addition to its existing responsibility for the Easter and Christmas Schools. It was suggested that some further organising work might be put under this Committee.

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(m) It was urged that more should be done to inform members - especially new members - about the character and work of the Society, and that an explanatory leaflet or memorandum should be prepared and circulated. It was pointed out that lack of a journal made it difficult to keep regular contact with members, and that the directive issued to local societies did not in practice fully meet the need in their case. But no very precise suggestions were made about practicable methods of maintaining better regular contacts.

(n) At the beginning of the discussion a good deal was said to suggest that the Society's work had in some ways fallen off from the standards of "the old days". This criticism might be taken to mean either of two things - either (a) that the standards have fallen off in respect of the individual pieces of work published, or (b) that the work hangs together less as a whole, and represents less of a purposive drive. The view of the Executive appeared to be that there is no truth in (a), and that the quality of the work done has in no way fallen off. It is, however, absurd to suppose that the Society's influence and work can be of the same character now as they were when it was practically alone in the field - when there was neither any other research agency in the Labour Movement, nor any such body outside the Movement as P.L.P. or Sir William Beveridge's research organisation. On the other hand, (b) is largely true, and is bound to be true as long as the Society maintains its 'self-denying ordinance' and continues to endeavour to combine in one body Socialists holding widely different views about policy. The Society cannot at the same time (1) have no opinions and (2) put its opinions effectively across. The Executive holds strongly that the 'self-denying ordinance' ought to be maintained. The Fabian Society could not again become a body preaching a distinctive Fabian gospel and policy without altering its constitution and sacrificing some of its inclusiveness - or without serious risk of conflict with the official Labour organisations. It is of no use to pretend that we can have it both ways.

(o) It was agreed that an oral report on the discussions which had taken place should be submitted by the Chairman as the basis for debate at the Annual Meeting, and that a statement of the conclusions reached should be passed on to the new Executive with a suggestion that those of general concern be incorporated in an explanatory leaflet on the Society's work to be issued to all members and to new members as they join.

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(p) In conclusion may I say, as one who has perforce given little time of late to the Society's work, that I feel much of the 'self criticism' put forward at the old Executive to be exaggerated. My own view is that the Society is in general doing very well, under great difficulties due to shortage of active workers, and that there is much more solid ground for congratulation to the active officers, members and staff than for depreciation.

(q) The Executive decided to record its endorsement of the Chairman's note, and to express to the staff its cordial thanks for their excellent work during the past year.

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2 Local Societies

(d) It seemed to be generally agreed that on the one hand we could not leave the local societies entirely to their own devices and on the other we could not spare them more than a limited amount of help. The idea of appointing a travelling organiser was thought good, but was regarded as impracticable at present on both financial and personnel grounds. Neither the right person nor the money seemed likely to be available. This meant that we must do our best to guide the activities of local societies from headquarters by means of directives, and by encouraging them to publicise locally the results of our research and also to apply it, in suitable cases, to local conditions.

(e) It was emphasized that, in face of differing local conditions, it is desirable to attempt to force the local societies into a uniform pattern. They should, however, be encouraged to become affiliated to local Labour Parties (as most actually are) and to work as far as possible in and with the local Labour Movements, including the rendering of assistance in local research and information, the organising of educational conferences, and so on. It was regarded as desirable to build up, as quickly as conditions allowed, Regional Federations of local Fabian Societies; but it was not regarded as practicable to attempt this at present over the whole country. There must be a good nucleus of local societies to form a basis for a Regional Federation in any area.

(f) It was suggested that local societies should be stimulated to make closer contacts with factory Production Committees and similar bodies, with the educational work done in factories and canteens, and generally with local Trade Union and Co-operative bodies. These suggestions were not worked out in terms of ways and means, and some doubt was thrown on the ability of most local societies to tackle them, except on a small scale. It was pointed out that to encourage inferior or ill-informed work in these fields might do much more harm than good.

3 Central Organisation

(g) It was suggested that the Society ought to appoint a Deputy Treasurer, to act solely as a money-raiser. This was regarded as worth consideration, if a really suitable man could be found; but it was emphasized that it would be useless to find a man who would merely appeal again to those who were already being appealed to. The proposal would be of value only if the Society could find a person who would be able to appeal to a quite different group of possible supporters.

(h) There were suggestions that, unless a larger revenue could be secured, the Society would do better to control its activities so as to do a few things well rather than many by halves. But no very clear proposals were made about the activities that could be cut off. It was pointed out that the local societies cost little, and that no great economy could be made in this field; and discussion of the work of the Colonial and International Bureaus took the line rather of suggesting that they needed increased research staff than of proposing curtailments. In this connection

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it needs to be borne in mind that more research staff would mean more typing staff as well.

(i) There was a good deal of discussion about the working of the Executive and its Committees. Several members held that the Executive meetings were too infrequent or short to allow major questions of policy to be considered, and appeared to wish more time to be given to policy and less to administration, which they wished to see delegated to committees reporting only on major matters to the full Executive. In this connection, it must be pointed out (1) that the Executive shows a lively determination to discuss details, even when they have already been considered by Committees, and seems unlikely to give up this habit, and (2) that the absence of discussions of Socialist policy at Executive meetings is bound up with the deliberate decision of the Society to have no policy, beyond a general faith in Socialism embodied in its rules. This means that questions of Socialist policy are discussed in groups and committees of the Society, but not save quite exceptionally at Executive meetings. On the other hand, questions of the Society's policy - that is, methods of strategy and tactics laid down in the 'self-denying ordinance', clearly ought to be discussed by the Executive, and in fact are, though not very systematically nor, perhaps, enough of late. To advocate discussions of Socialist policy in the wider sense by the Executive means in effect to advocate a renewal of the 'self-denying ordinance', unless, instead, it were decided to set aside certain days for unofficial or informal meetings of the Executive, to be devoted to discussions of such matters, and not to have any binding character. It is another question whether this could be done under present conditions with prospects of getting a satisfactory attendance.

(j) In considering executive organisation, it should be borne in mind that there used to be a Finance and General Purpose Committee, meeting between Executives, and also a general Research Committee, co-ordinating all the research work. The present organisation was adopted as a war measure, owing to the difficulty of securing frequent attendance. It is worth considering whether the Executive should now revert to the arrangement of a General Purposes Committee designed to take much of the routine work off its hands; but it would then be necessary to define clearly the functions to be delegated to such a Committee. The alternative would be for the Executive itself to meet more often, say fortnightly.

(k) It is also worth considering whether the general Research Committee should be revised. If so, this could probably best be done by expanding the existing Home Research Committee, which is already a co-ordinating body within its own sphere, rather than creating a new Committee to co-ordinate it with the Committees at present outside its jurisdiction. It seems as if there ought to be a general body co-ordinating all the Society's research, especially in view of the danger of overlapping between the existing sections, e.g. between the Economic Committee and the International Bureau in, e.g., international economic research. It seems clear that control of research work undertaken by local societies ought to rest with such a Research Committee, if it were set up, rather than with the Socialist Propaganda Committee. Local Home Research should be under the Home Research Committee, even if a general Research Committee is not established.

(l) It seemed to be agreed that some re-constitution of the Socialist Propaganda Committee is needed. It would probably be best to change its name to Organising and Socialist Propaganda Committee (as there are reasons against dropping the present name just now), and to make it responsible for organising as a whole, including relations with local societies, except in connection with research, finance, and arrangements for Annual Meetings and voting.

4 General

(m) It was urged that more should be done to inform members - especially new members - about the character and work of the Society, and that an explanatory leaflet or memorandum should be prepared and circulated.

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It was pointed out that lack of a journal made it difficult to keep regular contact with members, and that the directive issued to local societies did not in practice fully meet the need in their case. But no very precise suggestions were made about practicable methods of maintaining better regular contacts.

(n) A good deal was said to suggest that the Society's work had in some ways fallen off from the standards of "the old days". This criticism may mean either of two things - either (a) that the standards have fallen off in respect of the individual pieces of work published, or (b) that the work hangs together less as a whole, and represents less of a purposive drive. I do not think (a) is at all true; indeed, I am sure it is not. It is, however, absurd to suppose that the Society's influence and work can be of the same character now as they were when it was practically alone in the field - when there was neither any other research agency in the Labour Movement, nor any such body outside the Movement as P.E.P. or Sir William Beveridge's research organisation. On the other hand, (b) is largely true, and is bound to be true as long as the Society maintains its 'self-denying ordinance' and continues to endeavour to combine in one body Socialists holding widely different views about policy. The Society cannot at the same time (1) have no opinions and (2) put its opinions effectively across. The Executive must consider which kind of limitation it prefers. It can become a Fabian Society preaching a distinctive Fabian gospel and policy; but it cannot do this without altering its constitution and sacrificing some of its inclusiveness - or probably without risk of conflict with the big official Labour organisations. It is of no use to pretend that we can have it both ways.

(o) If we can reach conclusions on the above issues, I suggest that we should draft this out and then (1) possibly submit them, in writing or orally, for discussion at the Annual Meeting, and (2) pass this on to the new Executive with a suggestion that those of general concern be incorporated in an explanatory leaflet on the Society's work to be issued to all members and to new members as they join.

(p) In conclusion may I say, as one who has perforce given little time of late to the Society's work, that I feel much of the 'self criticism' put forward at the last Executive to be exaggerated. My own view is that the Society is in general doing very well, under great difficulties due to shortage of active workers, and that there is much more solid ground for congratulation to the active officers, members and staff than for depreciation.

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MINUTES of a special meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, June 12 1944, at P.M.P. Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. at 3.30 p.m.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Barker, Barou, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Diamond, Durbin, Farington, Planners, Griffiths, Miss Lawrence, Mitchison, Robson, Skeffington, Miss Sutherland, Wilson, Woolf, Creech Jones.

Apologies from Franklin.

Staff Present Parker, Gollancz, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Sanford, Dr. Hinden

- 1 Staff Attendance It was decided to invite those responsible for the research departments and S.P.C. to attend.
- 2 Sidney Webb It was decided to congratulate him on his O.B.E.
- 3 Dr. Stark Murray's Letter This was received. It was decided to reassert the Society's intention of publishing popular pamphlets when occasion demanded whilst giving priority during paper shortage to research pamphlets.
- 4 Memoranda by Durbin and Barou These were considered. It was decided to consider a statement by Cole on the points raised at an adjourned meeting to be held on June 26th at 3.30 p.m. at P.M.P.; the same members of staff were to be invited to attend.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, June 26 1944, at 3.30 p.m. at P.M.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of May 22 (on back)
- 2 Minutes of meeting of June 12 (above)
- 3 Autumn Lectures Consideration of subjects and speakers
- 4 S.P.C. Minutes (May 24th - above; June 20th - on the table)
- 5 International Bureau Minutes On the table
- 6 Continuation of discussion on work of Society (Chairman's Summary - enclosed)
- 7 Resolutions before A.C.M.
- 8 Other Business

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General Secretary.

(2) P. Meyer: "It is the object of the Fabian Society to train its members in the fundamental issues of politics, in the objects and theory of socialism in relation to contemporary society and in the methods and technique of political organisation and propaganda so that they may be able to play a useful part in the socialist movement as a whole and that the educational activities of the Fabian Society should be directed towards that end." (3) Ruby Seaton: "This Annual Meeting regrets that no closing date for receipt of resolutions was circulated to the membership and instructs the Executive Committee to remedy this omission for the future". The following resolution was amended and passed: "The Fabian Society needs a general programme defining its place in the Socialist Movement and that such a programme should be regularly reviewed and the organisation and work of the Fabian Society moulded to carry it out efficiently". Other resolutions were rejected or withdrawn in response to a full statement on the proposed new Research Programme made by the Chairman.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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MINUTES of meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, June 26th, 1944, at PEP, 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. (70)

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Darcu, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Farington, Flanders, Griffiths, Crooch Jones, Liddison, Skuffington, Wilson, Woolf.

Apologies from Robson, Sutherland.

Staff Parker, Gollancz, Gray, Dr. Mindon, Mrs. Danford, Mrs. Fox.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of May 22 These were corrected and approved.
- 2 Minutes of meeting of June 12 Approved.
- 3 Autumn Lectures It was decided to hold these on the basis of Mrs. Cole's suggestions. Mrs. Cole, Albu and Parker were to form a sub-committee to draw up detailed suggestions.
- 4 S.P.C. Minutes Approved
- 5 International Bureau Minutes Approved.
- 6 Women's Group Approval was given to the proposal to give evidence before the Royal Commission on Equal Pay.
- 7 National Conference on Legal Aid It was decided not to send a delegate.
- 8 A.C.M. It was decided (a) to appoint Cole as Chairman; (b) that Cole should report in his speech on the proposed new programme of research work; (c) to ask for further information on the first resolution on the agenda, to oppose the second and third, and support the fourth; (d) to point out to the A.C.M. that resolutions not "on the paper" had come in too late but could be discussed at the discretion of the chairman with the consent of the A.C.M.
- 8 Discussion on work of Society This was continued; Cole's summary of the preceding discussion and suggested changes were amended and approved for reference to the incoming E.C. It was decided to recommend the immediate setting up of a Research Planning Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, July 1, 1944, at 2.30 at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C.1. About 80 members were present.

- 1 Chairman Cole was elected as chairman of the meeting.
- 2 Postal Ballot for Executive for 1944-5 The results on the list at end of minutes was read out.
- 3 Annual Report This was introduced, discussed and accepted. A proposal for the creation of a Building Group and other suggestions were referred to the new Research Planning Committee.
- 4 Treasurer's Report. This was received. It was decided to send Bernard Shaw a letter of thanks for his offer of the mortgage on 11 Dartmouth Street to the Society.
- 5 Statement of Accounts Received
- 6 Auditors It was decided to appoint Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co. as Gen. auditors for the ensuing year.
- 7 Resolutions The following resolutions were accepted by the meeting and referred to the relevant departments to implement: (1) Joan Thompson: "The Fabian Society should provide a definite educational programme for members of Local Fabian Societies".

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A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, July 24, 1944, at 4 p.m. at PEP 1, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of June 26 (on back)
- 2 Minutes of July 1st (below)
- 3 Minutes of Annual General Meeting (on back)
- 4 Minutes of S.P.C. (on the table)
- 5 Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee of July 10 (enc.)
- 6 Minutes of Planning Committee (enclosed)
- 7 Further co-options (if any)
- 8 Appointment of Committees for the year
- 9 Any other recommendations made on June 26th requiring action (Summary)
- 10 Other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Saturday, July 1, 1944, during the Annual General Meeting at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C.1.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Darou, Creech Jones, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Mr. Cole, Miss Sutherland, Parker and Gollancz.

Apologies Jim Griffiths.

1 Co-options for 1944-5 It was decided to ask the following to serve: Woolf, Flanders, Skeffington, Mitchison and Wilson. X Further co-options were to be considered at the next meeting. X Blance White

2 Officers for 1944-5 It was decided to elect G.D.H. Cole as Chairman and Mrs. Cole as Hon. Secretary.

3 Research Planning Committee It was decided to ask the following to serve: Durbin (chairman), Albu, Creech Jones, Woolf, Mitchison, Rabson, Mrs. Cole, Parker. The Committee was to have full powers to call for evidence and to interview interested persons.

4 Finance and General Purposes Committee It was decided to ask the following to constitute such a Committee: Davies, Skeffington, Mrs. Cole, Darou, Parker and Wilson. A meeting with representatives of the staff to discuss salaries was to take place on July 10 at 3.30 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, July 10 1944, at 3.30 p.m. in Oliver's room at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee of May 8th (below)
- 2 Informal discussion with representatives of newly formed Staff Association on Staff salaries, wages, etc.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE held on Monday May 8th, 1944, at 4 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Davies (chair), Franklin, Parker and Gollancz.

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- 1 Present Financial Position It was reported that there was a small deficit on the year ending 31 March, 1944; a donation had been promised which would meet this. It was agreed that the accounts should be sent to the Auditors.
- 2 Estimates for year ending 31 March 1945 It was estimated that on conservative figures there would be an income of about £7,200 and an expenditure of about £7,500.
- 3 Recommendations that no drastic changes be made in the activities of the Society. It was hoped that further increases in membership and in donations from the Dartmouth Street Trust would meet this difference.
- 4 Home Research Secretary It was recommended that an increased salary of £25 a year be given from 1 June 1944.
- 5 Clerical Staff The proposals put forward from the staff meeting were considered. It was recommended that the principle of a salary scale should be accepted but that a new scheme should not be drawn up and put into operation until after the war.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE held on Tuesday, July 16, 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Durbin, Mitchison, Robson, Woolf, Parker, Gray, Edita Hinden, Mrs. Sanford, Fish.

1 Staff The research staff were invited to attend after a preliminary discussion.

2 Letters of Cole and Durbin These were considered.

3 Recommendations (1) Machinery (a) All suggestions for research (outside accepted plan) and raising of special funds to be reported to Research Planning Committee; (b) A Planning Committee to be appointed on a permanent basis to meet at least quarterly and report to the R.C.; (c) Executive Committee A meeting every quarter to be held to deal primarily with research matters.
(2) Caps in Work (a) India An effort to be made to get special funds and personnel to do work in this field; (b) Donations A Dominions Advisory Group to be set up and run by the Organising Secretary (to be directly under the Research Planning Committee)

4 International Bureau (a) Research Worker It was decided to recommend to the Executive the appointment of a research worker at a salary of about £250 for a year, the necessary funds having been offered, who should work on an International Authority and generally organise research. The research worker was to have the use of a room offered by Woolf; an effort was to be made to get funds for a longer period than a year's work; (b) Further work It was suggested that a study should be made "of the balance of power as determined by demographic and military forces".

5 Colonial Bureau (a) A further report was to be received on staff difficulties in the research and administrative fields together with concrete proposals; (b) A suggestion for drawing up a new Colonial Policy for the Labour Party was to be referred to the Colonial Bureau.

6 Economics and Industrial Group Preliminary discussions took place on these fields of work.

7 Date of next meeting Tuesday, July 25th at 4.30 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A meeting of the RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE will take place on Tuesday, July 25th, at 4.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. Members are specially requested to bring with them the documents which were put on the table at the last meeting.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday, July 10th, 1944, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Davies (chair), Darou, Cole, Mrs. Cole, Skeffington, Parker and Gollanez.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of May 8 Approved.
- 2 Report on Salaries, Wages, Pensions and Conditions Received
- 3 Expenses for voluntary workers It was decided to go into these to see that income tax regulations were not broken. Further expenses were to be given to Mrs. Fox and Dick Davies to the value of £1 and 10/- a week respectively; Davies's increase was to be dependent upon the number of hours worked.
- 4 Meeting with representatives of the Staff Association An informal discussion on salaries, wages, and conditions took place. It was agreed that the association would forward proposals on these to the committee for consideration. It was also agreed to recommend the Executive formally to recognize the Staff Association should the statement of its objects and constitution prove satisfactory.
- 5 Holidays It was decided to recommend that in future all members of the staff over 18 should be entitled to a month's holiday with pay. Juniors were to be entitled to 3 weeks and were to continue to be allowed one week of their holiday at the Summer School free with fares paid. These holidays were to apply this year. Those who had not spent a full year in the Society's service were to have proportionate holidays.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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A special meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday September 4 at PEP, 16, Queen Anne's Gate, at 4.30 p.m. to consider the completed report of the Research Planning Committee. Please note date and bring these minutes to the meeting. A reminder will be sent nearer the date.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, July 24 1944, at 4 p.m. at PEP, 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Barou, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Flanders, Creech Jones, Hitchison, Skeffington, Wilson, White, Parker.

Apoles from Griffiths, Sutherland.

1 Minutes of meeting of June 26 These were corrected and approved. The report of the sub-committee on the Audam Lectures was received and, after further suggestions had been made, was endorsed.

2 Minutes of meeting of July 1 These were approved; the election of Cole as chairman of the Research Planning Committee was confirmed.

3 Minutes of the A.G.M. Resolutions not already dealt with were referred to the S.P.C. for action.

4 Further Co-options to E.C. It was decided to ask Franklin to serve for the current year.

5 Appointment of Committees for 1944-5 (1) Colonial Bureau Creech Jones, Trilford, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Cartledge, Dalgleish, Farington, Greenidge, Morrabin, Julian Huxley, Arthur Lewis, Listowel, Macmillan, Parker, Riley, Shiels, Sorensen, Wolf, Miss Wong. Susan Lawrence was to be added if able to attend meetings.

(2) International Bureau Wolf, Trilford, Mrs. Cole, Farington, Arnold Forster, Helen Grant, Griffiths, Dr. Hinden, Lynd, Masli, Marrack, Parker, Pickles, Strauss, Miss Woodman, Yates, Zilliacus. Wolf was to be approached as to possible additional names being added from the E.C.

(3) Local Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee (a) It was decided to rename the S.P.C. in this way; (b) The following members were appointed: Parker, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Flanders, Hillar, Postgate, Skeffington, Minley Atkinson, Jean Thompson. The following staff: Parker, Collanz, Mrs. Fox, Jack Gray, Dr. Hinden, Mrs. Sanford, Fiske. Orbach was to be asked to serve if able to attend.

(4) Summer School and Conferences Committee (2) It was decided to rename the Summer School Committee in this way and to widen the scope of its work to cover conferences, dances, lunches and other Schools run by the Society as a whole; (b) Members: Mrs. Cole, Davies, Dorothy Fox, Hugh Franklin, Humphreys, Agnes Murray, H. Pease, Cora Price, Parker, Skeffington, Brian Thompson, Blance White.

(5) Home Research and Industrial Propaganda It was decided to leave consideration of their membership until the Research Planning Committee had reported. Their sub-committees were to carry on for the time being.

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

As agreed at full meeting on 26th July, 1944
and as amended on 20th Oct. 1944

- 1 Title The name of the Association is the Fabian Society Staff Association.
- 2 Objects To represent the staff in negotiations on salaries, wages and conditions in the manner of a ~~Trade Union~~ *Staff Association*, putting its views before the Finance and General Purposes Committee in the first instance as the relevant sub-committee of the Executive of the Society.
- 3 Members Any member of the Fabian staff is eligible for membership.
- 4 Subscription It is not anticipated that funds will be needed, but in the event of funds being required the Committee shall have the right to levy not more than 6d per member in any one month.
- 5 Management The management of the Association is vested in an Annual General Meeting which shall elect a Committee of six members of the staff, from which one shall be elected Chairman and one Secretary. Nominations made by staff members must be received by the Secretary not later than the 10th day of June in any year.
 - (a) Voting shall be by secret ballot, six votes being granted to each member of the staff.
 - (b) The Committee has the power to co-opt not more than two members during any one year.
 - (c) The Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy in an honorary office and the person appointed shall hold office only for the remainder of the term of office for which the vacating member has been appointed.
 - (d) Subject to the decision of the Annual or any special meeting the Committee shall have full control over the affairs of the Association.
 - (e) An Extraordinary General Meeting can be called at any time on notice being given to the Secretary by three members of the Association; the Secretary giving all members at least 14 days notice of the date of the meeting.
 - (f) An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the last fortnight of June, 28 days previous notice having been given to all members.
- 6 Alteration of Rules An alteration of the Rules can be made by a two-thirds majority of those present at any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.

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6 Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee (a) These were corrected and accepted. Holidays for staff over 10 were to be for 4 weeks in future; holidays for all staff were to be made by arrangement with the General Secretary; (b) Staff Association It was decided to recognise such a body "to represent the staff in negotiations on salaries, wages, and conditions in the manner of a trade union, putting its views before the Finance and General Purposes Committee in the first instance as the relevant sub-committee of the Executive of the Society". Such recognition was to be dependent upon receipt of the constitution and rules of the organisation showing its purpose to be as stated, and to be without prejudice to the rights of returning members now on our service; (c) Two Guinea members Powers were given to send their non-research publications on demand.

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7 Staff and Bombing Out Mrs. Cole, Davies and Parlor were appointed as a sub-committee to give advice and assistance if necessary, to members of staff in difficulties owing to being bombed out.

8 Suggested Explanatory Leaflet to Members This was to be drawn up by the Organising Secretary and submitted to L.S.S.P.C. for consideration.

9 Research Planning Minutes Minutes of meeting of July 10 were corrected and confirmed. (a) Deirdre's Group Planders, White, Crooch Jones, Drum and Shiels were to be invited to serve; (b) International Bureau Approval was given to taking on a research worker at a salary of £250 per year should the necessary funds be forthcoming to work on "An International Authority" and generally undertake research. Wolf's offer of a room for the research worker was accepted; an effort was to be made to get funds for a longer period than a year.

10 Date of Next Meeting: Monday, September 4th.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

EUROPEAN SOCIETY :::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S.W.1

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, September 25 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at PEP, 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of July 24 (already sent)
- 2 Minutes of meetings of Research Planning Committee of July 10 and 25 (enclosed)
- 3 Minutes of sub-committees (enclosed)
- 4 Report on Autumn Lectures
- 5 Date of Finance and General Purposes Committee
- 6 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

7 Industrial Group (a) The following group was appointed to investigate its work and report back: Cole, Albu, Flanders, Lilardo, Silverman, Morswick. (b) No new panels were to be set up pending its report. Derelict panels were to be dissolved. (c) The Industrial Group was to go through and consider all reports on the reconstruction of particular industries.

8 Date of next meeting: September 7 at 4.30

9 Interim Report A report on first two meetings was to be made to the next Executive. The Committee recommended its reappointment to draw up a short term programme.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of meetings of the RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE held on Tuesday July 18 and July 25 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Durbin, Hitchison, Robson, Woolf, Parker, Gray, Rita Linden, Mrs. Sanford, Fiske.

- 1 Staff The research staff were invited to attend after a preliminary discussion.
- 2 Letters of Cole and Durbin These were considered.
- 3 Recommendations (1) Machinery (a) A Research Planning Committee to be appointed on a permanent basis to meet at least quarterly and report to the Executive Committee. (b) All suggestions for research (outside the accepted plan) and raising of special funds for research to be reported to the Research Planning Committee. (c) A meeting of the Executive Committee every quarter to be held to deal primarily with research matters. (2) Gaps Not Covered by Existing Committees (a) India An effort to be made to get special funds and personnel to do work in this field. (b) Dominions A Dominions Advisory Group to be set up and run by the Organising Secretary; the following were to be asked to serve with powers to co-opt: Flanders, Creech Jones, White and Drummond Shiels.
- 4 International Bureau (a) Research Worker It was decided to recommend to the Executive the appointment of a research worker at a salary of about £250 for a year, the necessary funds having been offered, who should work on "An International Authority" and generally undertake research. The research worker was to have the use of a room offered by Woolf; an effort was to be made to get funds for a longer period than a year's work; (b) Further work It was suggested that a study should be made "of the balance of power as determined by demographic and military forces".
- 5 Colonial Bureau (a) A further report was to be received on staff difficulties in the research and administrative fields together with concrete proposals; (b) A suggestion for drawing up a new Colonial Policy for the Labour Party was to be referred to the Colonial Bureau.
- 6 Home Research (a) It was decided to recommend that a research assistant to work in this field under the present Home Research Secretary should be appointed; the Home Research Secretary should become a general Research Secretary; (b) Economics Committee It was felt desirable that more work should be done in the statistical field and on the fundamental economic theory of socialism and of planning. (c) New Fabian Essays A postal discussion was to be started by Cole. Mrs. Cole, Durbin, Albu, Creech Jones, Robson, Woolf and staff members were to receive 15S in turn and add comments and new observations. A carbon of all comments was to be sent to the office for filing. (d) Local Government Work was to be put in hand when resources available; a fresh mind to do research in this field was desirable. (e) Political Committee It was felt desirable to recreate such a Committee. The following were suggested as members: Robson, Edeline Cohen, McColl, Miss Hardy, Frank Hardie, Mrs. Bolton, Chester. The matter was to be further considered. (f) Social Security Committee Its future was to be considered.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, October 23 1944, at 4.15 p.m. at P.B.P. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of E.C. of September 25 (below)
- 2 Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings of October 4 and October 16 (enclosed)
- 3 Report of Research Planning Committee (to follow)
- 4 Minutes of Summer School and Conferences Committee (enclosed)
- 5 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, September 25, 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at P.B.P. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

Present Cole (Chair), Albu, Barcu, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Harrington, Manders, Franklin, Wilson, Miss Wilkinson, Bianca White, Parker and Gollanz. *S. Keppeler, Robson*

Apologies from Creech Jones, Griffiths, Miss Sutherland, W. Lf.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of July 24. These were corrected and approved. The words "in the manner of a trade union" were objected to in the terms of recognition of the Staff Association who were to be approached to delete them.
- 2 Correspondence to the E.C. It was decided to ask Joan Thompson to serve for the year 1944-5.
- 3 Minutes of the Research Planning Committee (a) International Bureau Research Worker Authority for making this appointment was confirmed. The following were to act as an Appointments Committee: Wolf, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Cole, Barcu, Parker. (b) Colonial Bureau Authority was given for the appointment of a research and administrative assistant for one year; a sum of £250 having been guaranteed for all necessary expenses. The following were to act as an Appointments Committee: Creech Jones, Dr. Linden, Mrs. Cole, Franklin, Parker. (c) Other matters arising were left over for consideration after a further meeting of the Committee.
- 4 Minutes of Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee meeting of July 3 and August 5 Approved.
- 5 Minutes of International Bureau Advisory Committee of June 20 and August 22 Approved. It was decided that the pamphlet on an International Post-war Settlement should be published directly under Leonard W. Lf's name and without the proposed sub-title.

6 Minutes of Meeting of Local Societies and S.P.C. of September 12 - Approved.

7 Report on Autumn Lectures Received. Suggestions were made to fill vacancies in programme.

8 Quarterly The following committee was appointed to discuss its future with heads of policy departments and report back to the E.C.: Mrs. Cole, Davies, Robson.

9 Labour Discussion Notes Albu promised to report on possibility of taking them over to next E.C.

10 Publications The following were to be published, subject to approval of the suggested readers:

- (a) Full Employment Quiz (Planders); Albu, Skeffington
- (b) Structural Unemployment and Location of Industry (Margaret Stewart); Cole, Harold Wilson
- (c) Monopoly (Arthur Lewis); Planders, Worswick
- (d) Health and Politics (J.P.S. Ross); Margaret Cole and either Jim Griffiths or Creach Jones.

11 Summer School and Conferences Committee Minutes These were to be circulated to the Executive.

12 Dates of Committees

- (a) Finance and General Purposes Committee October 4; October 16, at 4.30 p.m.
- (b) Research Planning Committee October 9 at 4.30 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of meetings of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Wednesday, October 4, and Monday, October 16, at 4.30 at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present: Davies (chair), Barou, Cole, Mrs. Cole, Skeffington, Parker and Gollancz.

Apoles from Wilson.

1. Hairhead's Letter The Treasurer was to deal with this.
2. Research Assistant (Int. Bureau) and Administrative Research Assistant (Col. Bureau) These posts were to be advertised at £200 a year.
3. Staff Association Proposals These were fully discussed with representatives of the Staff Association. It was decided to make the following recommendations to the Executive:

(1) Staff Association and Appointments That the suggestion "In any cases of upgrading, or future appointments we should like to feel that the Society would adopt the present progressive tendency of either consulting its Staff Association or of inviting a member of the Association to serve on its Appointments Committee" is wholly unacceptable as it would interfere with the Executive's right to develop the Society as it thinks desirable. Responsible members of staff concerned would naturally be consulted in the case of particular appointments, but in their personal capacity.

(2) Organising Secretaryship That no decision be taken with regard to the post of Organising Secretary which would prejudice the rights of H.D. Hughes on his return.

(3) Wages Scale for Clerical Staff and Juniors That such a scale should be introduced to the following effect:

(a) Juniors A starting wage at L. of 25/- a week with increments of 2/6 every four months, if work satisfactory, until the age of 18. The General Secretary to have authority to give a commission to those working in the Bookshop and an extra sum not exceeding the Bookshop commission to any junior working in another department.

(b) Clerical Assistants A starting salary of £3.15.0 rising by two annual instalments of 2/6 per week. In the case of miners salary to be 5/- less for each year under 21.

(c) Senior Assistants A minimum salary of £4. 2. 6 rising by two annual instalments of 2/6 per week. Promotion from the grade of clerical assistant to senior assistant to be by recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the grounds of the responsibility of the work done. Miss Elsie Newton to be promoted to this grade.

(4) War Bonus for Clerical Staff A war bonus of 5/- a week to be given to Senior Assistants and Clerical Assistants if over 21 and 6 months in the Society's employ: The continuance of the bonus to be reviewed at the end of the Japanese war.

(5) Senior Staff That no scale be adopted for the Senior Staff. Any applications for increases to be considered on their merits separately by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

(6) Status of Mrs. Furler and Mrs. Watson That they should be promoted to the rank of Senior Staff with a wage of £4. 7. 6 per week.

(7) Part-time Staff and Research Assistants Starting wages and increments to be considered on merits in each case.

(8) Tine off for those with Domestic Responsibilities During the war the General Secretary to be given authority to allow a reasonable amount of tine off with a proportionate decrease in salary.

(9) All increases to date from first pay day after ratification by the E.C.

The Staff Representatives provisionally agreed to all the items save (5) and (7).

4. Proposals Submitted by Chairman of Colonial Bureau Crouch Jones to be seen by the Finance and General Purposes Committee before decisions taken.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE held on October 9, 1944, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Mrs. Cole, Durbin, Nicholson, Parker, Gallanec, Gray, Dr. Linden, Mrs. Bamford, Miske.

Apologies from Creech Jones, W. G. L.

1 Minutes of meetings of July 18 and 25 These were accepted subject to the following corrections and additions:

(2) b) Dominions Advisory Group Progress reported; it was decided to approach David Lewis for a pamphlet on the C.C.F.

(4) a) The research worker's salary was to be at £200 a year.

b) Further work: The following addition was made "and studies of problems of Foreign Policy on a regional basis".

(5) Colonial Bureau Decisions taken at B.C. reported. It was recommended that the new Research and Administrative Assistant should be engaged at £200 a year.

(6) Local Research It was decided to recommend that the proposed new research assistant should not be advertised for until the field of applicants for the International and Colonial Bureau posts had been seen.

2 Minutes of Committee appointed to consider work of Industrial Group These were approved subject to the following alteration. The non-research activities of the various panels were to be under the supervision of an Industrial Advisory Committee responsible direct to the B.C. with the following membership: Albu (chairman), Worswick, Milardo, John Edwards, Lines (if available), Miske (secretary).

3 Agricultural Committee A report on progress of book was received. It was suggested that further work should be done on Import Policy and an International Agricultural Policy.

4 Economics Committee Report on work in hand received. It was suggested that work should be put in hand on Foreign Trade, and State and Private Industry (especially industrial efficiency and costing).

5 Local Government Gray to discuss possible work on Rating Reform with Andy Simon. Chester was to be asked if he would consider writing up his lectures into a pamphlet and Miss Hardy to write an article for the Quarterly as a basis for discussion. A weekend conference on Local Government in the near future to be considered.

6 Political Committee No action to be taken for the present to set this up. Approval was given to proposed discussion group on the Civil Service bureaucracy, with special reference to industrial department. Melvine Cohen to be asked to draw up an outline of discussions and submit to Robson for comments.

7 Social Security Committee The original Beveridge Evidence Committee to be asked to go through the Government White Paper and consider possible statement and future research; report of suggestions to come back to R.L.C.

8 Education Committee Work suggested on University Education, in addition to proposals put forward.

9 Date of next meeting: To be settled by B.C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A copy of an Interim Report of the Research Planning Committee is enclosed, together with minutes of the last meeting.

The Chairman has asked me to inform members that he wishes the following item added to the Agenda:

The Desirability of Issuing an Executive Statement on Postwar International Machinery

JOHN BARBER
General Secretary.

RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE

Interim Report

Three meetings of the Committee have been held, with very full discussions arising out of memoranda prepared and reports on work in hand by Evan Durbin and the Chairman. The detailed minutes of these meetings are being separately circulated; meantime this is a summarizing report.

1 Machinery It is recommended

(a) that a Research Planning Committee should be appointed on a permanent basis to meet at least once in each quarter and report to the E.C.

(b) that once in each quarter a meeting of the E.C. should be held primarily to discuss research.

(c) that the Research Planning Committee should take over the functions of last year's Home Research Committee and that the latter, therefore, be not reappointed.

(d) that all suggestions for research outside plans from time to time accepted, and the raising of special funds for research should be laid before the Research Planning Committee.

2 Staff It is recommended

(a) that an administrative research assistant at a rate of £200 per annum be appointed for one year to the Colonial Bureau.

(b) that a research assistant be similarly appointed for the International Bureau.

Note As the funds for (a) and (b) have already been provided by a special donation steps have already been taken in regard to these posts.

(c) that the Home Research Secretary should become a general research secretary, and that as soon as possible an assistant at £200 per year be appointed, the servicing of the various committees and other home research work to be divided between them. This appointment was regarded as carrying high priority; we are, however, surveying the likely field of applicants before taking any further steps.

(d) that steps be taken to secure any additional accommodation or clerical assistance necessitated by (c).

3 Programme

(a) International Bureau It was understood that the research worker to

International Bureau etc.

be appointed under 2 (b) should work primarily upon "An International Authority" (work already in hand under a sub-committee), and should in addition do general research. It was suggested that studies should be made "of the balance of power as determined by demographic and military forces and of problems of foreign policy on a regional basis". These suggestions to be sent to the International Committee which would report on them together with any suggestions of its own. (The Committee is meeting on October 31st).

(b) Colonial Bureau It was suggested that the Colonial Bureau should consider drawing up a new Colonial Policy for the Labour Party and should report on this and any other plans of its own.

(c) India and the Dominions It was agreed that the absence of any work upon these subjects constituted a serious gap. It was not found possible to make any suggestions with regard to India; as regards the Dominions, the nucleus of an Advisory Group has been collected, and it is proposed to publish a pamphlet by David Lewis of the C.C.F. on The Work and Organisation of the Canadian Labour Movement.

(d) Industrial Group It having proved impracticable, partly owing to the lack of personnel, to carry on the Industrial Group on its original lines, and attempts to introduce new effectives having failed, it was decided to transfer its research work to the Economics Committee, adding John Edwards, Hildard, Worswick and Hines (if available) to the members of that Committee. Non-research work - maintaining panels of speakers and advisers, for example - to be co-ordinated by the same persons acting as a small committee, with Albu as Chairman and Wiske as secretary, reporting directly to the H.C.

(e) Home Research The discussions upon this section were not completed. It was agreed that a very serious gap was left on the subject of political government. Attempts to form a new Political Section have so far been unsuccessful, owing to the lack of available personnel. A more modest enterprise, to form a discussion group on the civil service and the problems of bureaucracy, is under consideration. See Minutes of October 9th. The Economics Committee's Report on work in hand was received. With its personnel increased as above under (d), it was requested to give special consideration to the questions of foreign trade, the relationship between state-owned and privately-owned industry, with particular reference to price policy, and the problem of industrial efficiency. On local government, various suggestions have been made, including that of a conference (see Minutes of October 9th). On agricultural policy and education, work in hand was reported. (See Minutes of October 9th). On Social Security, no decision was taken pending a meeting, called by Dr. Robson, on the position after publication of the White Paper.

4. New Mexican Essays It was decided (see Minutes of July 10th and 25th) that a written discussion of these should be initiated, on a memorandum to be provided by the Chairman. This discussion is in progress.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, November 27, 1944, at 4.30 p.m. at P.M.P., 15 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of Executive Committee meeting of October 23 (below)
- 2 Report on Home Research (enclosed)
- 3 Report on Research work of the International Bureau (enclosed)
- 4 Report on work of Colonial Bureau (enclosed)
- 5 Statement on Postwar International Machinery Authorisation to publish
- 6 Minutes of Sub-Committees (enclosed)
- 7 Dates of next meetings of E.C. (January 15 and February 26 suggested)

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, October 23, 1944, at 4.15 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

Present: Cole (chair), Mrs. Cole, Davies, Durbin, Mrs. Drake, Darrington, Franklin, Creech Jones, Hitchison, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Thompson, Skeffington, Blanco White, Wilson, Parker and Collanetz.

Apologies from Albu, Barou, Flanders, Robson, Miss Wilkinson

- 1 Minutes of E.C. of September 25 These were corrected; Robson and Skeffington were added to the attendance list. It was decided to replace Wilson by Flanders on the International Advisory Committee. It was reported that there was no possibility of taking over Labour Discussion Notes.
- 2 Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings of October 4, 15 and 23. These were approved.
- 3 Interim Report and Minutes of Research Planning Committee These were approved. It was decided (1) to appoint Jack Gray as Secretary of the Committee (2) to advertise for new post in Home Research Department in December (1st week) New Statesman and December News.
- 4 Minutes of Summer School and Conferences Committee These were approved. It was suggested that preference should be given as far as possible to members for the first fortnight that bookings were open. The Committee were asked to consider differentiating further financially against non-members.
- 5 Publications It was decided to publish the pamphlet on Day Nurseries (Mrs. Creech Jones) subject to approval by readers. Readers appointed: Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Drake.
- 6 Wobian Women's Group Authorisation was given to submit evidence to the Commission on Equal Pay.

7 E.C. Statement on Postwar International Machinery Cole was to discuss suggestion for this with Woolf. If agreement was reached the following Committee was to be asked to prepare such a statement for submission to the next A.C.: Woolf, Cole, Albu, Wilson and Mlanders.

8 Publication of Woolf's Pamphlet in Left News Circumstances to be explored.

9 Anglo-French Committee The following group were to be asked to investigate the possibility of its re-establishment with possible opposite numbers in Paris. Pickles, Mrs. Cole, Mitchison, Harington, Woolf to be consulted.

10 Minutes of meeting of September 12 of Local Societies and S.A.C. These were approved.

JOHN PANNER
General Secretary.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, January 8th 1945, at P.B.P. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of November 27th (enclosed)
- 2 General Secretary's visit to U.S.S.R. (He has been invited to go on the All Party Parliamentary Delegation which is likely to be for about a month)
- 3 Organising Secretary's Resignation Future of Post
- 4 Appointment of New Assistants (a) Home Research, (b) Colonial Bureau, (c) International Bureau.
- 5 Finance & General Purposes Committee Minutes Report
- 6 Publications Abroad Sub-Committee Report
- 7 S.P.C. Minutes Report
- 8 Title Deeds 11 Dartmouth Street The Treasurer reports: that the discharge of the registered charge held by G. Bernard Shaw on the Society's freehold property of 11 Dartmouth Street has now been registered with the Land Registry, that the Title Deeds have been received and placed with the Society's Bankers for safe custody; and that the Society's solicitors in this matter, Messrs. Jaques & Co., report that the property has been registered with the Land Registry (Land Certificate Title 124050) in the names of Isald, Fletcher, Davies and Parker.
- 9 Anglo-French Committee Report
- 10 International Bureau Membership Co-optation of E.F. Schumacher suggested.
- 11 Other Business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at P.B.P. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, November 27th, 1944.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Partridge, Flanders, Franklin, Creech Jones, Griffiths, Miss Sutherland, Joan Thompson, Wilson, White, Parker, Gollancz, Gray, Mrs. Bamford.

Apologies from Barou, Durbin, Robson, Skeffington, Woolf.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of October 23 Approved
- 2 Report on work of Colonial Bureau Received
- 3 Statement on Postwar International Authority To be published under title Dunbarton Oaks A Fabian Commentary, by a Committee of the Society if possible with the White Paper at 1/-. To be on demand at 21/- and 10/6 numbers.

- 4 Publication of R.S. books and pamphlets abroad Power given to following sub-committee to take any necessary action: Cole, Wolf, Flanders with other officers and power to co-opt.
- 5 S.P.C. Minutes of November 13 Approved
- 6 Publications Following approved subject to approval of members:
 - (a) Ministry of Food Susan Lawrence, Wilson
 - (b) Machine Tools Planners, Joan Thompson
 - (c) Education Act Tawney, Creech Jones
- 7 Report on Home Research Fully discussed and received. Various alternative publishers were suggested. A number of points were referred back to the relevant sub-committees or to the R.P.C. Sub-committees were asked to prepare booklets where possible.
- 8 Date of Next Meetings January 15th and February 26th

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

FINANCE SOCIETY :::: 11 DARTMOUTH STREET WESTMINSTER LONDON S.W. 1

MINUTES of an adjourned meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, October 25, 1944.

Present Davies (chair), Cole, Mrs. Cole, Wilson, Parker, Gallanz.

1. Discussion with Cecch Jones of memo on Colonial Bureau It was decided to recommend:

1) that no attempt should be made to cost departments of the Society separately; all income received by a particular department should go into a general pool to finance the work of the Society as a whole;

2) that Hutchinson should be given a rise of 10/- a week;

3) that Dr. Hinden should be given an increase of salary of £25 a year;

4) that further discussions should take place between Parker and Cecch Jones on the future of Empire and, if agreement was reached, their recommendations should go straight to the E.C.

2. Staff Association

1) It was reported that the words "in the manner of a trade union" in its aims and objects had been changed to "in the manner of a staff association". It was decided to recommend the Executive to accept this change as being satisfactory.

2) It was reported that the Staff Association had accepted all items under 3 in the minutes of the P. & G.P.C. of October 4 and 16, save 5 and 7 which they proposed further to discuss.

3. Position of Mrs. Bamford It was decided to recommend the acceptance of Mrs. Bamford's offer to go on full time from October 30.

4. Effects of Rises and Proposals of Research Planning Committee These were fully discussed. It was decided to report on the subject to the E.C.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, January 8th 1945, at 3.15 p.m. (please note changed time) in Oliver's room, 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1.

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AGENDA

- XX 1 Minutes of meetings of October 4, 16 and 23 (Suggested alterations attached)
- 2 Financial Position Verbal report
- 3 Dartmouth Street Trust Position Verbal report
- 4 Likely new expenditure Authorisation (a) Extra accommodation (b) Suggested 2 years lease (our rooms at 4 Queen Anne's Gate)
- 5 Organising Secretary's salary Future of
- 6 Salaries of Senior Staff (Letter attached)
- 7 Staff Holidays at Bank Holidays (Note on present holidays attached)
- 8 Other Business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

XX Suggested alterations of Minutes:

- 1) Arising out of discussions with Staff Association:

Present Relevant Minute (October 16th, 1944) 3 (3) (a)

Juniors A starting wage at 14 of 25/- a week with increments of 2/6 every four months, if work satisfactory, until the age of 18. The General Secretary to have authority to give a commission to those working in the Bookshop and an extra sum not exceeding the Bookshop commission to any junior working in another department.

Proposed New Minute

3 (3) (a)

Juniors A wage of 25/- a week from the date of starting work, if before 15th birthday, with increments every four months, if work satisfactory, until the age of 18. Increments to be given the first pay day in January, May and September; at least two full calendar months to be worked before any increment to be considered. The General Secretary to have authority to give a commission to those working in the Bookshop and an extra sum not exceeding the Bookshop Commission to any junior working in another department.

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Bookshop Manager To rank as a member of the senior staff.

- 2) Suggested by A. Creech Jones, M.P.

Minutes of October 23

- 1 (1) That the principle of costing Departments was difficult to apply

though some regard should be had to it in considering special activities and extensions; that the work of the Colonial Bureau is a normal activity of the Society whose finances should not necessarily rest on its own efforts to raise the money required to run it but which activity should be assisted in the same way as other activities out of the general funds particularly in view of the contribution made to general funds indirectly arising from the activities of the Bureau, that in regard to greater efficiency or extension of work, while all income should go into the general funds to finance the work of the Society as a whole, donations that are specially earmarked for the Bureau should be available for the purpose subscribed.

Letter from A. Creech Jones to the General Secretary

"I shall be in America at the time of the next meeting of the Fabian Executive and I tender my apologies for absence in advance.

I would like to reiterate the point I made the other day that I hope the Society can offer more than £200 for the assistant we want in the Colonial Bureau. For an experienced and adult person in London the salary is impossible and in view of the special contribution the Bureau has received this year and that there is a gift of £250 for this purpose I would suggest that it would be right to use most of this if not all for that purpose....."

Letter to the General Secretary from the Staff Association

"The Staff Association in a full meeting held on October 20th decided not to ratify items 5 and 7 of the F.G.P.C. Minutes of 4th and 16th October, 1944, but to consult further with the Senior Staff on these points.

That consultation has taken place and the Senior Staff have asked me to express their regret at the Society's inability to grant them a salary scale. In view of the abnormality of the times they are, however, prepared to accept this position, but at the same time would point out that the abnormal times themselves can cause considerable hardship, especially when future earnings are problematical. Such hardship could be alleviated by the grant of a cost of living bonus subject to periodic review, and I am to ask that serious consideration may be given to this proposal.

Further, it is felt that it is both undignified and unsatisfactory for members of the senior staff to have to make individual approach to the Executive for an increase in salary, and that any improvement in their conditions should depend on their making out a case on their own behalf. It is therefore proposed that the salaries of the entire Senior Staff shall be reviewed annually by the F.G.P.C., and that the Staff Association shall be able to make representations to the Committee on behalf of individual members of the Senior Staff and be informed of the resultant changes. Such review should take place in the near future. In this connection will you ask the F.G.P.C. to lay it down as a principle that no differentiation will be made when fixing Senior Staff salaries as between men and single women on the one hand and married on the other. I do not wish to suggest that this is being done at the moment, but the suggestion has been voiced and I think a statement by the F.G.P.C. would allay some uneasiness.

I shall be obliged if you will bring this claim on behalf of the Senior Staff before the F.G.P.C. at its next meeting, when Staff Association representatives will be available to provide any further information that may be required.

In conclusion I would like to pass on to you the thanks of the Staff Association as expressed at their last general meeting for the ready way in which the F.G.P.C. have responded to suggestions for regularisation and improving the conditions of service of the junior and clerical staff of the Society.

(Signed) W. Fiske (Chairman)

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday, January 8th 1945, at 3.15 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street.

Present Davies (chair), ^{Baron} Mrs. Cole, Skeffington, Wilson, Parker and Collanz.

1 Minutes of meeting of October 4 and 16 The following alteration was agreed. In substitution for item 3 (3) (a):
Juniors A wage of 25/- a week from the date of starting work, if before 15th birthday, with increments every four months, if work satisfactory, until the age of 18. Increments to be given the first pay day in January, May and September; at least two full calendar months to be worked before any increment to be considered. The General Secretary to have authority to give a commission to those working in the Bookshop and an extra sum not exceeding the Bookshop commission to any junior working in another department.

The following minute was to be added:-

- (10) Bookshop Manager To rank as a member of the senior staff.
- 2 Minutes of meeting of October 23 The following alteration was agreed:-
1 (1) That the principle of costing departments was difficult to apply the same regard should be had to it in considering special activities and extensions.
- 3 Financial Position Report Received
- 4 Dartmouth Street Trust Position Report Received
- 5 Accommodation (a) A lease for 2 or 3 years was to be sought for present premises at 4 Queen Anne's Gate. (b) Further accommodation was to be sought for the same period; terms to be approved by the Treasurer.
- 6 Salaries of Senior Staff Letters were received. It was decided (a) to give further consideration to the question of a cost of living bonus in connection with the financial position of the Society; (b) That in view of the fact that all salaries, save those of the General Secretary and Organising Secretary, have been reviewed in the past year there was no case for an immediate individual review; (c) That, as hitherto, the salaries of all individual members of the senior staff would be reviewed from time to time, which does not preclude individual applications; in future such reviews will take place at intervals of not more than one year; (d) To point out that it has never been the practice of the Society to differentiate against married women, but should the Staff Association desire to raise any particular case it would be considered by the F.C.P.C.; (e) That the present initial salaries for the new research and administrative assistants shall stand.
- 7 Bank Holidays At the following standard Bank Holidays: (1) Christmas and Boxing Days; (2) Good Friday and Easter Monday; (3) Whit Monday; (4) August Bank Holiday, an extra day's holiday should be given, to be taken at the discretion of the General Secretary.
- 8 Date of Next Meeting To take place before the next Executive Committee.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 4.30 p.m. at P.B.P.
16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. on Monday, January 8, 1945.

Present Davies (chair), Albu, Barou, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Barington,
Franklin, Thompson, Robson, Skeffington, Parker, *H Wilson*

Apologies from Cole, Flanders, Creech Jones, Griffiths.

- 1 Minutes of November 27 Agreed
- 2 General Secretary's visit to U.S.S.R. It was agreed to give leave of absence for this visit. It was announced that the Hon. Secretary and Org. Secretary would supervise the office in his absence.
- 3 Organising Secretary's Resignation This was accepted with regret. It was decided not to fill the post at the moment.
- 4 Appointment of New Assistants
 - (a) Home Research: Mrs. Mansell (Miss Burke to be first reserve)
 - (b) Colonial Bureau: Brian Rogers
 - (c) International Bureau: Cynthia Rowland
- 5 Finance & General Purposes Committee Report of meeting was presented verbally and approved. (Minutes circulated herewith). Franklin was added to the Committee.
- 6 Publications Abroad Committee Report of meeting was presented verbally and accepted (minutes circulated herewith).
- 7 Local Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee Minutes Accepted.
- 8 Title Deeds, 11 Dartmouth Street It was reported that the discharge of the registered charge held by G. Bernard Shaw on the Society's freehold property of 11 Dartmouth Street has now been registered with the Land Registry, that the Title Deeds have been received and placed with the Society's Bankers for safe custody; and that the Society's solicitors in this matter, Messrs. Jaques & Co., report that the property has been registered with the Land Registry (Land Certificate Title 124050) in the names of Iaski, Fletcher, Davies and Parker.
- 9 Anglo-French Committee Report given that certain names had been provisionally asked to co-operate, but that it had not yet been possible to secure effective contacts on the French side. Report received.
- 10 International Bureau
 - (a) It was decided to ask E.F. Schumacher to become a member of the Committee.
 - (b) Minutes of November 28 Approved
- 11 Pamphlets Following readers were appointed:
Cost of Postwar Social Services - R.W.B. Clarke, Harold Wilson.
- 12 Gantlett and O. Thoms Best wishes to be given on their marriage.
- 13 Date of Next Meeting February 26.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 1945, at P.E.P. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

1 Minutes Matters arising:

- 1) Representative on Staff Savings Committee in succession to Gollanz.
- 2) New Assistants
- 3) Death of Ronald Gantlett

2 London Labour Party Fabian nomination.

3 New Members and members in arrears Question of appeal for new membership.

4 Local Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee Minutes of February 5 enclosed herewith.

For decision: Request to E.C. to issue pamphlet on Socialist issues in time for the election.

5 Publications Abroad Sub-Committee Report of meeting of February 26 will be presented verbally at the meeting.

6 Pamphlets

- (a) Report on pamphlets issued or reprinted
- (b) Request from A.S.S.E.T. to reprint Management in Transition
- (c) Readers to be appointed for pamphlets on I.L.O., Spain, France, Women's Wages

6 Date of Annual General Meeting.

8 Date of next meeting.

9 Other Business

MARGARET COLE
Hon. Secretary.

N.B. Minutes of P. & G.P.C. for January 8, of S.P.C. and of Foreign Publications Committee of same date, which were reported verbally to E.C. are circulated herewith for information.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on February 26, 1945, at 4.30 p.m. at P.E.P. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Darcu, Margaret Cole, Emil Davies, Hugh Franklin, Creech Jones, Mitchison, Robson, Skeffington, Jean Thompson, Woolf, Gray, Z. Parker.

Apologies from Furbin, Susan Lawrence, Mary Sutherland, Ellen Willinson, Paringdon, Parker.

1 Letter of resignation from the E.C. from Susan Lawrence This was read and Emil Davies asked to reply expressing the regret of the E.C. at Miss Lawrence's resignation.

2 Minutes of meeting of January 8

(a) Noted that Elsie Newton had been chosen by the Staff Association to take Gollanz's place on the Staff Savings Committee.

(b) New Assistants Reported that Mrs. Mansell had been unable to accept the post of Assistant in the Home Research Department. This had now been filled by Rosemary Durice. The Ministry of Labour had refused Brian Rogers permission to become assistant in the Colonial Bureau; this post was therefore being advertised again.

(c) Death of Ronald Gantlett A letter from Mrs. Gantlett in reply to one expressing the sympathy of officers of the Society was read. It was decided that Ronald's Staff Savings subscriptions should be continued for three months and paid to his mother.

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3 London Labour Party A letter was read from the London Labour Party stating that they had received a nomination for the L.L.P. Executive from the Central London Fabian Society. The E.C. expressed surprise that the C.L.F.S. had acted without consultation with the parent Society. After discussion it was decided:

(a) The London Labour Party should be informed that the right of nomination rests exclusively with the Fabian Society; (b) before next year the L.S. & S.P.C. should present proposals for consultation with local Fabian Societies in the London area about nominations; (c) That the E.C. should proceed to nominate. John Parker and Joan Thompson were nominated. John Parker was elected.

4 New Members and Members in Arrears (a) It was decided to hold over the list of members in arrears until it had been thoroughly checked and members on the E.C. and the Secretary of the L.S. & S.P.C. had been able to go through it. It was also decided that before striking off a member a letter should be sent saying that if he/she paid the subscription, back literature would be sent. Agreed that an appeal should be made to members in Fabian News asking them each to enrol one member, membership form being enclosed.

5 Local Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee Agreed that the L.S. & S.P.C. should produce a pamphlet on Socialism and the General Election, the draft of which was to be circulated to members of the E.C.

6 Publications Abroad Sub-Committee On a verbal report from the Sub-Committee covering negotiations with the firms of Lincoln-Prager and (Dr. Oprecht) Swiss Socialist Publishing House, it was decided to give Prager translation rights in Hungarian and Czech, and to give Oprecht full Italian rights and French rights in Switzerland only, with right to sell in France pending agreements with French publishers. With regard to German rights, each firm should be offered certain of our pamphlets and should be allowed to distribute inside Germany. If this was not acceptable to both firms, Oprecht should be offered German rights for one year only. The Committee should be given reasonable freedom to arrange terms of agreement with overseas firms. All questions concerning translation rights and technical arrangements with publishers should be referred to this committee. Arrangements for the sale of Fabian pamphlets in Australia and N. Zealand, on terms similar to those now being discussed in Canada and the U.S.A., should be made if and when suggestions were forthcoming. The name of the Sub-Committee should be changed to Publications Committee.

7 Pamphlets (a) Reported that Fabian Society Past and Present had run out and that a revised version was being printed; (b) agreed that ASSET should be allowed to reprint Management in Transition with an advertisement for ASSET, so long as one also appeared for the Fabian Society; (c) the following readers were appointed: I.L.O. - George Thunson, Dr. Robson; Spain - Gerald Brennan and Faringdon; France - Mitchison, Ruth Dalton; Women's Wages - Ellen Wilkinson, A. Flanders; (d) agreed that a pamphlet on agriculture should be prepared as soon as possible. Stencils of special sections of the pamphlet were to be available on request; (e) Barcu offered to submit a draft on the relations of the Co-operative Movement with the Labour Party; (f) Full Employment Decided that a stencilled memo should be made available. Details to be put in Fabian News. (g) Draft pamphlet on Machine Tool Industry, which was too technical for publication by the Society might be offered to ASSET.

8 Date of Annual General Meeting June 30

9 Date of next meeting March 19 at 4.30 p.m.

MARGARET COLE
Hon. Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held
at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 1945.

Present Davies (chair), Mrs. Cole, Franklin, Skeffington, Wilson & Parker

- 1 Minutes of meeting of F. & G.P.C. Approved.
- 2 Report on Financial Position Received.
- 3 Report on Accommodation Received.
- 4 Staff Salaries It was decided to give (a) £25 p.a. rise to Jack Gray and Mildred Bamford; (b) to raise the starting salary for full time Research Assistants to £225 p.a. (this to cover existing staff); (c) to give a £10 war bonus to all full time senior staff (not covered by agreement re clerical staff and juniors, i.e. Gray, Rita Hindon, Mildred Bamford, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Watson, Miss Rowland, Miss Burke, Martin, Bardsley); (d) To defer consideration of salaries of part time senior staff until income tax position had been cleared up; (e) to recommend that the Dartmouth Street Trustees should give Mr. Bardsley a £25 rise; (f) all increases to date from first pay day in April.
- 5 Repayment of Contribution to Staff Pensions Scheme Fund (a) It was decided to recommend the repayment to Oliver Gollancz of his contributions £20.16. 0.; (b) it was decided to recommend that Ronald Gentlett's contributions (£1.10. 0) and that of the Society to the fund on his behalf should be repaid to his family.
- 6 Delegates to London Labour Party Conference Following appointed:
Mrs. Cole, Hugh Franklin, Jack Gray, Joan Thompson.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, March 19, 1945, at 4.30 p.m. at P.B.P. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of February 26 (see below)
- 2 Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of March 12 (enclosed) Principal decisions required - Staff Salaries, Accommodation.
- 3 Research Planning Committee Minutes of March 1 (enclosed); Report also enclosed.
- 4 Socialist Propaganda & Local Societies Committee Minutes of March 5 (enclosed).
- 5 International Bureau Minutes of March 13 (on the table)
- 6 Readers to be appointed:
 - Changing Class Structure of Society (Abrahams)
- 7 Arrangements for Executive Elections and Annual General Meeting
- 8 Labour Party Annual Conference Appointment of Delegate
- 9 Any other business

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General Secretary

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Barou, Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Flanders, Franklin, Mitchison, Robson, Joan Thompson, Skeffington, Mary Sutherland, Wilson, Parker and Gray.

Apologies from Woolf.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of February 26 Agreed.
- 2 Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting of March 12 Amended and approved.
- 3 Minutes Secretary to E.C. It was decided to appoint Jack Gray, without prejudice to the position of a future Organising Secretary.
- 4 Correspondence with Horsley Action of chairman and secretary approved.
- 5 Research Planning Committee: Minutes and Report Received. The Home Research Department was asked to take all possible steps to speed up the editing of the book on Industrial Controls and the Future. The three gaps in the Society's research programme were:
 - a) Foreign trade, investment, and the reconstruction of overseas countries Albu, Woolf and Grant to discuss the possible scope and methods of research into these problems. In the meantime, Cole's offer of a short introductory pamphlet on the problem of economic reconstruction in Europe, with special reference to reparations and British Foreign Trade, was welcomed.
 - b) International Political Relations As the International Bureau was giving consideration to this subject no further action was recommended.
 - c) Political Committee No action to be taken at present.

The proposed New Fabian Essays should be put on the agenda at the next meeting, as a separate item, and Leonard Woolf's comments on the original draft should be circulated in advance.

6 Minutes of the Social Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee Accepted.

7 Minutes of the International Advisory Committee Mrs. Cole announced that, because of unavoidable circumstances, these minutes had not been typed in time for the meeting.

8 Readers for pamphlets

- a) The Changing Class Structure of Society (40,000 words). Cole and Durbin to read it before a contract is made with a publisher.
- b) International Bureau pamphlet on resettlement of displaced persons, reparations, and the treatment of Germany. No reader was to be appointed until it was at a more advanced stage of preparation.
- c) Catalogue Raisonné of books on Collective Enterprise (unsolicited) The Committee agreed that book lists of this kind should be published when suitable. Dr. Robson was asked to read this for the Committee.

9 Elections and Annual General Meeting The following arrangements were agreed to: April News - Invite nominations to be in by April 27. May News - Announce Annual General Meeting (June 30) and invite resolutions and amendments to Rules. June News Agenda of A.G.M. Announce close of Poll for election of E.C. - June 21. Enclose ballot forms and biographies. July News Announce Elected Executive. It was agreed that in the next issues of Fabian News and the L.S. Directive full members should be reminded of last year's small poll and urged to vote at the coming election.

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10 Labour Party Conference Mrs. Cole was appointed delegate; Parker and Gray were to attend the Conference.

11 Date of next meeting - Monday, April 23 at 4.30 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at P.O. Box 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. on Monday, April 23 1945, at 4.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 19 (see cover)
- 2 New Staff Appointments Report
- 3 International Bureau Minutes (enclosed)
- 4 Proposed Fund to Assist Continental Socialist Parties (none enclosed)
- 5 Publications - Readers to be appointed (list at meeting)
- 6 Annual Report Draft enclosed
- 7 Executive Elections Appointment of Scrutineers (June 21)
- 8 New Fabian Essays Consideration of Woolf's comments (enclosed)
- 9 Other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, May 28 1945, at 4.30 p.m. at P.R.P. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of April 23, 1945 (on back)
- 2 Staff Appointment - Colonial Bureau Miss Marjorie Nicholson has been offered post of Research and Administrative Assistant for a year.
- 3 Proposed Fund to Assist Continental Socialist Parties Report
- 4 New Fabian Essays Discussions on Woolf's comments (please bring copy)
- 5 Summer School Committee's Minutes (on table)
- 6 Autumn Lectures Proposed days, subjects and speakers.
- 7 Annual General Meeting Arrangements.
- 8 Publications for approval
- 9 Any other Business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, April 23 1945, at 4.30 p.m. at P.R.P.

Present Davies (chair), Albu, Barcu, Margaret Cole, Barbara Drake, Allan Flanders, Franklin, Hitchison, Skoffington, Mary Sutherland, Joan Thompson, Woolf, Parker, Gray.

Apologies from Cole, Robson.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of March 19 Agreed. Negotiations for a suite of offices at 7, Carteret Street, S.W.1. was agreed.
- 2 Staff Appointments (a) It was reported that no appointment had yet been made to the post of Assistant in the Colonial Bureau; (b) It was decided to confirm Graham Martin's appointment as Beishop Manager and, in the event of his being called up to hold the post open for him on his return.
- 3 Minutes of the International Advisory Committee Received.
- 4 Proposed Fund to Assist Continental Socialist Parties After a long discussion of the difficulties involved, it was agreed that a sub-committee, composed of Mrs. Cole, Flanders, Woolf and Parker, should investigate a) the possible extent of support from different sections of the Labour movement and b) the amount of work required and its effect on the work of the International Bureau - and report back to the next meeting of the E.C.

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62nd ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ending March 31

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Associates	3057	926
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No. of Fabian Societies Overseas	6	5
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International Bureau

Leonard Woolf (Acting Chairman), Lord Faringdon (Vice-Chairman), M. Barou, H. N. Brailsford, Margaret Cole, Allan Flanders, W. Arnold Forster, Helen Grant, Jim Griffiths, M.P., Rita Hinden, John Hynd, M.P., Harold J. Iaski, John R. Marrack, John Parker, M.P., W. Pickles, E.F. Schumacher, George Strauss, M.P., Dorothy Woodman, P.L. Yates, K. Ziliacus.

Local Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee

Arthur Skeffington (Chairman), Hinley Atkinson, Mildred Bamford, Brian Barker, Margaret Cole, Emil Davies, G.W. Fiske, Allan Flanders, Oliver Gollanz, Jack Gray, Rita Hinden, J.P.M. Millar, Maurice Orbach, John Parker, M.P., John Pinkerton, R. Postgate, Joan Thompson.

Research Planning Committee

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Summer Schools and Conferences Committee

Dr. Brian Thompson (Chairman), Agnes Murray, Margaret Cole, Alderman Emil Davies, J.P., L.C.C., Dorothy Fox, Hugh Franklin, H. Humphreys, N. Pease, Arthur Skeffington, G.R. Blance White.

Women's Group

Mrs. L'Estrange Malone (Chairman), Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Margaret Cole, Mrs. Barbara Drake, Mrs. Beryl Hughes, Miss Agnes Murray (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Pollard, Miss Bowie, Miss Mary Sutherland, Mrs. Thompson.

ASSISTANCE FROM MEMBERS

In addition to those members who have assisted the Society by addressing meetings and sitting on committees, special thanks are due to the following, who have given voluntary assistance in various fields of the Society's work: Mr. L.N. Adamson, Mr. G.C. Archibald, Mr. I.L. Arnison, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. M. Blindell, Miss H. Habgood, Mr. & Mrs. E. Hawkins, Miss Bettina Hirsch, Mr. & Mrs. Hyman, Mrs. M. Blindell, Mr. & Mrs. R.H. Ingran, Mr. A. Insall, Mr. D. Joslic, Mr. W.E. Osborn, Mr. D. Parkin, Mr. A. Sprent, Miss E. Stobart, Mr. Whalley, Mrs. Whelan.

DELEGATES, ETC.

Hugh Franklin served as the Society's delegate at the Annual Labour Party Conference, 1944, and Margaret Cole has been appointed for 1945. John Parker M.P. represented the Society on the Executive of the London Labour Party. Mrs. L'Estrange Malone represented the Society on the Standing Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations. John Parker went to the U.S.S.R. in January as a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Delegation, and reported interest in the Fabian Society shown by the Russian leaders.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 61st Annual General Meeting of the Society was attended by a lively audience at the Royal Hotel on Saturday, July 1, with G.D.H. Cole in the Chair. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted and thanks accorded to the auditors, Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus and Co., who were re-appointed.

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SPRING LECTURES

The second half of a series of six spring lectures on immediate problems was held at Livingstone Hall in April. The full list was as follows:-

Harold Laski	We Must Be Socialists
John Parker M P	Work and Wealth
Emil Davies J P L C C	Work and Trade
Jim Griffiths M P	Who is to Control Industry?
Ellen Wilkinson M P	A Rising Standard of Living
G D H Cole	Homes and Planning

AUTUMN LECTURES, 1944

The Autumn Lectures were held, as usual, at the Conway Hall on six consecutive afternoons and will be published shortly. The title of the series was What Labour Could Do. The lecturers were:

Lord Iatham	What We Could do With the Land
Joan Clarke	We Could Abolish Poverty
Jim Griffiths M P	Industry the Servant of the Public
Kingsley Martin	A Socialist Policy for Europe
Leonard Barnes	A Policy for Colonial Peoples
R.H. Tawney	We Mean Freedom

MAY AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

As it was not possible to obtain accommodation either for Easter or Whitsun a May School was held at Llandulas Hall, Abergele, N. Wales. It is a lovely spot and the fortnight was a great success. Lilian Hinton and Zena Parker were manageresses; Directors were Lord Faringdon and Arthur Skeffington. Lecturers included: Evan Durbin, Mrs. Sargent Florence, H.N. Brailsford, Dr. Barou, Professor Murrack, W. Pickles, E.H. Schunacher, Jim Griffiths, M P, Paul Yates, Dr. Stark Murray, John Parker M P.

The ban on travel to the south-west was removed just in time for the Summer School to be held at Dartington Hall for three weeks in August. The notice was necessarily short, but the School was completely booked up within a fortnight. Doreen Price acted as manageress. Directors were: Dr. Brian Thompson, Emil Davies, J P, L C C, Jim Griffiths, M P. Lecturers included: Margaret Cole, Morgan Phillips, G.D.H. Cole, C.E.H. Joad, W. Pickles, Dr. Margaret Yates, L. Savinos, Ellen Wilkinson, M P, Lewis Sillin, M P, John Parker, M P, Dr. Barou.

The Local Societies and Propaganda Committee held a Summer School at Clitheroe in August. A May School at Llandulas Hall has been arranged this year.

LUNCHEES

Lunches during the past twelve months have been particularly well attended, speakers being: Vernon Bartlett, M P, A. Creech Jones, M P, Morgan Phillips, W. Pickles, Sir Walter Citrine, Philip Noel Baker, M P, Maurice Webb, G.D.H. Cole, John Parker M P.

DANCES

Fabian Dances are proving increasingly popular. They provide an excellent opportunity to get to know one another. Six have been held during the year and most have been attended by between 350 and 400. The New Year's Entertainment and Dance was particularly successful. We are particularly grateful to Juliette Alvin for playing to us, and to the team of members who gave a Cabaret show.

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Leonard Woolf (Acting Chairman), Lord Faringdon (Vice-Chairman), N. Barou, H. N. Brailsford, Margaret Cole, Allan Flanders, W. Arnold Forster, Helen Grant, Jim Griffiths, M.P., Rita Hinden, John Hynd, M.P., Harold J. Lasdi, John R. Marrack, John Parker, M.P., W. Pickles, E.F. Schumacher, George Strauss, M.P., Dorothy Woodman, P.L., Yates, K. Zilliacus.

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Women's Group

Mrs. L'Estrange Malone (Chairman), Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Margaret Cole, Mrs. Barbara Drake, Mrs. Beryl Hughes, Miss Agnes Murray (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Pollard, Miss Bowie, Miss Mary Sutherland, Mrs. Thompson.

ASSISTANCE FROM MEMBERS

In addition to those members who have assisted the Society by addressing meetings and sitting on committees, special thanks are due to the following, who have given voluntary assistance in various fields of the Society's work: Mr. L.N. Adamson, Mr. G.C. Archibald, Mr. I.L. Arnison, Mrs. Bernard, Mrs. M. Blindell, Miss H. Habgood, Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Hawkins, Miss Bettina Hirsch, Mr. & Mrs. Hyman, Mrs. M. Blindell, Mr. & Mrs. R.H. Ingran, Mr. A. Insall, Mr. D. Leslie, Mr. W.L. Osborn, Mr. D. Parkin, Mr. A. Sprent, Miss E. Stobart, Mr. Whalley, Mrs. Whelan.

DELEGATES, ETC.

Hugh Franklin served as the Society's delegate at the Annual Labour Party Conference, 1944, and Margaret Cole has been appointed for 1945. John Parker M.P. represented the Society on the Executive of the London Labour Party. Mrs. L'Estrange Malone represented the Society on the Standing Joint Committee of Working Women's Organisations. John Parker went to the U.S.S.R. in January as a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Delegation, and reported interest in the Fabian Society shown by the Russian leaders.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 61st Annual General Meeting of the Society was attended by a lively audience at the Royal Hotel on Saturday, July 1, with G.D.H. Cole in the Chair. The Annual Report and Accounts were adopted and thanks accorded to the auditors, Messrs. Regg, Robertson, Antrobus and Co., who were re-appointed.

SPRING LECTURES

The second half of a series of six spring lectures on immediate problems was held at Livingstone Hall in April. The full list was as follows:-

- Harold Laski We Must Be Socialists
- John Parker M P Work and Wealth
- Emil Davies J P L C C Work and Trade
- Jim Griffiths M P Who is to Control Industry?
- Ellen Wilkinson M P A Rising Standard of Living
- G D H Cole Homes and Planning

AUTUMN LECTURES, 1944

The Autumn Lectures were held, as usual, at the Conway Hall on six consecutive afternoons and will be published shortly. The title of the series was What Labour Could Do. The lecturers were:

- Lord Latham What We Could do With the Land
- Joan Clarke We Could Abolish Poverty
- Jim Griffiths M P Industry the Servant of the Public
- Kingsley Martin A Socialist Policy for Europe
- Leonard Barnes A Policy for Colonial Peoples
- R.H. Tawney We Mean Freedom

MAY AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

As it was not possible to obtain accommodation either for Easter or Whitsun a May School was held at Llandulas Hall, Abergele, N. Wales. It is a lovely spot and the fortnight was a great success. Lillian Hinton and Zena Parker were manageresses; Directors were Lord Faringdon and Arthur Skeffington. Lecturers included: Evan Durbin, Mrs. Sargent Florence, H.N. Brailsford, Dr. Barou, Professor Murrack, W. Pickles, E.H. Schunacher, Jim Griffiths, M P, Paul Yates, Dr. Stark Murray, John Parker M P.

The ban on travel to the south-west was removed just in time for the Summer School to be held at Dartington Hall for three weeks in August. The notice was necessarily short, but the School was completely booked up within a fortnight. Doreen Price acted as manageress. Directors were: Dr. Brian Thompson, Emil Davies, J P, L C C, Jim Griffiths, M P. Lecturers included: Margaret Cole, Morgan Phillips, G.D.H. Cole, C.E.H. Joad, W. Pickles, Dr. Margaret Yates, L. Savinos, Ellen Wilkinson, M P, Lewis Sillin, M P, John Parker, M P, Dr. Barou.

The Local Societies and Propaganda Committee held a Summer School at Clitheroe in August. A May School at Llandulas Hall has been arranged this year.

LUNCHES

Lunches during the past twelve months have been particularly well attended, speakers being: Vernon Bartlett, M P, A. Creech Jones, M P, Morgan Phillips, W. Pickles, Sir Walter Citrine, Philip Noel Baker, M P, Maurice Webb, G.D.H. Cole, John Parker M P.

DANCES

Fabian Dances are proving increasingly popular. They provide an excellent opportunity to get to know one another. Six have been held during the year and most have been attended by between 350 and 400. The New Year's Entertainment and Dance was particularly successful. We are particularly grateful to Juliette Alvin for playing to us, and to the team of members who gave a Cabaret show.

AT HOME TO LABOUR PARTY

The usual At Home to Delegates to the Labour Party Conference was held at Caxton Hall. The Hall was crowded beyond all expectations and short speeches were given by Jim Griffiths M.P., and John Parker M.P. Other At Homes, Conferences, and other gatherings will be found listed in later sections of this Report.

BOOKSHOP AND PUBLICATION

Despite the shortage of books and pamphlets the bookshop has maintained a useful stock of both Fabian and non-Fabian publications, either current or reprinted, and the continued increase in sales is encouraging.

The supplies of Fabian publications are still limited by the shortage of paper and it is the policy of the Executive Committee to limit the size of each issue rather than the number of new pamphlets. Many titles go quickly out of print, therefore, and at present only those for which there is a very large demand can be reprinted in adequate quantities. Similar difficulties are holding up the publication of books for the Society. In spite of these difficulties the following publications have been issued during the year:-

TRACT SERIES

No. 261 Dumbarton Oaks By a Committee of the Fabian Society 1/-

RESEARCH SERIES

- No. 81 Facts for Socialists 15th edition 1/-6
- 82 The International Labour Organisation Descriptive survey prepared for the Fabian International Bureau 6d
- 83 Government and Industry: A Framework for the Future Report by a Fabian Research Group 6d
- 84 The Dutch State Coalmines Llewellyn A. Morgan 6d
- 85 The International Postwar Settlement Leonard Woolf 6d
- 86 Newfoundland: The Forgotten Island by Lord Ammon 1/-
- 87 World Co-operation 1884-1944 Dr. Barou 2/-
- 88 Four Colonial Questions: How Should Britain Act Col. S. Gore-Browne, Rita Hinden, C.W. Greenidge, E.B. Dodd 2/-
- 89 Nurseries and Nursery Schools V.M. Creech Jones 6d
- 90 The Education Act 1944 - Provisions and Possibilities Lady Simon 1/-

SPECIALS

- No. 6 Guide to the Health Plan By Fabian Medical Services Group 6d
- 7 The British Working Class Movement: An Outline Study-Guide G.D.H. Cole 6d

BOOKS AND BOOKLETS

- Fabian Colonial Essays Edited by Rita Hinden (Allen & Unwin) 8/-6
- Can Planning Be Democratic? Autumn Lectures 1943 (Routledge) 6/-

In view of possible developments in liberated Europe, the Executive Committee has appointed a Publications Committee to take general charge of contracts and foreign rights in the Society's works.

FABIAN QUARTERLY

The April, 1944, issue of the Quarterly was a Jubilee issue, devoted to articles on or about the Society. These were Fabian Failures and Successes, by Bernard Shaw, Fabianism and the Next Age, by Harold Laski, The Influence of Fabianism on British Social Policy, by W. A. Robson, The Shaw-Tells Controversy of 1904-8, by F.E. Loewenstein, The Work of the Fabian Society Today,

by Margaret Cole, How a Political Society Functions, by Rita Hinden. Other contributors to the Quarterly (whose editor is now Jack Gray) included G.D.N. Worswick, Barbara Drake, Marianne Walter, Hugh Franklin, Carl Herz, N. Barou, David Lewis, Austin Albu, Donald G. MacRae, Dr. Hugh Stowell Phillips. "Points for Planners" and the regular book reviews have been continued, and there is every indication that it could command an outside sale if paper could be spared.

LOCAL SOCIETIES AND SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE

Name and Function During the past year the Socialist Propaganda Committee has been renamed the Local Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee. With the growth of the work of Local Societies it was felt desirable to emphasise the aspects of the Committee's work. Liaison with the Labour Party has been strengthened by the addition to the Committee of John Pinkerton, the Propaganda Officer of the Party, and Hinley Atkinson, the London Organiser. We should like to express our gratitude to both these officers, as well as to several of the Regional Organisers of the Labour Party, for the help they have given in our work. The Executive Committee has approved revised terms of reference for the Committee, which among other duties is now charged to promote and extend the work of local societies, to consider and advise on propaganda problems, and to provide speakers to organisations.

Main Work of the Committee The past twelve months have shown steady expansion in the work of local societies. The results might have been still greater but for the enemy activity in southern England during the second half of 1944. The main efforts of the committee have been to follow up the recommendations of the Jordans Conference which considered methods by which local societies might become more closely associated with the Labour Movement and participate in active politics. Throughout the country the greater number of local societies are now affiliated to the Party and most of them are undertaking useful work in connection with the coming elections. Many members of local societies are officers of their Labour Parties. All societies have been encouraged by means of the committee's Directive, and in other ways, to assist the Divisional organisations by making a special appeal to professional and technical people, and to supplement propaganda in the area by arranging meetings and conferences where the more detailed aspects of party policy can be discussed. In particular useful work has been done in showing how a Labour Government might attempt to solve particular problems.

Regional Organisations In the period under review regional and area organisation has been developed. In addition to the regional committees in Scotland, Yorkshire and South Wales, a regional committee has been formed in the North East. By virtue of these regional organisations one seat on the appropriate regional council of the Labour Party is taken by a Fabian. An area committee has been created in the South West (Bath, Bristol and Weston-super-Mare), and an effort is being made to obtain an area committee for Dorset and Hampshire.

Statistics As this report is being written 76 societies exist, or are in the course of formation, apart from 6 overseas, as compared with 62 last year. During the year 8 societies have ceased to exist; 2 of these, Kensington and Llandudno, being absorbed in the local Labour Party. The main reason for the failure of Societies is inability to find anyone with sufficient time to undertake the work of secretary. Societies have been formed and reformed during the year at Barry, Bolton, Barnsley, Bury, Coventry, Greenock, Hyde, Maidstone, Newport, Norwich, Nottingham, Poole, Rugby, St. Albans, Stratford, Walsall, Walton-on-Thames, and Warrington.

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The aggregate membership of the 76 local societies cannot be less than 2,200. Affiliation fees so far received for the current year cover 1728 local members of 63 societies. Figures for associate and national membership of local societies cannot be given in detail but would show at least 200 associates and 250 national members. Detailed membership figures for four societies is listed below, and gives some indication of the possible proportion:

	Local	National	Associate	Subscribing Body	Total
Birmingham	59	36	2	4	101
Sheffield	92	10	10	0	112
Tyneside	63	13	0	0	76
Watford	43	12	12	1	74

The influence of local societies extends much further than to their own membership. Many visitors attend gatherings and meetings for the public are arranged. Local societies continue to recruit national members. The formation of a new society always results in new national members joining.

Lack of space precludes detailed mention of the many activities of local societies, but it is estimated that at least 70 to 80 meetings are held throughout the country every month. The press publicity secured is a valuable addition to socialist propaganda. As many as 50 press notices in one month are often received in the office.

One of the most important functions of local societies is in connection with the sale of literature. In the provinces local societies are practically the sole means for the disposal of Fabian literature. The Sheffield Society has sold literature to the value of £20 in the last 12 months. At the inaugural meeting at Hyde 28/- was taken for the sale of Fabian pamphlets. Many more pamphlets could be sold if supplies were available.

Other activities during the year Since the last annual report was issued the Local Societies Committee has undertaken the following activities, many of which were designed to implement the suggestions of the Jordans Conference referred to above. a) Special summer school for Local Societies. This took place at Heys Farm, near Clitheroe, for two weeks last August. Emil Davies and Oliver Gollancz were directors, and among the speakers were Lady Simon, John Hynd, M P, Ian Mikardo, Harry Wickham, Arthur Skeffington, Len Williams. The school provided an excellent opportunity for members of different societies to become acquainted, as well as to meet officers of the Committee. b) Conferences on the next General Election. Two successful conferences have been held, one at Newfield Hall, near Skipton, for Northern delegates, and the other for societies in the West at St. Briavels, Glos. The syllabus was designed for both conferences to include one session on the political aspects, and two sessions on the technique of electioneering. We were fortunate in securing the excellent services of Reg. Wallis and Tom Baxter, regional organizers of the Labour Party for the North West and East Midlands respectively. Representatives from 15 societies were present at these conferences, together with workers from the local Parties and prospective candidates. c) The Directive to local societies continues to be issued. Among the supplements circulated have been the following:- (i) how to organize a delegate conference (ii) guide to research on local health services (iii) how to use films for propaganda. d) Delegate Conferences in conjunction with the International Bureau were organized at Bristol, Birmingham, Hartlepool, Leeds, Watford, on the International Postwar Settlement. e) In connection with propaganda the Committee :- e) sponsored the production of a study outline by G.D.⁴. Cole on The British Working Class Movement.; f) set up a sub-committee to consider the best methods of using films for propaganda (memorandum circulated to local societies); g) prepared a leaflet to be sent to all new members on the work of the Society; h) is considering the issue of a

pamphlet for the Election on special Socialist issues; i) has provided speakers for a large number of meetings.

Secretaries and speakers The Committee desire to record their appreciation to the secretaries of local societies for their unremitting efforts. Thanks are due also to those speakers who have visited local societies, despite wartime travelling difficulties. Officers of the Committee visit societies as opportunities arise.

The future It seems clear that local societies are making a substantial contribution to the spread of Socialist ideas. The Committee is convinced that the useful work of local societies will continue to grow and that they serve the Labour Movement in a way not open to other organizations. Societies are making active preparation to assist in the General Election and they will also enter fully into the work connected with Municipal Elections. By interesting and obtaining the support of sections of the community not always influenced by the Labour Movement, by providing constructive propaganda on special problems and by initiating local research societies can give invaluable aid to a Socialist victory in both National and Municipal contests.

WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group's main activity has been the preparation of evidence for the Royal Commission on Equal Pay. This evidence has been submitted to the Commission and it is hoped that the Group will be invited to give verbal evidence to the Commission.

A number of Discussion Meetings have been arranged on the following subjects: Government Policy on Rehabilitation, Branch Street conditions, by Mrs. Marie Paneth, Secondary Education After 1 April, 1945, by A Country School Headmaster.

The Group is open to all women members of the Society (at a subscription of 1/-), and to others as Associate Members. All interested are asked to communicate with Agnes Murray, the Group's Honorary Secretary.

HOME RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

During the past year the Home Research Department has specialised to some extent in economic and educational questions. A Research Planning Committee was set up immediately after the Annual General Meeting to survey and guide the whole of the Society's research; it has given considerable attention to the problems of this department and has expressed the need for a Political Committee, to initiate research into parliamentary and administrative questions as the Economics Committee is now tackling economic and industrial questions. It is hoped to set up such a Committee as soon as personnel is available; meanwhile an assistant to the Home Research Secretary has been appointed recently in order to make this new work possible without additional strain upon the present administrative staff of the department. This does not mean that a greater amount of actual investigation can or will be done by members of the paid staff. The department is still almost entirely dependent upon voluntary aid and its officers wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those Fabians who as authors, members of committees or groups, consultants and small-scale investigators have helped in our work often against the pressure of time. The welcome appointment of Michael Yang, late of P E P, to office in the Labour Party should undoubtedly lead to useful co-operation.

Economics and industry Membership of the Economics Committee has been widened to include representatives of industry, and it is now responsible for all industrial research initiated by the Society. The main emphasis of its work has been shifted from "Full Employment" to "The Control of Industry". A successful conference was held in September on The State and the Future of Industry, at which the speakers were H.F. Fogarty, G.D.N. Worswick, A. Albu, L.H. Pearmaine and A. Flanders. Copies of the Conference Report and of Worswick's notes on The British War Economy sold extremely well. The Conference was preceded by an introductory pamphlet Government and Industry: A Framework for the Future which received very favourable reviews and aroused considerable interest among industrialists. It will be followed shortly by a pamphlet on Monopoly and another on Structural Unemployment. Unavoidable difficulties are holding up production of the Committee's book Industrial Controls and the Future, though it is hoped that the manuscript will be safely lodged with the printer before long.

The Committee has recently initiated new and more specialised industrial inquiry and groups have been set up to study (1) The Postwar Structure of Industry, (an introductory article by Austen Albu has already appeared in the January Fabian Quarterly), (2) Costing and Pricing in a Planned Economy, (3) Labour Management. It is hoped to form a fourth group on Industrial Efficiency in the near future. The Committee is not giving priority to research into individual industries, though one or two useful studies have been prepared during the past year, e.g., on Machine Tools, (part of which is appearing in the April Fabian Quarterly), and on The Dutch State Coal Mines, which was published as a pamphlet in August.

Apart from industrial research the Committee is giving increased attention to socialist economic theory and to the interpretation of statistics. A detailed research plan covering all sections of the Committee's work has been approved and is gradually being put into operation. Two of the most interesting projects which have been started in recent months are A Socialist Guide to Modern Economic Thought and a statistical booklet on The Changing Class Structure of Society. A big inquiry into the cost of reconstruction is going well and the first of two pamphlets dealing with The Cost of Postwar Social Services and The Cost of Industrial Reconstruction respectively is nearly ready. In this connection Nicholas Kaldor has offered to the Society his study of the quantitative aspects of full employment for publication as a pamphlet. Its figures will be amended to synchronise with the basic assumptions made by the cost of reconstruction group, and the presentation will be somewhat simplified.

A pamphlet on the Economics of Land Use is now in hand.

Agriculture Work on the Agricultural Group's book The Bases of a Socialist Agriculture will soon be completed and the group is beginning to concern itself more with the immediate question of policy for an election.

Population The most ambitious of the existing groups is that on postwar population policy, led by Dr. W. A. Robson, whose object is to prepare evidence to the Royal Commission with a view to subsequent publication. This group has met regularly during the past year and has now formulated recommendations on most of the diverse questions covered by the terms of reference.

Education and Child Welfare The Education Committee has completed its work on the new Act by preparing a guide to the provisions of the Act and subsequent circulars issued to the L.E.A.'s by the Minister. This was published as a pamphlet in March. The Committee's work on the training of teachers led finally to an article by Mrs. Barbara Drake in the July issue of Fabian Quarterly, and some useful though unpublished work was done on the provision of scholarships by the L.E.A.'s. In March of this year a successful conference on Tomorrow's Secondary Schools was held, the

speakers being Dr. F.M. Earle, Dr. Kenneth L. Heaton, Miss Marjorie Wise and E.G. Savage. A detailed report has been prepared which may act as an incentive to future research.

During the year two studies in child welfare have been started. The first, by Mrs. V.M. Creech Jones, was published in January as a pamphlet, Nurseries and Nursery Schools: A Study in Wartime Experiment. The second, on the problem of homeless children, is not yet completed.

Health Services Although no actual research has been done on health questions during the year, a popular pamphlet on the Government proposals for a National Health Service was published in September, at a time when organised opposition looked like wrecking these proposals, modest though they were. Subsequently a detailed scheme for research into local health services was drawn up in the department at the request of the Socialist Propaganda Committee and has been circulated to a number of local Fabian Societies.

Co-operation A survey by Dr. N. Barou of the first 100 years of co-operation in different parts of the world was published in October towards the end of the Co-operative centenary year.

Bibliographies Although the rate at which new books come out is not sufficient to justify a regular re-issue of the standard reading lists, the short booklists which were first issued last year are being revised annually - the last in March of this year.

Library Many more members, particularly those lecturing to troops or in adult classes, are making use of the small lending library which has thus clearly proved its utility. Thanks are due to the librarian for his continued services, to reviewers and to those who have given books and periodicals - especially those who have helped to fill gaps in the reference library.

COLONIAL BUREAU

The Bureau is now in its fifth year and has continued work along the lines pursued from the start, its opportunities for effective activity multiplying with the growth of its reputation and influence. This has led to a great pressure of work in the office, now to be relieved by the appointment of an administrative assistant. It has also been decided to increase the Bureau membership subscription from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. a year.

Collection of Information The Bureau is the recipient of newspapers, reports and documents from every part of the Colonial Empire. In this way it is able to keep in touch with day to day events and opinion in the colonies and to use this information constructively in its regular work. Many problems and discontents, which would otherwise remain unventilated, are brought to the Bureau's attention in this way and are useful to M.Ps, the press, and other persons and organizations interested in colonial affairs.

Publications Two pamphlets have been published during the last year. The first - Newfoundland - the Forgotten Island is a summary of the views of Lord Ammon, who headed a parliamentary goodwill mission to Newfoundland in 1943. This pamphlet has aroused very great interest in Britain and overseas. It has been serialised in two Newfoundland papers, and has been the subject of considerable comment in Parliament. The second pamphlet - Four Colonial Questions - How Shall Britain Act? consists of contributions by Colonel S. Gore-Browne (representative for Native interests on the Northern Rhodesian Legislature)

C. Greenidge, Mr. E. M. Doll and Dr. Rita Hinden, with an introduction by Creech Jones. The pamphlet takes four outstanding colonial questions - the amalgamation of the Rhodesias, the transfer of the Protectorates to South Africa, Closer Union in East Africa, and the future of Malaya and Burma - and propounds a possible line of action in each case.

Tabian Colonial Essays appeared early in 1945. It contains contributions by H. N. Brailsford, A. Forbes, A. Creech Jones, Sir Drummond Shiels, Harold Stannard, Ida Ward, Leonard Woolf and Margaret Wrong. A further book Co-operation in the Colonies is now in the press. This represents the final report of the Co-operative Committee of the Bureau, which was set up as early as 1942, and received considerable help from many famous colonial co-operators. There has also been a reprint of Rita Hinden's Plan for Africa.

Empire, the bi-monthly journal of the Bureau, has continued to appear regularly. It was decided to expand it from 8 to 12 pages, and to increase the price from 3d to 5d per issue. Small type is also being used so that considerable information about the colonies, almost unobtainable elsewhere in this country, is contained in the journal. The circulation is mounting steadily, and many hundreds are now being sold in the Colonies themselves.

Research Research is proceeding along a number of lines. The success of the pamphlet Four Colonial Questions led to the proposal that there should be a further publication dealing with specific territories, and papers are now being prepared on Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Palestine and the Sudan. A number of studies on different colonial crops - cocoa, sugar, bananas, citrus and palm-oil - are also in hand, with the view of issuing a pamphlet on the marketing of colonial primary produce. A third piece of research is concerned with the economic development of West Africa.

Political action The subjects to which the Bureau has drawn the attention of Parliament, the press and the Colonial Office, in the course of the last year are too numerous to detail here. Constant attention is paid to labour conditions, cost of living problems, nutrition, housing, etc.; the prices and marketing of colonial crops is another subject for regular attention; the exploitation of mineral resources is continually being watched; and constitutional development is carefully followed as it evolves in colony after colony. These, and many other subjects, call for public attention and require constant vigilance. Some of the outstanding questions which have been dealt with include the position in Mauritius, as revealed in the report of a Commission of Inquiry into the riots which took place there in 1943; the riots in Uganda, which took place in January, 1945; the final granting of the new Constitution to Jamaica; preparations for the demobilisation of colonial service-men; and problems connected with the West African cocoa industry and the Jamaica banana industry.

Communications with the Colonial Office In November, 1944, a deputation from the Bureau was received by an inter-departmental committee of the Colonial Office to discuss the recommendations for the encouragement of the Colonial co-operative movement which had been put to the Colonial Office by the Bureau earlier in the year. Our deputation was led by Lord Winster and included Sir Malcolm Darling, Miss Margaret Digby, Creech Jones and Rita Hinden. Following on this discussion the Colonial Office agreed that the time had come to revise the laws on Co-operation in the different colonies, and also to prepare plans for the training of personnel to man co-operative departments. The Bureau was asked to help in both these tasks, and this collaboration is now functioning. A memorandum on the position in Mauritius, as revealed by the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the 1943 riots, was addressed to the Colonial

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Secretary and correspondence on this subject is now in train. A letter was also sent to the Colonial Office and to the press expressing the Bureau's support for the Government's proposals regarding the marketing of cocoa, when it became clear that sectional interests, both in Britain and in America, were opposing the scheme. Other correspondence with the Colonial Office dealt with the labour position in Jamaica, local government and the democratisation of Native Councils in Kenya, and a number of individual grievances brought to our attention by correspondents overseas.

Conferences and Meetings In April, 1944, a meeting of the Bureau was addressed by Creech Jones who had just returned from three months in West Africa as Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Higher Education there. In June a tea reception was given in honour of the three African members on the Higher Education Commission and to John Wilnot, M P, who had just returned from a visit to the West Indies as a member of a Parliamentary delegation. In October, a Conference - Some Problems of the Peace - was held at the Caxton Hall and addressed by Lord Rennell and Captain Germans M P, with Frank Horrabin and Lord Listowel in the Chair at the two sessions. This was a very successful and crowded gathering. A full report of the Conference was distributed, and widely quoted in the press. In February, 1945, a public meeting was arranged for the colonial delegates to the World Trade Union Conference to speak of their trade union experiences. Unfortunately the World Conference was prolonged beyond its announced closing date, making it impossible for the colonial delegates to attend our meeting, which was addressed instead by Creech Jones, with Reginald Sorensen in the Chair. A private Conference took place with the delegates a few days later, however, which proved exceptionally valuable and successful. The delegates had been sent a questionnaire and were asked to give their views as to labour legislation and machinery in their countries, the working of the Government Labour Departments, and possible relationships with international labour organizations. A. Dalgleish was in the Chair at the first session, which was opened by Creech Jones; and J. P. Middleton chaired the second session, which was opened by Wilfred Benson of the I L O and T. P. Tofahrn of the International Transport Workers Federation. A full report of the proceedings has been circulated.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

One of the tasks put upon the Bureau when it was formed was the preparation of "a common outlook on postwar reconstruction from a socialist standpoint, by consideration of methods of implementing the Labour Party's International Policy, with special reference to European settlement, relations with the U.S.S.R. and Anglo-American relations". For this reason the past year, which has seen the partial liberation of Europe from fascist domination, has led to an intensified drive in all our spheres of work. For a brief period it was difficult to determine priority, but the Advisory Committee of the Bureau decided that the original aims should not be changed. The need to establish and develop relations with socialists from other countries was recognised to be stronger than before.

There has been some concern to increase the effectiveness of the Bureau in relation to Parliamentary work. The very fluidity of the international situation and the rapid changes taking place from day to day have made this extremely difficult with our limited resources, but the relatively recent appointment of an International Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party, of which Arthur Creech Jones M P is chairman, has provided a channel through which our services can be placed at the disposal of members of the Party.

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Every effort is being made to develop personal contact with members of the Labour Party who are most concerned with international policy. Collaboration has also been maintained with the National Peace Council and the Union of Democratic Control; and a number of invitation meetings have been held to establish contacts with socialists from other lands. It is clearly impossible, without destroying the whole purpose of such gatherings, to throw them open to the public at large; but the invitations are sent out as comprehensively as possible to those who may be interested.

Advisory Committee Dr. N. Barou, Alan Flanders and E.F. Schumacher were appointed to the Advisory Committee during the year.

Research and Investigation The progress of the work on An International Political Authority was somewhat delayed by the Dumbarton Oaks Conference. The Executive Committee of the Society issued a Fabian Commentary on Dumbarton Oaks, on which some members of the Group had been consulted. The Group is continuing its work on the minimum political requirements of an international organization, and this will be brought up to date and probably published shortly after the San Francisco conference.

A pamphlet by Leonard Woolf on the International Postwar Settlement, suggesting a policy for Labour and the Labour Party was published in September, 1944.

Difficulties of finding adequate assistance on the economic side have persisted throughout the year, and for this reason attempts at work on the economic reconstruction of Europe have not so far met with success. A Group has now been established to discuss the restarting of Industry and Agriculture in Europe, and it is expected that this work will continue during the summer.

We have continued to give close attention to the I L O and its place in future International Organization. A small conference was held in November, before the meeting of the Governing body in January, 1945, following which a summarised report was sent to the Trade Unions. This work is being followed up by the preparation of a further general pamphlet on the future of the I L O.

The progress and development of UNRRA, Food and Agricultural Organization, the United Nations Organization for Education and Culture, and European Central Inland Transport, have been followed closely.

Preparation of pamphlets on France, Spain and a Blue Print for a Danube Valley Administration are well in hand.

With the appointment of Cynthia Rowland as Research Assistant we hope to develop a more intensive and controlled plan of research. Beginnings have been made and some preparatory work, with the assistance of small groups of experts, done on Postwar Movements of Population, immediate Measures for the Control of German Industry and Reparations and Disarmament. A small conference, largely composed of members of the Groups concerned was held at Old Jordans Hostel in March.

Meetings and Conferences At the fourth International May Day Demonstration speakers from seventeen countries gave their May Day message. Philip Noel-Baker, M P and J.S. Middleton, then secretary of the British Labour Party, shared the conpèring, and the Demonstration was widely used in the European service of the B B C.

In June a Conference on Medical and Food Relief to Liberated Countries was held jointly with the Socialist Medical Association. The speakers were Dr. B.G. Morgan, Dr. Audrey Russell and Professor J.R. Marrack, with Edith Pye in the Chair. One week of the Fabian Day School in North Wales was devoted to International Reconstruction and was attended by members of the Bureau. In September an International Reception was given to the Canadian delegates to the Dominion Labour Conference and the direct relationship thus established with the C C F leaders was most valuable. An opportunity was also provided for them to meet a few continental friends privately to discuss the need for international socialist solidarity.

In October, when it looked as though some of our continental friends might be leaving London, an International Farewell Gathering was arranged, presided over by Philip Noel-Baker, from which greetings and good wishes were conveyed to French, Belgian and Italian comrades in letters signed by representatives from twelve countries, addressed to Daniel Mayer, Louis de Brouckere and Pietro Nenni.

A Conference was held in London in November on The International Postwar Settlement. The speakers were Frank Horrabin and W. Arnold Forster, with Robert Willis in the Chair. Eight provincial conferences were held under the auspices of the Bureau on this subject in Bristol, Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield, West Hartlepool, Reading, Preston and Watford.

A specialised all-day conference on the I L O was also held in November. The chair was taken by Roger Hallsworth and the speakers were John Price, J. Oldenbrook and Harold Clay. In December during the Labour Party Conference an International Dinner Party was given by the Bureau's Advisory Committee for the fraternal delegates from France, Belgium, Holland Italy. Lord Faringdon and Harold Laski acted as hosts.

During the World Trade Union Conference an International Reception was held for the delegates from the C I O, at which Ellen Wilkinson M P and Harold Clay acted as hosts.

The Jordans Conference mentioned above was held in March under the Chairmanship of Arthur Creech Jones. Speakers included Bertha Brocco, E.F. Schumacher, R.J.P. Mortished, Margaret Digby and Aake Ording. During the same month a reception was given for Senator Vos, Belgian Minister of Public Works and Senator Vinck, Vice-President of the Belgian Senate, and later in the month a meeting was held for members and their friends to receive a report from Tom Fraser M P and John Parker M P, members of the All-Party Parliamentary Delegation to the U S S R, with Jim Griffiths M P in the Chair.

In February a meeting was arranged in collaboration with the Women's Group of the Fabian Society for Madame Marguerite Thibert, Chief of Service for Women's Work and Protection of Youth to the I L O.

During the year further small meetings have been held to receive reports on Spain, on Italy from Dr. P.P. Fano, on France from W. Pickles, on UNRRA from Aake Ording, and for Dr. Oprecht from Switzerland during his visit to the World Trade Union Conference.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN

Publication has continued during the year, and the paper has received kind words from prominent French Socialists. We are very grateful for the services of David Hamilton Russell and Roxana Arnold in editing it, and for the invaluable contributions of W. Pickles. The possibility of reviving the Society's Anglo-French Committee is under consideration, but must await moves on the French side.

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CONCLUSION

The foregoing is the bare summary of our work during the year 1944-5. As members will see, it has been a year of full activity, for which we have to thank not only the staff and members of committees, as well as those whose names appear in earlier sections of this Report, but dozens of other collaborators too numerous to mention. The demand for the services of the Society increases continually, and though no one is more conscious than the Executive Committee of the gaps and failures which exist, we believe that on the whole it is well done. We should, however, point out to members and sympathisers that the coming year and the political situation is likely to strain the resources of the Society to their utmost, at a time, moreover, when other causes - the election preparations of the Labour Party, to take only one example - are likely to make imperative demands on both the time and the money of those individuals and organizations on which we have relied over the years of war. If the Society can rise to the challenge of this year, can do its job and retain strength, a further growth in the years to come, when members and potential members return from the Forces, is both possible and probable; in the meantime, this year is crucial. Our commitments are heavy, our opportunities great; we rely upon our membership to enable us to meet the one and rise to the other.

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- 5 Readers for draft pamphlets
 - a) Reconstruction - Then and Now Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Drake
 - b) Colonies and International Conscience Woolf & Greenidge
 - c) Transport Harold Clay
 - d) Fuel and Power Harold Wilson
 - e) Control of Land Use Sillkin and Emil Davies
 - f) Rating Reform Franklin, Blanco White
 - g) Mediterranean Colonies Creech ones, Prof. Bentwich
- 6 Draft Annual Report Approval in general. Details to be tidied up by Mrs. Cole. The Treasurer's Financial Statement was also approved in general, though without figures.
- 7 London Labour Party Women's Advisory Council It was decided to appoint Joan Thompson delegate.
- 8 Executive Election Miss Gibson and Mr. Howells were appointed scrutineers.
- 9 Local Societies Minutes Approved.
- 10 Colonial Bureau Minutes Approved
- 11 New Fabian Essays Discussion of Woolf's comments was postponed until the next meeting, but should be put early on the agenda.
- 12 Next Meeting Monday, May 28, at 4.30 p.m.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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You will be pleased to hear that you have been elected to the Fabian Executive Committee for the year 1945-46. The first meeting of the new E.C. will take place during tea after the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, July 14, at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of May 29 (below)
- 2 Co-options
- 3 Any other business

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. on Monday, May 29, 1945, at 4.30 p.m.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Barou, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Harrington, Franklin, Mitchison, Robson, Skeffington, Mrs. Thompson, White, Wolf, Parker, Gray.

Apologies received from Wilson, Creech Jones, Miss Sutherland.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of April 23 Approved.
- 2 Election Arrangements

- a) The Annual General Meeting should be postponed to July 14, and the meeting of Local Societies to the following day.
- b) The Conferences on agricultural policy and London propaganda should be cancelled, but that on the Universities should be continued.
- c) Assistance to the Labour Party: 1) A grant of £25 should be made to the Party; 2) The Society should offer what research assistance it could to the Research Department of the Party and Jack Gray should be loaned to Transport House if he could be of service there, and for so long as was compatible with the smooth running of his department. A sub-committee, composed of Mrs. Cole, Parker and Skeffington, should attend to detailed arrangements. The possibility of a series of speakers notes on specialised subjects, such as agriculture, co-operation, the USSR, and Tory criticisms of Churchill before 1940, should be kept in mind; 3) The L.S.S.P.C.'s panel of speakers should be available

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- for the Party during the election period; 4.) Members of the Society, both national and local, should be urged to take part in the electoral campaign of their D.L.P.
- d) Publications The following publications should be speeded up for publication before polling day: Monopoly in British Industry, Facts for Socialists (new edition), The Control of Fuel and Power, Reparations and the Future of Germany, The Control of Agriculture, The Control of Internal Transport, Educational Act, 1944 (reprint and revise). The pamphlet on Spain in the Postwar World and Colonies and International Conscience, and the July issue of Fabian Quarterly should be held over until the above had been printed. A publisher for the Population evidence should be sought immediately.
- e) A duplicated supplement to the June Fabian News should be issued, embodying some of the above decisions.
- 3 Staff appointment It was reported that Miss Marjorie Nicholson had been appointed to the post of Research and Administrative Assistant in the Colonial Bureau for one year.
- 4 Proposed Fund to assist Continental Socialist Parties The report of the ad hoc committee appointed to consider this proposal was placed on the table and read. It was agreed that no further action should be taken before the Election and that in the meantime no publicity should be given to the proposal. The ad hoc committee should eventually issue a further report on 1) their endeavour to secure guaranteed contributions up to £1,000 and 2) the arrangements which would be made for the administration of the fund and of the International Bureau. In the meantime it should have no power to act.
- 5 New Fabian Essays Held over.
- 6 Summer School Committee Minutes It was agreed that members of the Society should have first preference in bookings.
- 7 Autumn Lectures It was agreed that this year's lecture should be held on a weekday evening, preferably Thursday or Friday. Proposals for a series of lectures should be drawn up in the office and put before the E.C. at its next meeting.
- 8 Annual General Meeting The provisional arrangements were approved. It was agreed that an outside speaker should be invited. Preferences 1) Morrison, 2) Bevin, 3) Ellen Wilkinson.
- 9 Local Societies Committee Minutes These were received.
- 10 Date of Next Meeting E.C. - Saturday, July 14, after the A.G.M., also on Monday, July 23, at 4.30 p.m.
F. & G.P.O. - by arrangement between the General Secretary and Treasurer.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will take place on Monday, July 23 1945, at 4.30 p.m. at P.E.P. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of Annual General Meeting (on back)
- 2 Minutes of meeting of May 29 (already circulated)
- 3 Minutes of meeting of July 14 (below)
- 4 Correspondence
- 5 Further co-options
- 6 Appointment of Main Committees for ensuing year: 1 Research Planning, 2 Colonial Bureau, 3 International Bureau, 4 Local Societies and Socialist Propaganda Committee.
- 7 Autumn Lectures (Dates booked Thursday evenings November 1 to December 6 inclusive)
- 8 Report from Finance & General Purposes Committee 1 H.J. Hughes - Position if elected to Parliament; 2 Conference House - Proposed purchase; 3 Foreign Publications.
- 9 Meeting Place for E.C.
- 10 New Publications Appointment of Readers
- 11 Other Business
- 12 Date of Next Meeting

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the Royal Hotel, Mobern Place, W.C.1. on Saturday, July 14 1945, at 5 p.m.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Barou, Mrs. Clarke, Davies, Skeffington, Parker, Gray.

Apologies from Jim Griffiths, Margaret Cole and Raymond Postgate

- 1 Co-options to the Committee Woolf, Creech Jones, Young and Flanders to be co-opted immediately. The remaining co-options to be made at a subsequent meeting.
- 2 Conference House Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee who are members of the new E.C. to meet at 3 p.m. on July 23 at 11 Dartmouth Street to discuss the proposal to acquire a country house for conference purposes, and report to the E.C.
- 3 Autumn Lectures The exact title and setting of the lectures to be held over until the election results are published. Provisional titles and suggested speakers to be as follows:- 1 Man Power and Employment - Jim Griffiths, Tomlinson; 2 Housing - Elizabeth Danby, Reilly, Abercrombie; 3 Finance - Morrison; 4 Mines - Harold Wilson; 5 Foreign Policy - Bevin, Attlee; 6 Summing Up - Cole.
- 4 Next Meeting To be held on Monday, July 23 at 4.30 p.m. at P.E.P. 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

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10 New Meeting Place for E.C. In view of a steep increase in the charge for the room at present used for E.C. meetings, it was agreed that alternative accommodation should be sought at the Caxton, Alliance, and Livingstone Halls.

11 Forthcoming Publications The following readers were appointed: Danube Valley Authority - Cole, Albu; European Inland Transport - Davies, Fletcher (TUC); Sudan - Woolf and Creech Jones (at proof stage if this helps to speed up publication); Gas - Chantler, Wilson; Free Legal Services - Mrs. Clarke, Pollard.

12 Census of Distribution Authority was given to a group of Fabians to give evidence to the Board of Trade Committee responsible for defining the scope of proposed Census, provided that Wilson was prepared to take formal responsibility for its work.

13 India and the Dominions The Colonial Europa was given authority to explore the possibility of establishing a research group to cover those territories. Creech Jones to report back subsequently to the E.C.

14 Next Meeting September 24. An earlier meeting to be called if necessary.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday, July 23 1945, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 3 p.m.

Present Davies (chair), Cole, Mrs. Cole, Skeffington, Parker

Apologies from Barou

1. Organising Secretary It was decided to offer H.D. Hughes the post on a part-time basis at a salary of £200 for a year, should he be elected to Parliament.

2. Assistant Organising Secretary Mrs. Parker to be given this title.

3. Conference House A full discussion took place on the proposal to buy Assington Hall for this purpose. Further information, particularly on running costs to be sought before definite report made to the E.C.

4. Foreign Publications. Report on position received. Sub-committee given free hand to make arrangements.

5. Donation Decided to give Scott £10.10s. as an appreciation of the work he had done for the Society.

6. Palk's Letter No action.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday,
June 30th, 1945 at 2.30 at the Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C.1.

There were about 180 persons present; Cole was in the chair.

1. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of July 1st, 1944.
Approved.
2. Result of Postal Ballot for Executive for 1945-6.
Announced.
3. Annual Report. This was introduced by the General Secretary. Departmental Secretaries spoke on the work of their departments. After a general discussion it was approved.
4. Treasurer's Report & Statement of Accounts.
Received.
5. Appointment of Auditors. It was decided to appoint Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co. as Hon. Auditors for the ensuing year.
6. Date of future Annual General Meetings. The Executive agreed to consider whether future Annual General Meetings could be held early in June and, if necessary, submit changes in the rules to the next Annual General Meeting.

JOHN PARKER,
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at P.E.P. 16 Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. on Monday, July 23 1945, at 4.30 p.m. (250)

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Mrs. Cole, Creech Jones, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Paringdon, Flanders, Robson, Skeffington, Miss Wilkinson, Parker, Hughes, Gray.

Apologies from Barou, Mrs. Clarke, Postgate, Young.

- 1 Chairman Cole was appointed for the ensuing year.
- 2 Annual General Meeting Minutes of the meeting on July 14 were received. It was agreed that a recommendation should be made to the next A.G.M. that future Annual General Meetings be held early in June. It was further agreed that a special meeting on the work of the Fabian Society should be held early in the new year with a view to recruiting new members, and that a meeting for members to meet new Fabian M.P.s should be held early in November. Detailed suggestions should be placed before the next meeting of the E.C.
- 3 E.C. Minutes of May 29 and July 14 These were approved.
- 4 Proposed Fund to assist Continental Socialists Discussions to be pursued with Labour Party on lines already approved.
- 5 Fabian Societies Abroad It was agreed that advice and assistance should be given in setting up societies abroad.
- 6 Co-options Harold Wilson.
- 7 Appointment of Committees Colonial Advisory - no change, International Advisory - no change, Research Planning - Michael Young to replace Mitchison, Local Societies and S.P.C. - Barou and Dorothy Archibald to replace Barker, Fiske and Oliver Gollancz, Finance and General Purposes - Albu to replace Franklin.
- 8 Autumn Lectures To be held weekly on Thursday evenings, commencing November 1. The purpose of the series should be to show exactly how Labour can put into effect its long-term programme of economic and social reconstruction. There should be five specific lectures covering 1) employment, production and manpower, 2) socialised and controlled industries, 3) finance and the distribution of national income, 4) rebuilding Britain, 5) foreign economic and diplomatic relations; preceded by a general lecture outlining Labour's plan for the next ten years. A sub-committee of Mrs. Cole, Albu and Flanders should be given power to find suitable titles and speakers and act, but not until the election results were known.
- 9 Finance and General Purposes Committee A verbal report of the meeting held earlier on the same day was received. Arising from the report it was agreed that: 1) H.D. Hughes, in the event of his election to Parliament be given the offer of resuming his position on a part-time basis as Organising Secretary, at a salary of £200, the arrangement to run for one year, and to be subject to review thereafter; 2) The F. & G.P.C. consider the practicability of offering to the General and Organising Secretaries, and possibly others, certain sums as hospitality allowances; 3) Mrs. Parker be given the title of Assistant Organising Secretary, this title to be personal to her, and not to constitute the establishment of a new office; 4) The F. & G.P.C. should further report when the financial aspects of purchasing and running Assington Hall, Mr. Colchester, were cleared up. Mrs. Cole agreed to ask the Trustees of the Beatrice Webb Memorial Fund if they were interested in donating money for the purchase of such a house.

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JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday, July 23 1945, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. at 3 p.m.

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JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

For A.G.M. minutes see previous page

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A G E N D A
(First meeting)

- 1 Minutes of meeting of July 23 (enclosed).
- 2 F. & G.P.C. - Report of Recommendations (a) Assington Hall - Report of proposal to buy for a Conference House (enclosed); (b) Staff Position - Review following General Secretary's Government Appointment.
- 3 Research Planning Committee Minutes (to be circulated).
- 4 Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee Minutes (enclosed).
- 5 International Bureau Advisory Committee Minutes (to be circulated)
- 6 Future work of the Society General discussion in light of new situation.
- 7 B.C. Membership Further co-options.
- 8 Colonial and International Bureau Advisory Committee Membership Further co-options.
- 9 Other Business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A meeting of the FINANCIAL AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE will take place on Wednesday, September 19, 1945, at 2.30 p.m. at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. Please make every effort to attend.

A G E N D A

- 1 Assington Hall Report on proposals to buy a Conference House (enclosed)
- 2 Staff Position Arising from General Secretary's Government appointment.
- 3 Hospitality Allowances Question of.
- 4 Staff Association's letter Points arising.
- 5 Colonial Bureau Proposed fresh expenditure.
- 6 Other Business.

JOHN PARKER
General Secretary.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. on Monday, September 24, at 4.30 P.M.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of September 19 (below)
- 2 Staff Position - Resignation of Zena Parker
- 3 Minutes of P. & G.P.C. of September 19 (enclosed) - Report on proposal to buy Conference House.
- 4 New Publications
- 5 Colonial Bureau Appointment of Chairman.
- 6 Proposal for Indian Research Bureau
- 7 Co-options to E.C.
- 8 Research Planning Committee Minutes (on the table)
- 9 Colonial Bureau Committee Minutes (already circulated)
- 10 International Bureau Committee Minutes (on the table)
- 11 Local Societies Committee Minutes (on the table)
- 12 Colonial & International Bureau Advisory Committee membership Further co-options.
- 13 Future Work of the Society General discussion in light of new situation.
- 14 Other Business

H.D. HUGHES
Acting General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at P.E.P. on Wednesday, September 19.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Barcu, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Feringden, Flanders, Postgate, Robson, Skeffington, Young, Parker, Hughes.

Apologies from Mrs. Clarke, Ellen Wilkinson, Wolf, Zilliacus.

1 Minutes of meeting of July 25 Approved. The Autumn Lecture programme was finally approved. It was decided that Mrs. Archibald be considered for membership of the Summer School Committee when re-appointed and not the Local Societies and S.S.C.

2 Publications:

1 Palestine The Committee rejected the proposal to include a contribution by Spears. The officers of the Bureau were asked to reconsider the pamphlet and report to the next meeting of the E.C.

2 Profits by T. Barna. Albu, Rostas and Flanders were approved as readers.

Population, Strategic Colonies, and General Election, were approved for publication.

3 Staff Position It was decided:

1 To co-opt John Parker to the Executive and to offer him the honorary position of Parliamentary Adviser, or Political Adviser (or such other title as might be mutually agreed) leaving the question of the work to be attached to his honorary office for discussion with the other officers and, if necessary, the Executive.

2 To advertise at once for a General Secretary, at a salary of not less than £500, the advertisement to state that no appointment would be made unless a satisfactory candidate could be found, and that the choice would not be limited to those applying in answer to the advertisement.

3 To ask H.D. Hughes, without relinquishing his position as Organising Secretary, to become Acting General Secretary until such time as a full-time General Secretary could be appointed and could take up his duties.

4 To accept with thanks Margaret Cole's offer to give more regular work and attendance in the office during the interim period, and to consider favourably an application for a grant towards her clerical and other expenses.

5 To place on record the Executive's cordial thanks to John Parker for his work for the Society as General Secretary, and to ask the Chairman to convey to him these thanks in a personal letter.

6 To ask the Chairman to write also to H.D. Hughes, explaining its decision and inviting him to become Acting General Secretary for the interim period.

NOTE It will probably be desirable for the Executive at its adjourned meeting to appoint a Committee to draft the advertisement required under 2 above and to take any other steps needed at this stage in connection with the search for a General Secretary.

C.D.H. COLE
Chairman

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street on Wednesday, September 19, 1945.

Present Davies (chair), Albu, Barca, Mrs. Cole, Skeffington, Parker, Hughes.

1 Assington Hall It was agreed that the principle of acquiring a Conference House in the near future be recommended. No decision was reached on the merits of the particular proposal to purchase Assington Hall.

2 Staff Position The situation arising from Parker's appointment as a Junior Minister was discussed. The majority of the Committee were of the opinion that the Society should advertise for a full time General Secretary.

3 Hospitality Allowances

1 It was decided that £50 of Hughes remuneration of £200 should rank as hospitality allowance.

2 £25 was allotted as expense allowance for officers of the Local Societies Committee for the half year beginning October 1, 1945.

4 Staff Association letter

1 It was decided that the war bonus be continued until further notice, and that no alteration in it would be made without discussion with the Staff Association.

2 Length of service was to be one factor taken into account in considering salaries of the senior staff. The minute 6c of January 8, 1945, concerning periodic review still stood.

5 Colonial Bureau A proposal by Frank Horrabin that the Society should grant a fixed annual subsidy to the Bureau was considered. It was decided to ask the Chairman and Secretary of the Bureau to submit a memorandum on the scheme to the next meeting of the G. & G.P.C. and to attend the Committee to discuss it.

H.D. HUGHES
Acting General Secretary.

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Freeland,
Holders Hill Road,
Hendon, N.W.4.

19.9.45.

Dear John,

The Executive Committee of the Fabian Society today instructed me to write to you thanking you most cordially for all you have done for the Society over the years during which you have been its General Secretary. We all recognise how much the Society has owed to you, and sincerely hope that, though you can no longer serve the Society in that capacity, you will be able to continue your close association with it and maintain an official link with its work in an honorary capacity - as Parliamentary Advisor or whatever seems best to fit the circumstances best from your point of view and ours. The Executive today co-opted you to serve as a member, and left the exact form of the new honorary association to be worked out with you. It also expressed the appreciation of your desire to do all you could to go on working for the Society in future as far as your other preoccupations allow.

May I say how fully I, personally, endorse these sentiments, and wish you the best of fortune in your new office?

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) G.D.H. COLE
Chairman

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Freeland,
Holders Hill Road,
Hendon, N.W.4.

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Dear Billy,

As you know, the Executive Committee to-day discussed the position arising out of John's taking office and your own election as P.P.S. Its view was that it is indispensable for the Society to have as soon as possible as full-time General Secretary to handle its rapidly increasing volume of work in the office. In the meantime, it decided to invite you to serve as Acting General Secretary in the existing part-time basis, retaining also your present office as Organising Secretary for the balance of the year for which you were recently appointed to it. It was felt that it would be unwise to lay down at this stage what should happen when the year expires; but I may say that there was a general recognition of your high value to the Society and a hope that it will found possible for you to retain a connection with it. As you are staying with the Society, this is not an occasion for bouquets: otherwise there would be plenty to offer you.

Yours very sincerely,

signed.

G. D. H. Cole.

Chairman.

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday October 1, 1945, at 11 Dartmouth Street, S. W. 1 at 5.30 p.m.

Present Davies (chair), Albu, Cole, Mrs. Cole, Parker, Skeffington, Hughes.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 19 September. Approved.
- 2 Memorandum on Staff Position. It was agreed
 - (i) To advertise for a full-time General Secretary at £600 a year (eight weeks notice to be given from date of advertisement).
 - (ii) To appoint a personal secretary to the General Secretary, also to be office manager and to rank as a member of the Senior Staff, at a salary of £250 (three weeks notice to be given from date of advertisement).
 - (iii) To appoint a senior clerical assistant (starting at £4/2/6 plus 5/- war bonus) to undertake clerical and other duties including supervision of the bookshop (three weeks notice to be given from date of advertisement).
 - (iv) To make up Martin's money whilst called up by 25/- a week.
 - (v) To give the following members of the senior staff a hospitality allowance of £15 a year in addition to their present salaries: Jack Gray, Rita Hinden, Mildred Bamford.
 - (vi) To engage a part-time assistant for the Colonial Bureau at £1 a week.
 - (vii) To make the following arrangements for interviewing candidates.
 - (a) General Secretary. Applications to be sifted by General Secretary, Honorary Secretaries, Treasurer and Skeffington. Other members of F. & G.P.C. to be informed so they could go through the list. A list of about twelve to be seen. Final six to be interviewed by E.C.
 - (b) Other appointments. Similar arrangements save that final lists of six for each post to be seen by F. & G.P.C. who would make appointments.
 - (viii) To advertise these vacancies in the N.S.N., Daily Herald, Tribune and Fabian News. University appointments Boards and other suitable organizations were to be informed.

H. D. HUGHES
Act. Gen. Secretary.

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at P.E.P.
16 Queen Anne's Gate, at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 22nd October.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 24th September (below)
- 2 Minutes of F.G.P.C. of 1st October (enclosed).
- 3 Publications.
- 4 Report on meeting of L.S.C. of 22nd October (verbally at meeting).
- 5 Indian Research Bureau - Report on position. (to be circulated).
- 6 Other Business

H.D. HUGHES
Acting General Secretary

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at P.E.P. on Monday, 24th September.

Present Cole (chair), Albu, Barcu, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Faringdon, Flanders, Parker, Postgate, Robson, Skelington, Ellen Wilkinson, Woolf, Zilliacus, Hughes, Gray.

- 1 Minutes of meeting of September 19. approved.
 - a) A report from the officers of the Colonial Bureau on the Palestine pamphlet was received. It was decided to rescind the decision of the previous meeting and to publish the pamphlet with the names of the contributors as it stood.
 - b) It was agreed that Parker should take the position of Joint Hon. Sec. with Mrs. Cole.
 - c) The salary to be advertised for the new full-time General Secretary was fixed at £600.

Acting General Sec.

H.D. HUGHES.

15 Next Meeting. Monday, 22nd October at 4.30 p.m.

Committee for information.

14 List of Members in arrears received and ordered to be struck off. In future these to be dealt with by F.G.P.C. and circulated to Executive

13 List of New Members dated March - June 1945. approved.

Ernest Davies.

b) The following co-options to the International Bureau Advisory Committee were approved - Crossman, Foot, Callaghan, Warby,

- 4 Publications. The following readers were approved:
- a) Distribution - Albu, Vinter.
 - b) Children without Homes - Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake
 - c) Labour Controls - Barou, Flanders
 - d) Relation of Government and Industry - Albu
 - e) Cotton - Cole to read the revised draft
 - f) Raw Materials - passed for publication without further reading.
 - g) Government Contracts and Costing - rejected.
- 5 Colonial Bureau. The appointment of a Chairman was deferred pending consideration by the Bureau.
- 6 Indian Research Bureau. A meeting of the following was to be convened to discuss the project and submit proposals for the composition, terms of reference and finance of such a Bureau: H. Alexander, Col. Armstrong, Brailsford, Faringdon, Listowel, G. Miller, Drummond Shiels, Sorenson, Woodrow Wyatt, suitable Labour M.P.'s
- 7 Co-options to Executive Committee. It was agreed to co-opt Ian Mikardo, M.P. leaving three places vacant for the time being.
- 8 Minutes of Research Planning Committee of 13th September. Approved.
- a) Industrial Efficiency. It was announced that a donation of £100 had been offered towards research by L. Stevens if available. It was agreed to contribute up to £30 towards this project if necessary, the work to be done under the auspices of the Society.
 - b) The Acting General Secretary and Research Secretary were empowered to decide the question of publication of a book on Agriculture by Bateson.
 - c) The proposal to grant small fees for the revision of the Local Government tracts was approved.
- 9 Minutes of International Bureau Advisory Committees dated 4th September and 17th September. Approved.
- 10 Minutes of Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee dates 4th September. Approved.
- 11 Minutes of Local Societies Committee dated 17th September. Approved.
- 12 Colonial and International Bureau Advisory Committee membership.
- a) Further co-options to Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee deferred pending consideration by that Committee.
 - b) The following co-options to the International Bureau Advisory Committee were approved - Crossman, Foot, Callaghan, Warbey, Ernest Davies.
- 13 List of New Members dated March - June 1945. Approved.
- 14 List of Members in arrears received and ordered to be struck off. In future these to be dealt with by F.G.P.C. and circulated to Executive Committee for information.
- 15 Next Meeting. Monday, 22nd October at 4.30 p.m.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at PEP 16 Queen Anne's Gate at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 26 November.

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of meeting of 22 October (enclosed).
- 2 Minutes of F.G.P.C. of 5 November (enclosed).
- 3 Memo. by Parker on Finance of Colonial Bureau (enclosed).
- 4 List of Members absent from four meetings of Executive Committee.

Mrs. Clarke, Durbin, Griffiths, Wilson.
- 5 Minutes of Colonial Bureau of 29 October (enclosed).
- 6 Minutes of Local Societies Committee of 22 October (enclosed).
Minutes of Local Societies Committee of 16 November (to be on table)
- 7 Minutes of Summer School Committee of 16 November (enclosed).
- 8 Appointment of Summer School Committee 1946.
- 9 Publications.
- 10 Mabain Parliamentary Forum.
- 11 Proposed Visit to Czechoslovakia.
- 12 Buscot Park as Conference House, proposal by Faringdon.

H. D. HUGHES
Acting General Secretary.

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MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at P.E.P.
on Monday 22 October, 1945.

Present: Barou, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Dwyer, Faringdon, Flanders, Milgardo, Parker, Postgate, Robson, Skeffington, Woolf, Young, Hughes, Gray.

Apologies Were received from G.D.H. Cole, Griffiths.

1 Minutes of meeting of 24 September. Approved.

1. Young to be entered among those present on 19 September.
2. The names of Executive Committee members absent from four consecutive meetings to be reported to the next meeting by the Secretary.
3. Mrs. Clarke's absence on health grounds was accepted.

2 Minutes of F.G.P.C. of 1 October. Approved.

3 Publications.

1. The offer of Gollancz to publish the Autumn Lectures as a Left Book Club choice approved. The Secretary was to attempt to get some price reduction for members if possible. The Society to offer 1/- subsidy if necessary and practicable.
2. The pamphlet on the General Election to be available free on demand to 10/6 members.
3. The Population pamphlet to be offered to members at 1/6.
4. The F.G.P.C. to consider publications offered to each scale of membership during the current year.

4 Meeting of Local Societies Committee of 22 October. Verbal report approved.

1. The Secretary to write David Lewis (CCF) re the development of Local Societies in Cambs.
2. Barou, Flanders and Hughes to report on the position of subscribing bodies and possibilities of increasing the number.

5 Indian Bureau. A Fabian Indian Affairs Group to be formed in the first place for three months with Faringdon, Acting Chairman, Woodrow Wyatt, M.P. Acting Secretary, and Rita Hinden as a guiding committee with powers to co-opt. The committee to arrange a Conference, consider obtaining further financial support, and initiate publications. A full-time secretary/typist to be appointed. The F.G.P.C. to consider further the financial implications.

6 Summer Schools. Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford to be reserved for one week and the Summer School Committee when appointed to be responsible for organisation and programme.

7 Staff Savings Scheme. It was agreed to recommend to the Committee that Mrs. Parker be paid the employers contributions paid to the scheme on her behalf by the Society.

H. D. HUGHES,
Acting General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, held at 11, Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, 26th November, 1945.

Present: Davies (chair); 'Albu, Barou, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Faringdon, Flandors, Horrabin, Mikardo, Parker, Postgate, ~~Rokson~~ Skeffington, Young, Hughes, Gray.

Apologies from Chairman, Mrs. Clarke, Durbin, Griffiths, Creech Jones, Wilson, Woolf.

1. Minutes of Executive Committee of 22 October. Approved.
Albu excused attendance owing to illness.
2. Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee of 5 November. Approved.
3. Co-option. Frank Horrabin. Members of Executive Committee to send in proposals for the remaining two places for the January meeting.
4. Finance of Colonial Bureau. The proposals in Parker's memo were approved as from 1 October, 1945. 20% only of additional money raised to be contributed to Society overheads. This arrangement not to be a precedent.
5. Absent members. Letters received from Mrs. Clarke and Durbin. Mrs. Clarke to be excused attendance until January, the remainder to be reconsidered if absent from the next meeting.
6. Minutes of Colonial Bureau Committee of 29 October. Approved.
7. Minutes of Local Societies Committee of 22 October and 19 November. Approved, with the exception of Minute No. 4 of the meeting on 19 November, which was referred back. It was decided to hold a day or weekend conference in February on the work of the Government and the Party in the present situation, bearing in mind the role of the Fabian Society in relation to this. The officers and Local Society Committee officers to consult in drafting the programme.
8. Minutes of Summer School Committee of 16 November. Approved
Davies and Doreen Price to be recorded as present. The Committee were asked:
 - (a) to give more thought to the composition and functions of the Advisory Committees, and
 - (b) to consider taking further measures than those proposed in point 6 to ensure that a serious tone was given to the School.
9. Buscot Park. A proposal to Faringdon that the Society should sponsor its use as a Conference House was referred to the Dartmouth Street Trust.

10. Summer School and Conferences Committee, 1945/6. The following to be invited to serve: Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Miss Lyndal Evans, Humphreys, Mikardo, Parker, Miss Margaret Room, Skeffington, Blanco White, Young, Heads of Departments to be asked to submit suggestions for the programme and to attend the discussion on them.
11. Publications. Young and Chester appointed as readers for a pamphlet on the Cost of the Social Services.
The Colonial Bureau were authorised to produce a short pamphlet on A.B.C.A. lines.
12. Next Meeting. No meeting to be held on the fourth Monday in December.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee to interview candidates for the post of General Secretary on 19 December and to call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to interview the short list.

H.D. HUGHES,
Acting General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1. on Monday, November 5th, 1945.

resent Davies (chair), Albu, Barcu, Mrs. Cole, Skeffington, Hughes.
Apologies received from Cole.

1 A short list of candidates for the posts of Personal Secretary and Senior Clerical Assistant were interviewed. It was agreed

- a) To appoint Miss Knight as Senior Clerical Assistant.
- b) To write Miss Gilder for an interview for the post of Personal Assistant.
- c) To offer Miss Edwards either the post of Personal Assistant or that of Senior Clerical Assistant to the Indian Research Bureau, according to the result of the interview with Miss Gilder.

2 Minutes of meeting of 1 October. Approved. It was decided to grant Mrs. Fox an extra personal expense allowance of £15.

3 Colonial Bureau. A letter was received from the Chairman of the Society proposing that the questions raised in the document submitted by the Bureau be not discussed until the document was withdrawn. It was decided to hear the views of the Chairman and Secretary of the Bureau but not to receive the document. Parker was asked to prepare a memo for submission to the E.C. on the basis of the discussion. The Bureau to be given a fixed subsidy and the right to suggest lines of expenditure of finance raised under its auspices, subject to an agreed percentage to meet overhead expenses of the Society. All lines of expenditure to be approved by the F.G.P.C. The Colonial Bureau to be represented on the F.G.P.C.

FABIAN SOCIETY ;; 11, DARTMOUTH STREET, LONDON.S.W.

A Special Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at 11, Dartmouth Street at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 4th January, 1946, for the purpose of interviewing four candidates selected by the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the post of General Secretary. Particulars of these candidates are enclosed.

The normal meeting of the Executive Committee in January will be held on Monday, 28th January, 1946.

20th December, 1945.

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at P.E.P. on Friday, 4th January, 1946.

Present: G.D.H. Cole (chair); Albu, Barou, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. M. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Flanders, Mikardo, Parker, Postgate, Skeffington, Woolf, Young, Hughes.
Apologies from Griffiths and Horrabin, and Robson

1. The following were interviewed for the post of General Secretary:-

Ashley Bramall.
Wilfred M. Halsall.
John Harvard-Watts.
John McKnight.
Bosworth Monck.

It was decided (a) that Monck be appointed, subject to enquiries by the Hon. Secretaries raising no new difficulties. (b) In the event of a new situation arising as above, or in the case of Monck refusing the appointment, the matter be adjourned to the meeting on 28th January, when a decision be taken either to appoint Bramall or to make no appointment from the present list.

2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee were instructed to report to the next Executive Committee on the publications position and its financial aspect.
3. The Acting General Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Miss Susan Lawrence on behalf of the Executive Committee.
4. European Transport by Zwalf was authorised for publication without further readers: Sheila Grant-Duff's manuscript on Czechoslovakia to be rejected.

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Monday, 21st January, 1946 at 11, Dartmouth Street at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Davies (chair); Albu, G.D.H. Cole, M. Cole, Parker, Skeffington, Hughes, Gray.

Apologies from: Barou, Horrabin.

1. Minutes of meeting of 5th November, 1945. Approved.

(1) Parker reported that Rita Hinden has queried the terms of the official agreement with the Colonial Bureau. The Committee supported his contention that the 20% of new revenue was intended to meet overhead expenses at the General Society and not the direct expenses of the Bureau itself.

(2) Davies reported that the draft constitution for a Co-operative Trust to manage a conference house was available, and proofs would be submitted to the Webb Trustees and to the Committee.

2. In response to a circular appeal from the London Labour Party it was agreed to give £5 to the L.C.C. Election Fund.

3. Executive members were requested where possible to attend lectures, conferences and other activities of the Society.

4. It was reported that Jack Gray had received an offer of an attractive position which he would probably wish to accept. The officers were instructed that if a vacancy occurred, they were to advertise the post of Research Secretary forthwith at Gray's present salary rate.

5. The list of new members from 29th October, 1945 to 14th January, 1946 was approved and 23 members in arrears were ordered to be struck off.

6. Powers of Bureaux and Committees. It was decided that before any Bureau or Committee of the Society submitted a document or sent a deputation to a member of the Government in his official capacity they should obtain the permission of the officers who, if necessary, would refer the matter to the E.C. Evidence to official commissions should be submitted only by permission of the E.C. Letters to the press signed by officers of the Society or Bureaux or Groups should be sanctioned in advance by the General Secretary. This does not apply to letters signed by officers in their personal capacity.

7. Publications Finance. It was agreed that:

(1) The Treasurer should be authorised to overdraw on the Bank up to £500 if necessary to meet the present winter bill.

(2) The E.C. should be asked to consider the possibility of issuing a 3% Loan and paying the proceeds into the Publications Fund, which would be available to meet further contingencies of this nature.

(3) The Publications Committee suggestion that an over-all publications programme should be roughly planned over convenient periods was accepted.

(4) The Society should endeavour to persuade specified publishers to take larger Fabian pamphlets, and small books as soon as printing and binding could be performed in reasonable time.

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, held at P.E.P. on Monday, 28th January, 1946 at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Cole (chair); Albu, Barou, M. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Faringdon, Flanders, Horrabin, Mikardo, Parker, Postgate, Robson, Skeffington, E. Wilkinson, Young, Hughes, Gray.

Apologies from: Mrs. Clarke, Griffiths, Creech Jones.

1. Minutes of Executive Committee of 26 November. Approved.
Robson's name to be added to those present.

- 1) Absent members. No action taken.
The resignation of Zilliagus was accepted with regret.
- 2) It was decided to co-opt Mary Sutherland, Worswick and Jack Gray (on his leaving the staff). Further co-options were referred to the next meeting.

2. Minutes of Executive Committee of 4 January. Approved.

It was reported that Monck had not been able to reach a final decision and it was decided to allow him a further fortnight. If he then rejected the post a special Executive should be called to discuss the position on February 18th; if he accepted the Finance and General Purposes Committee were to consider the allocation of staff duties.

3. Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee of 21 January. Approved.

- 1) Colonial Bureau Finance. It was agreed that, in accordance with past practice one-sixth of the Society's telephone and postage bill was to be borne by the Colonial Bureau, and that 20% of new revenue was intended to meet overhead expenses of the general Society.
- 2) E.C. attendance at functions. An attempt was to be made at each meeting of the Executive to find members willing to attend functions during the forthcoming month.
- 3) Research Secretary. It was reported that Gray had submitted his resignation in order to take up another post at the end of February. It was agreed that the post be advertised at the present salary rate.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee were asked to consider salaries being offered for comparable jobs by other organisations and prepare a report.

- 4) Powers of Bureaux & Committees. The matter was referred back to the F. & G.P. Committee who were asked to appoint a small sub-committee to consult the Chairmen and Secretaries of the Bureaux.
- 5) Publications Finance. The F. & G.P. Committee were authorised to borrow up to £1,000.

- 4. Minutes of International Bureau of 4 December & 23 January.
Approved.
 - 1) The appointment of Healey & Gordon Walker as members of the Advisory Committee was ratified.
 - 2) The termination of "France & Britain" was accepted with regret.
 - 3) The "International Review" was referred to the next meeting. Considerable doubts of the practicability of the proposal were expressed.
 - 4) A general discussion on the work of the International Bureau was referred to a later meeting.
- 5. Minutes of Colonial Bureau of 10 December. Approved.

The Colonial Bureau was authorised to produce a pamphlet on "Five Years' Work."
- 6. Minutes of Local Societies Committee of 17 December and 21 January. Approved.
- 7. Indian Affairs Group. Minutes of 19 December & 21 January. Approved.
- 8. Minutes of Summer Schools & Conferences Committee of 7 and 23 January. Approved.
- 9. Webb Memorial Lecture. The officers were given power to submit proposals to the Webb Trustees.
- 10. Heads of Departments were to be invited to future meetings of the E.C., with the right to speak on matters affecting their departments if requested.
- 11. Conference House project. Davies reported that he would submit draft articles for a Co-operative Trust to the next meeting. The W.T.A. were inspecting possible premises.
- 12. Proposed visit to Czechoslovakia. Referred to the F. & G.P. Committee.
- 13. Letter from Dr. Barou. The question of the policy of the Society was to be placed on the next Agenda.

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street on Monday, 18th February, 1946 at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Davies (chair); Abu, Barou, G.D.H. Cole, M. Cole, Horrabin, Parker, Skeffington, Hughes, Monck.

Part I. Staff Matters.

1. Appointment of General Secretary. Monck's acceptance of the post was reported and approved. Consideration of the division of staff functions was deferred for further consideration until the end of March.
2. Comparable salary rates. Note by Gray received. It was decided to review the general salary position early in the new financial year.
3. Appointment of Research Secretary. The following to be invited to serve on the interviewing Committee: Officers, including Monck, Flanders, Robson, Young.
4. International Bureau Staff. It was reported:
 - (a) That there had been some difficulty in the relations between Mrs. Bamford and Miss Dick.
 - (b) That for domestic reasons, Mrs. Bamford wished to resume part-time employment from approximately the beginning of June for one month, then to take three months' leave of absence and return on a part-time basis.

A preliminary discussion took place on the new responsibilities of the International Bureau in the light of the new situation at the end of the war and the following recommendations were approved:-

 - (a) That the Bureau cannot be carried on on the basis of a part-time secretary.
 - (b) That the attention of the Executive Committee should be drawn to the changes in the work of the International Bureau required in the next period and to the need for the better organisation of the research activities of the Bureau.
 - (c) That Mrs. Bamford be offered full salary for the first month of part-time services and half salary for three months' leave of absence.
 - (d) That Miss Dick be retained on the staff for the present.
5. Payment of staff meals. It was reported that some departments were submitting requests for payment of meals for staff working late and attending Society functions. It was decided that as a normal practice meals allowances in these circumstances be not granted, but that the General

Secretary should have discretionary power in special cases.

6. It was agreed that if Mrs. Ritchie were prepared to give extra time to the work of the Local Societies Committee, she should be given a proportionate increase in salary.
7. Repayment of Savings Fund Contributions. The Committee endorsed repayment of contributions on behalf of John Parker.

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street on Monday, 18th February, 1946 at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Davies (chair); Albu, Barou, G.D.H. Cole, M. Cole, Horrabin, Parker, Skeffington, Hughes, Monck.

Part II. General.

1. Minutes of meeting of 21st January. Approved.
2. Powers of Bureaux and Committees. The officers were empowered to meet the Chairmen and Secretaries of the Colonial Bureau, International Bureau, Local Societies Committee and Indian Affairs Group and the Research Secretary to discuss and revise the terms of the previous F. & G.P. Committee minute.
3. Proposed visit to Czechoslovakia. The officers were to make preliminary enquiries re a team of contributors and re likely facilities from the Czech. Government.
4. Draft rules of Fabian Club Houses Ltd. Received and passed in principle. A copy to be sent for information to the W.T.A. Observations of the Webb Trustees to be awaited before taking further action.
5. Rent of 4, Queen Anne's Gate. The landlords to be offered a rent of £150 p.a., payable quarterly in advance. The Treasurer to have power to vary this at his discretion, first option on the lease of the premises if it became available to be requested.
6. Payment of expenses of Committee members. It was decided that it was not practicable to offer to recoup the fares of provincial members travelling up to town for Research Committees.
7. Reprint of Biographical Tracts. Margaret Cole, in consultation with the Acting General Secretary, was empowered to reach agreement with Horrabin re the reprint of a selection of Biographical Tracts in book form. Any correspondence with the authors on this matter to be conducted by the Society.

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

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

A Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at P.E.P.
16, Queen Anne's Gate at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 25th February,
1946.

A G E N D A.

Part I. Staff Matters.

Committee

1. Minutes of Finance & General Purposes of 18 February.
Part I - staff matters. (enclosed)

Part II. General.

1. Absent members. The following members have been absent
for four consecutive meetings:-

J. Griffiths, A. Creech Jones, H. Wilson.

2. Minutes of Executive Committee of 28 January (enclosed).
Matters arising:

- (a) Co-options.
(b) E.C. members willing to attend March functions.

3. Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee of 18
February. Part II - general (enclosed).
4. Minutes of Local Societies Committee of 18 February.
(to follow).
5. Appointment of delegate to London Labour Party Executive
and 4 delegates to London Labour Party Conference.
6. Appointment of delegate to Labour Party Conference.
7. Report on work of International Bureau (to follow).
8. Collective Membership. Memo enclosed.
9. Policy of Fabian Society. Letter from Dr. Barou.
10. Future Publications. Readers to be appointed.
11. Dates of E.C. election and Annual General Meeting.
Suggested date of A.C.M. - Saturday, 22nd June, 1946.

H.D. HUGHES,
Acting General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, held at P.E.P. on Monday, 25th February, 1946 at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Cole (chair); Barou, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cole, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Durbin, Faringdon, Flanders, Mikardo, Parker, Robson, Skeffington, Miss Sutherland, Woolf, Young, Hughes Monck.

Apologies from Herrabin and Ellen Wilkinson.

In attendance during Part II: Mrs. Bamford, Mrs. Fox, Gray, Miss Nicholson.

PART I.

- 1. Minutes of E. & C.P. Committee of 18 February, Part I. Approved.

A letter from Mrs. Bamford, tendering her resignation as from the end of June was received and accepted. It was agreed to co-opt Mrs. Bamford to the International Bureau Advisory Committee from that date and to advertise for a Secretary to the International Bureau, unless a suitable candidate was found amongst applicants for the post of Research Secretary. Woolf was invited to serve on the interviewing Committee. If necessary, the new Secretary should be appointed to run concurrently with Mrs. Bamford until June.

PART II.

- 1. It was agreed to send letters of sympathy to Dr. Hinden on her illness and to Mrs. C.H. Lloyd on the death of her husband.
- 2. Absent members. Letters were received from Griffiths and Harold Wilson, offering their resignations owing to inability to attend. It was decided that members of the Government in this position should be sent documents and invited to attend if possible for the remainder of the year, but that their places should, if necessary, be filled by co-options.
- 3. Minutes of Executive Committee of 28 January. Approved.
 - (a) Co-options. It was reported that Worswick felt unable to accept co-option during the current year. Christopher Mayhew and Michael Stewart were co-opted.
 - (b) The following E.C. members volunteered to attend functions during March:
 - International Bureau lecture, 2nd March: Barou, Mrs. Drake.
 - International Bureau lecture, 16th March: Mrs. Clarke
 - Women's Group Meeting: Mrs. Drake.
 - Dance: Skeffington.
 - Local Societies Committee Conference: Flanders, Skeffington.
 - (c) Thanks were expressed to Gray for his period of service as Research Secretary.

4. Minutes of Finance & General Purposes Committee of 18 February, Part II. Approved.
5. Minutes of Local Societies Committee of 18 February. Approved.

A discussion took place on the proposed series of tracts on Socialism Today and Tomorrow and members were invited to send in written comments for the following sub-committee, which was appointed to sponsor the series:-

Flanders, Gray, Skeffington, Young, officers.

6. Policy of the Fabian Society. A discussion was introduced by Barou on the nature of the work of the Society under a Labour Government. The Research Planning Committee was asked to review the current research work of the Society, and report back to the E.C.
7. International Bureau. A report on the work of the Bureau was received and the details of work completed and in hand were approved. After a general discussion, the International Bureau Advisory Committee were asked to review their future plan of work and prepare a report. G.D.H. Cole to attend the Advisory Committee meeting and express his views.
8. London Labour Party (a) Delegate to E.C. J. Mazure was nominated by the Central London Fabian Society for consideration by the E.C. Parker was appointed delegate for the year 1946/7.
(b) Delegates to London Labour Party Conference: Mazure, Monck, Parker, Skeffington.
9. Delegate to Labour Party Conference. M. Cole, Monck to attend as visitor.
10. Date of Annual General Meeting. 29th June, 1946.
11. Collective Membership. Document by Barou, Flanders and Hughes considered. It was decided to defer the national affiliation campaign pending the policy report from the Research Planning Committee. The F. & G.P. Committee were asked to consider the question of a higher rate of subscription for Trade Unions and Co-operative Societies, and the question of industrial membership. Local Societies were authorised to go ahead in securing local affiliations.
12. Future Publications.
 - (a) European Inland Transport. Publication by the Society authorised.
 - (b) Danube Valley Authority. Readers: G.D.H. Cole, Monck.
 - (c) I.L.O. Readers: Mrs. Clarke, Skeffington.
 - (d) The Rate for the Job. Mrs. Drake to read in place of Ellen Wilkinson.
 - (e) Industry under a Labour Government. Readers: Mayhew, Young.
 - (f) Labour Management. Readers: Mikardo, Monck.
 - (g) Ms. on Film Industry. Rejected.
 - (h) Ms. on Miners' Welfare. To be considered in the light of a report from de Power.
 - (i) Mrs. Field's offer of a pamphlet on Welfare in the Dutch State Coal Mines: rejected.

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street on Monday, 18th March, 1946 at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Davies (chair); Barou, Cole, Parker, Skeffington, Hughes, Monck.

Apologies from: Margaret Cole, Horrabin.

PART I. Staff Matters.

1. Minutes of meeting of 18th February, Part I. Approved.

It was reported that Mrs. Bamford had asked for the dismissal of Miss Dick. It was agreed that she be transferred to the general office for a fortnight's trial, after which the matter be left to the discretion of the General Secretary.

2. Staff salaries.

- (1) It was decided to re-advertise for a Research Secretary, and an International Secretary at salaries of £350 p.a. rising by £50 at the end of one year if satisfactory. £50 of this salary to rank as expenses.
- (2) Rita Hinden's salary to be raised to £375 p.a., £50 of which were to rank as expenses.
- (3) Marjorie Nicholson and Rosemary Burke to be given £25 expenses in addition to their present salaries.
- (4) Mr. Bardsley to be given £25 increase in salary.
- (5) Mrs. Fox to be given a pro rata salary increase in comparison to the other heads of departments.
- (6) Mrs. Watson to be given £20 increase in salary.

All the above increases to commence as from 1st June, 1946.

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

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Present: Davies (chair); Earou, Cole, Parker, Skeffington, Hughes, Monck.

Apologies from: Margaret Cole, Horrabin.

PART II. General.

1. Minutes of meeting of 18th February, Part II. Approved.

- (1) Powers of Bureaux & Committees. The recommendation of the meeting between the officers and the chairmen and secretaries of Bureaux and Committees on 6th March were endorsed (copy enclosed).
- (2) The staff were authorised to go ahead with provisional arrangements for a party to visit Czechoslovakia next autumn, the exact time of the visit to be reviewed later.
- (3) Fabian Club Houses. The minutes of the 2nd annual meeting of the Webb Memorial Fund Trustees, held on 27th February were reported for information. It was also reported that the National Trust might be prepared to purchase an estate near London and lease the house to an appropriate body for use as a conference house. It was agreed:-
 - (a) That Davies should consult the Secretary of the Webb Trustees and complete the formation of an industrial and provident society to be known as the Webb Memorial Club Houses Ltd.
 - (b) That Monck should act for the Society in negotiations with the Webb Memorial Trustees and the National Trust.
 - (c) That the Society's share of the finances should be raised when a definite property had been ear-marked.
 - (d) That the Society should proceed with the organisation of the 1946 Webb Memorial Lecture.

2. Letter from Central London Fabian Society. Received.

It was agreed that the Central London Society be informed that the Committee were not prepared to recommend an alteration in the constitution of the London Labour Party, but would consider nominations from Local Societies in the L.C.C. area in appointing the Society's representatives on the E.C. of the London Labour Party.

3. Pamphlet on India's Sterling Assets. Authorised for publication.

4. Memo on Income and Influence of the Society. After discussion it was agreed to recommend to the E.C.:

- (1) That the 5/- membership list be examined to ensure that the members concerned were bona fide students or other ranks in the Services.
- (2) That throughout the next financial year 10/6d members be sent a circular letter with a request for the renewal of their subscriptions, urging the advantages to be gained from transferring to 21/- subscriptions and that the Treasurer should make an appeal on these lines in his annual report.
- (3) That the organising secretary be responsible for a drive to raise donations for the Dartmouth Street Trust from individuals and organisations and to prepare for a membership drive in the autumn. Members of the Executive and M.Ps. to be asked to submit names of individuals who might be approached to give donations.

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held at P.E.P.
16, Queen Anne's Gate, on Monday 25th March, 1946 at
4.30 p.m.

A G E N D A.

PART I.

1. Minutes of Executive Committee of 25th February,
Part I (enclosed).
2. Minutes of F. & G.P.C. of 18th March, Part I (enclosed).

PART II.

1. Minutes of E.C. of 25th February, Part II (enclosed).
2. Minutes of F. & G.P.C. of 18th March, Part II (enclosed).
 - (a) Powers of Bureaux and Committees.
 - (b) Webb Memorial Club Houses Ltd.
 - (c) Webb Memorial Lecture.
 - (d) Letter from Central London Labour Party.
 - (e) Memo on Income and Influence of the Society (encl).
3. Minutes of Research Planning Committee of 5th March
(enclosed), - to approve recommendation in Para. A. 1.
4. Minutes of International Bureau Advisory Committee of
11th March (enclosed).
5. Minutes of Indian Affairs Group of 12th March, (enclosed).
6. Minutes of Summer Schools Committee of 11th March
(enclosed for information).
7. Minutes of Local Societies Committee of 18th March
(to follow).
8. Forthcoming publications.
9. Report on a Year's work of the Fabian Colonial Bureau,
(enclosed for information).

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

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

MINUTES of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1. on Monday, 25th March, 1946 at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Davies (chair); Barou, Mrs. Clarke, Margaret Cole, Mrs. Drake, Faringdon, Flanders, Mayhew, Mikardo, Parker, Postgate, Robson, Skeffington, Stewart, Ellen Wilkinson, Woolf, Young, Hughes, Monck.

In attendance during Part II. Mrs. M. Bamford, Miss R. Burke, Mrs. D. Fox, Dr. R. Hinden.

Apologies from: G.D.H. Cole, Gray, Horrabin.

PART I.

1. Minutes of Executive Committee of 25 February. Part I. Approved.
2. Minutes of F. & G.P.C. of 18th March. Part I. Approved.
3. It was agreed that Mr. Bosworth Monck should take over responsibility as General Secretary as from 1st April, 1946, with authority to sign cheques on behalf of the Society; H.D. Hughes to revert to his former position as Organising Secretary from that date.

PART II.

1. Minutes of Executive Committee of 25 February. Part II. Approved.
2. Minutes of F. & G.P.C. of 18 March. Part II. Approved.
 - (a) Powers of Bureaux and Committees. The following minute was finally approved:-

Before any Bureau or Committee of the Society submitted a document or sent a deputation to a member of the Government in his official capacity they should inform the General Secretary who, if necessary, would refer the matter to the officers. Evidence to official commissions and committees should be submitted only by permission of the E.C. Letters to the press signed by officers of the Society or Bureaux or Groups should be seen in addition by the General Secretary. This does not apply to letters signed by officers in their personal capacity.
 - (b) Webb Memorial Lecture. It was agreed that this should be advertised as a public lecture.
3. Minutes of Research Planning Committee of 5 March.

Approved, together with a recommendation that a sub-committee should proceed with a small conference on "Life under a Socialist State."

The chart of work was referred back to the Research Planning Committee for final revision, after which relevant sections

were to be submitted to appropriate Ministers for their information with plans of arrangements on future special projects as and when required.

4. Minutes of International Bureau Advisory Committee of 11 March. Approved.

Woolf reported that a Group had been set up to consider the issue raised in a new pamphlet by G.D.H. Cole on Foreign Policy.

5. Minutes of Indian Affairs Group of 12 March. Approved.

Publication of the pamphlet on Sterling Balances was authorised, but the pamphlet on Pakistan, after revision in the light of readers' reports was to be held until the decision of the official Conference was known.

6. Minutes of Summer Schools & Conferences Committee of 18 March. Received.

7. Minutes of Local Societies Committee of 18 March. Approved.

The recommendation for revision of the National Society's membership form was referred to the officers.

8. Report of Year's work of the Fabian Colonial Bureau. Received.

The Bureau was asked to consider the general problem of Imperialism and the International Bureau were asked to consider the problem of the Middle East in consultation with the Colonial Bureau.

9. The following members of the E.C. agreed to attend the activities indicated during the following month:

Conference on Problems facing the Labour Movement, 6th and 7th April:- M. Cole, Parker, Skeffington.
Conference on Britain and the Colonial Peoples, 12th to 14th April:- Horrabin.
Indian Affairs Group Brains Trust, 12th April:- Flanders.
May-Day dance, 4th May:- M. Cole, Mikardo.

H.D. HUGHES.
Acting General Secretary.

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E.C. 11th meeting

FABIAN SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Committee will be held at P.E.P., 16 Queen Anne's Gate, at 4.30 p.m. on April 29th, 1946.

AGENDA

1. To take note of the minutes of these meetings:-
 - (a) Executive Committee of March 25th (enclosed),
 - (b) Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee of April 1st (enclosed),
 - (c) International Bureau Advisory Committee of March 25th (to be circulated later).
2. Appointment of Interview Committee for new International and Research Secretaries.
3. Minutes of Summer School Committee of April 8th (enclosed).
To consider item 6.
4. Functions in May:-
 - (a) Dance on May 4th at Paviour's Arms Hotel at 7 p.m.,
 - (b) Local Societies Conference at Aberdeen, May 6th and 7th,
 - (c) " " " " Tong Hall, May 11th and 12th,
 - (d) " " " " Birmingham, May 18th and 19th,
 - (e) Webb Memorial Lecture, May 23rd at 6 p.m.,
 - (f) May Schools, May 24th - June 8th.
5. Publications:-
 - (a) Readers views on Danube Valley Authority draft,
 - (b) I.L.O. pamphlet.
6. Annual General Meeting (June 29th, Imperial Hotel, 2.30 p.m.):
Proposals for resolutions, or amendments to rules by the E.C. (Rules enclosed)
7. Dartmouth Street Trust:
Names of individuals to be approached.
8. To consider draft Annual Report (enclosed).

BOSWORTH MONCK,
General Secretary.

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

Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 29th April, 1946 at 4.30 p.m. at 16, Queen Anne's Gate.

Present: G.D.H. Cole (chair); Barou, Mrs. Clarke, Davies, Mrs. Drake, Mayhew, Mikardo, Parker, Robson, Skeffington, Stewart, Miss M. Sutherland, Woolf.
Officers: Hughes, Monck.

Present from Item 4: Mrs. Bamford, Miss R. Burke, Mrs. Fox, Dr. Hinden.

Apologies from: Mrs. M. Cole, Faringdon, Flanders, Gray, Horrabin, Postgate, Ellen Wilkinson, Young.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The COMMITTEE had before them the minutes of the Executive Committee of 25th March, the Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee of 1st April and the Summer Schools Committee of 8th April. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (a) Approved the minutes of these Committees, and
- (b) Authorised the Summer Schools Committee (in connection with Item 6 of their minutes) to initiate in July a reception for new members of the Society enrolled in the previous month, (who had returned the membership questionnaire), the reception to be at 6 p.m., approximately one week ahead of the July Executive Committee.

2. Autumn Programme:

In connection with the Minutes of the Summer Schools Committee the COMMITTEE considered the Autumn Programme. The COMMITTEE:-

- (a) Authorised the Summer Schools Committee, should they so decide at their meeting in July, to hold the London debate of the three debates proposed.
- (b) Agreed to give further consideration to the question of two provincial debates which should be organised in conjunction with the appropriate Local Societies.
- (c) Directed that a hall larger than the Conway Hall should be used for the Autumn Lectures, e.g. Friends' House or the Kingsway Hall.
- (d) Appointed a sub-committee consisting of Mayhew, Mikardo, Woolf and the officers to report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee on a possible programme and speakers for the Autumn Lectures.

3. Appointment of Interview Committee for the International and Research Secretaries:

After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (a) Invited Flanders, Robson, Woolf and Young plus the officers to act as the Interview Committee, to consider up to a total of ten of the applicants, of which four might consist of those applying for both posts and the balance applying for one only, and invited the Interview Committee to meet at 2.15 p.m. on 14th May.

4. Publications:

(a) Fabian Essays: The COMMITTEE:-

- (i) Agreed in principle to the republication, preferably as a 'Penguin' with a new foreword by Bernard Shaw and a new preface by Margaret Cole, but that neither translation nor copy-right should be disposed of.

(b) Facts for Socialists: The COMMITTEE:-

- (i) Appointed a sub-committee to consist of Mark Abrams, Flanders and Mayhew to consider the lay-out of such a reprint, in the light of the advent of the Labour Government, and
- (ii) Authorised in principle the republication, subject to the sub-committee's views, and that a fee might be offered for the purpose.

(c) Social Security: The COMMITTEE:-

Authorised Robson, in conjunction with the General Secretary, to arrange for the reprint of this book after the publication of the Bill.

(d) Danube Valley Authority: In view of the difference of opinion between the readers, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) Invited Mikardo to read the pamphlet again.
- (ii) Took note, with approval, that Woolf would re-write Part I and G.D.H. Cole Part II in the light of the present readers' and Mikardo's opinions.

(e) I.L.O.: In view of the advanced date for the I.L.O. meeting, since the pamphlet could not be circulated before it, the COMMITTEE:-

- (i) Authorised the publication subsequent to the I.L.O. meeting, the author to incorporate the recommendations of the I.L.O. meeting.
- (ii) Invited the present readers to suggest excisions while reading the draft.

(f) International Aviation: The COMMITTEE:-

Appointed McKinnon Wood and Monck as readers.

5. Annual General Meeting: The COMMITTEE:-

(a) Agreed that Ministers who were prepared to help the work of the Society should continue to be invited to attend the Executive Committee without being full members.

(b) Instructed the officers to prepare two resolutions from the Executive, emphasising:

(i) the importance of the Society's work under a Labour Government,

(ii) drawing attention to the financial needs of the Society.

(c) Invited the E. & G.F.C. to approve these resolutions for circulation to members.

6. Dartmouth Street Trust Appeal: The COMMITTEE:-

Invited members of the Executive to forward names of those who might be approached to subscribe to the Dartmouth Street Trust to the General Secretary.

7. Draft Annual Report, 1945-6: Subject to amendments proposed in discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

Authorised the circulation of the draft Annual Report.

8. Expenses for Mrs. M. Cole: The COMMITTEE took note, with appreciation, that Mrs. Cole would forego the expenses allowance which the Executive Committee had previously authorised.

9. Functions in May: It was agreed that the members shown would attend the following functions:-

- (a) Dance on 4th May. Mrs. Clarke.
- (b) Local Societies Conference at Aberdeen, May 4th & 5th. A. Skeffington.
- (c) Local Societies Conference at Tong Hall, May 11th & 12th. A. Skeffington.
- (d) Local Societies Conference at Birmingham, May 18th and 19th. H.D. Hughes.
- (e) Webb Memorial Lecture, May 23rd. Emil Davies, Mayhew, Robson, Clarke, Drake.
- (f) May School, May 25th - June 8th. Hughes, Parker, Davies.

BOSWORTH MONCK.
General Secretary.

FABLIAN SOCIETY :: 11, DARTMOUTH STREET. WESTMINSTER. LONDON.

Conclusions of a meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street on Monday, 20th May at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Davies (chair); G.D.H. Cole, Parker, Skeffington.
Officers: Monck.

Apologies from: M. Cole, Barcu, Hughes.

PART I.

1. Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Committee. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

- (a) Agreed that a further £25 per annum should be paid to Anne Roy and to the Accountant, the former on completion of six months' service and the latter as from June 1st.
- (b) Confirmed the appointment of Scott as Chief Clerk at a rate of £5 per week.
- (c) Accepted with thanks the Chairman's offer to defray the first six months of the Chief Clerk's salary.
- (d) In connection with the resignation of the Organising Secretary, agreed to recommend to the Executive that an additional special payment of £100 should be made to the General Secretary in the ensuing six months.

2. Views of the Staff Association.

(a) Rates of Pay - F.G.P.C. (46) 2.

The COMMITTEE considered the views of the Staff Association in the light of the difficulties at the present time found in engaging clerical and typing assistants at the present rates. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

- i. Confirmed that the present rates were minima and that at the discretion of the Committee additional payments might be made.
- ii. Instructed the General Secretary to discuss further with the Staff Association the payment of merit money, such payments to be considered by the Committee on report by the General Secretary.

(b) Conditions of Service and Expenses - F.G.P.C. (46) 3.

The COMMITTEE considered the views of the Staff Association on conditions of service and payment of expenses. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE:-

- i. Agreed to a payment of 2/6d to those on duty after 7 p.m. at functions and Committees if no food were provided, and in respect of Saturday afternoon meetings.
- ii. Agreed that maternity leave or benefit should be considered ad hoc, each case being decided on its merits.

- iii. Agreed that the present arrangements whereby one Saturday in four is taken off should continue.
- iv. Agreed that staff members could, after consultation with the Head of their department, together have access to the General Secretary for the ventilation of complaints and in the last resort appeal could be made to the Committee.
- v. Agreed that there should be no change in the regulations covering attendance of staff at Summer Schools.
- vi. Instructed the General Secretary to submit a full report covering the changes desired by the Staff Association in respect of sick leave.
- vii. Agreed to retain the Savings Scheme as at present, rather than the establishment of a Pensions Scheme.

PART II.

3. Bookshop Accounts. The COMMITTEE considered a note by John Parker, giving financial particulars in respect of the bookshop and publications of the Society for the previous year. The COMMITTEE:-

- (a) Took note of the statement.
- (b) Agreed to stock taking in the bookshop taking place every six months.
- (c) Instructed the General Secretary to approach the Swedish Co-operative Society for the gift of a cash register or alternatively authorised the purchase of a cash register as soon as it could be obtained.

4. Administration of the Society's Affairs - F.G.P.C. (46) 1.

The COMMITTEE considered a memorandum by the General Secretary, outlining the administrative changes he proposed. After full discussion, the COMMITTEE:-

- (a) Gave general approval to the changes outlined.
- (b) Authorised the General Secretary to spend up to £100 on re-equipment, alterations, etc. during the course of the financial year.
- (c) Agreed to consider tenders for the redecoration of the Society's premises.
- (d) Instructed the General Secretary to report further on the simplification of the accounting between the Colonial Bureau and the Society.
- (e) Approved the strengths of staff attached to the paper, and the weekly outlay on staff salaries and wages, subject to review by the Committee of any merit money subsequently proposed.

5. Resolutions for the Annual General Meeting - F.G.P.C. (46) 4.

The COMMITTEE considered on behalf of the Executive Committee, two resolutions to be placed by the Executive before the Annual General Meeting. The COMMITTEE:-

- (a) Approved the resolutions subject to amendments made in discussion.
- (b) Took note that the Executive had already approved a third resolution to be put to the Annual General Meeting, covering the alteration of Rule 7 with the object of eliminating as candidates for office in the Society those not eligible for affiliation to the Labour Party.

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THE POSITION OF MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS AT 20 MAY 1946

	CASH		BANKERS ORDERS		TOTAL		TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
	Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid	
5/-	50	86	118	12	168	98	166
10/6	666	846	349	113	1015	959	1874
21/-	388	468	366	107	754	575	1329
42/-	187	171	154	51	341	222	563
42/-B & over	269	207	133	37	402	244	646
	<u>1560</u>	<u>1778</u>	<u>1020</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>2580</u>	<u>2098</u>	<u>4678</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS OUTSTANDING

F → G.P.C. 20.6.46 (contd.)

	5/-		10/6		21/-		42/-		42/-3		Total		TOTAL	
	Cash	B.O.	Cash	B.O.	Cash	B.O.	Cash	B.O.	Cash	B.O.	Cash	B.O.		
1944														
earlier	18	5	53	58	19	47	15	14	12	10	111	134	245	
1945														
Jan.	0	0	23	5	11	9	5	63	6	2	45	22	67	
Feb.	1	0	21	7	15	13	5	5	5	2	45	27	72	
March	3	0	32	8	15	7	4	2	1	1	55	18	73	
April	2	0	25	2	10	2	2	2	7	0	46	6	52	
May	5	0	60	5	11	2	4	3	4	2	84	12	96	
June	3	0	67	0	15	2	2	2	11	3	98	7	105	
July	9	1	77	0	13	6	6	6	2	3	107	18	125	
Aug.	2	0	50	0	8	1	2	1	6	1	68	3	71	
Sept.	7	1	62	5	38	6	12	3	8	0	127	15	142	
Oct.	6	0	37	1	42	2	20	1	18	0	123	4	127	
Nov.	7	0	81	3	54	3	21	0	27	2	190	8	198	
Dec.	5	0	43	0	42	0	12	1	15	2	117	3	120	
TOTAL	50	2	578	36	272	53	95	34	110	18	1105	143	1248	
1946														
Jan.	4	1	47	3	59	1	23	1	31	2	164	3	172	
Feb.	7	0	47	2	37	0	12	0	17	0	120	2	122	
March	8	0	60	1	47	3	20	1	20	2	155	7	162	
April	5	4	61	13	34	3	6	1	17	5	123	26	149	
TOTAL	24	5	215	19	177	7	61	3	85	9	562	43	605	
TOTAL	86	12	846	113	468	107	171	51	207	37	1778	320	2098	

SUBSCRIBING BODIES

	L.M.'s		Co-ops.		T.U.'s		Libraries		Misc.	
	Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid	Paid	Unpaid
10/6	11	9		2		1		11		8
21/-	5	20		7	1 @			1 B.O.		
	1	Not paying			25	3		1 B.O.		3
	16	59		9	1	4	7	24		16
TOTAL		76		9		5		31		18
MEMB.										

110 Members are also D.S.T. subscribers.
 There are 9 Honorary members.
 There are 24 on the Free List.

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

Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street on Monday, 20th May, 1946 at 4 p.m.

Present: (G.D.H. Cole (chair); Davies, Drake, Gray, Parker, Postgate, Stewart.

Officers: Monk.

Apologies from: Barou, Clarke, Flanders, Hughes, Mahow, Robson, Young.

1. Election of 1946 - 7 Executive - E.C. (46) 1.

The COMMITTEE considered a paper giving the particulars of Ivor Montagu's candidature for the Executive Committee and a letter from Ivor Montagu to Hughes giving his reasons against withdrawal of his candidature. After full discussion the COMMITTEE:-

- (a) Agreed that Montagu's candidature should be allowed to go forward on this occasion.
- (b) Agreed to propose to the Annual General Meeting an alteration to Rule 7 set out below, to make such a candidature impossible in future and to render such a candidate ineligible for a seat on the Executive as soon as the change under Rule 7 was approved.
- (c) Authorised the Chairman to press the Annual General Meeting for the amendment to Rule 7 to become operative forthwith.

Alteration Proposed:

Add to the end of Rule 7: "Provided that no member shall be eligible for any office in the Society or to serve on any of its Committees if he belongs to any political organisation that is not eligible for affiliation to the Labour Party."

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Committee will be held at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 27th May, 1946.

A G E N D A.

1. Further cc-options.
2. To approve Minutes:-
 - (a) E.C. of 20.4.46 - E.C. (46) 5th meeting.
To consider Item 6.
 E.C. of 20.5.46 - E.C. (46) 6th meeting.
 - (b) Finance and General Purposes of 20.5.46 - F.G.P.C. (46) 4th meeting.
To consider Conclusions 1(d) and 6 (a)(b) and (c).
 - (c) Economics and Industrial Committee of 13.5.46 - E.I.C. (46) 1st meeting.
 - (d) Political and Local Government Committee of 20.5.46 -
 P.L.G.C. (46) 1st meeting. (to be circulated at the meeting).
 - (e) Local Societies Committee of 29.4.46 and 20.5.46 -
 L.S.C. (46) 4th meeting (circulated herewith)
 L.S.C. (46) 5th meeting (to be circulated at meeting).
 - (f) International Bureau Advisory Committee of 25.3.46.
3. Resignation of the Organising Secretary - Statement by the General Secretary.
4. Committee on Tracts - E.C. (46) 2.
5. Proposal for a group on cultural policy - E.C. (46) 3.
6. Autumn Programme - E.C. (46) 4.
7. Commonwealth Relations and comparative colonial policy -
 E.C. (46) 5.
8. Society's Research Programme - E.C. (46) 6.
9. Appointment of International and Home Research Secretaries -
 Statement by the General Secretary.
10. The London Labour Party Women's Advisory Committee. Appointment of Representative for 1946-7. (Mrs. Jean Thompson has again been nominated as the Society's representative).
11. Functions in June.
 - (a) Annual General Meeting, 29th June at 2.30 p.m. at Imperial Hotel.
 - (b) Annual General Meeting Reception, 29th June, 8 - 10.30 p.m. at Imperial Hotel.

PABLIN SOCIETY :: 11, BARTHOLOMEW STREET, BETHNISHALL, LONDON. E.C.1.

Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 27th May, at 4.30 p.m. at 16, Queen Anne's Gate.

Present: G.D.H. Cole (chair); Mrs. Clarke, Cudlipp, Davies, Durbin, Farington, Flanders, Gray, Hayhaw, Parker, Robson, Skelington, Stewart, Miss Sutherland, Wolff, Margaret Cole.

Officers: None.

Apologies from: Barou, Hughes, Young.

1. Further co-optations to the Executive. The Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed that Percy Cudlipp should be co-opted to the Executive.
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

(a) E.C. of 29.4.46 - E.C. (46) 5th meeting.

(i) In connection with Item 4(a), John Parker reported that although Bernard Shaw and Margaret Cole had agreed respectively to write a new Foreword and preface, Penguins were not prepared to publish. The COMMITTEE agreed that Longmans should be approached.

(ii) In connection with Item 6, the COMMITTEE instructed the General Secretary to circulate to members of the Executive a suitable form asking for names and interests of those who might be approached to subscribe to the Dartmouth Street Trust.

(b) E.C. of 20.5.46 - E.C. (46) 6th meeting. The COMMITTEE confirmed these minutes.

(c) F. & G.P.C. of 20.5.46 - F. & G.P.C. (46) 4th meeting.

(i) In connection with Item 1(d) the COMMITTEE confirmed the additional payment to the General Secretary.

(ii) Confirmed that senior and research staff would be appointed by the Executive.

(iii) Agreed that the F. & G.P.C. should handle changes in status, pay and numbers of the establishment of non-research and other staff.

(iv) Authorised the General Secretary to effect replacements within the approved establishment.

(v) Invited the F. & G.P.C. to review again the question of maternity payments to members of the staff and in this connection expressed the view for the guidance of the F. & G.P.C. that members of the staff should be entitled to return to it on the same conditions as those pertaining before any special leave.

(vi) In connection with Item 2(a)(ii), dealing with differential payments to members of the non-research and clerical staff, referred the matter back to the F. & G.P.C. and instructed the General Secretary to circulate the views of the Staff Association to the next meeting of the COMMITTEE, together with the views of the F. & G.P.C. on the same subject.

(vii) In connection with Item 4(a) agreed to the insertion of "in Section 3" after "changes outlined"; and in connection with Item 4(c) approved the insertion of "changes of grading and" before "any merit money."
(viii) In connection with Item 6, dealing with the Society's budget for 1946-7, instructed the General Secretary to report in two months' time on the degree of success achieved in getting subscriptions from readers up to date.

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- (d) Economic and Industrial Committee of 13.5.46 - E.I.C. (46) 1st meeting,
and
Political and Local Government Committee of 20.5.46 - P.L.G. (46) 1st meeting.

The COMMITTEE referred these minutes to the Research Planning Committee.

- (e) Local Societies Committees of 29.4.46 and 20.5.46 - L.S.C. (46) 4th meeting and L.S.C. (46) 5th meeting.

The COMMITTEE approved these minutes.

- (f) International Bureau Advisory Committee of 25.3.46. The COMMITTEE approved these minutes.

3. Resignation of the Organising Secretary. The General Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Organising Secretary, offering his resignation on the grounds of increased parliamentary work. The COMMITTEE:-

- (i) Accepted the resignation with regret, to take effect one month hence.
(ii) Expressed their thanks to the Organising Secretary for his work for the Society and invited the Hon. Secretaries to write to the Organising Secretary expressing their appreciation.
(iii) Instructed the General Secretary to report further on the need of a new appointment in this field in 3 months' time.

4. Committee on Tracts, dealing with "Socialism Today and Tomorrow" - E.C. (46)2. The COMMITTEE had before them a report by Flanders, Monck and Young, proposing the headings of five Tracts for the Labour Party's Discussion Groups and advocating a sixth to summarise the five of which the headings were given. The COMMITTEE:

- (i) Approved in principle the proposals outlined.
(ii) Suggested that the title of the second should be "What is Socialist Enterprise?" rather than "What is a Socialised Industry?"
(iii) Instructed the General Secretary to approach the authors in the order named.
(iv) Invited the Committee to meet the authors as soon as they have been selected with a view to putting the tracts in hand.

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5. Proposed Group on Cultural Policy and on Arts and Amusements - E.C. (46)3. The COMMITTEE had before them the report by the Organising Secretary to the effect that Mr. A. Campbell had offered to do some work on this subject and that Barbara Gould as chairman of the Labour Party's Group on the same subject had agreed to co-operate. The COMMITTEE agreed to the setting up of the Group proposed and suggested the following names for it:-

Peter Cox, Herbert Road, Ivor Brown, the Secretary of the National Theatre Committee, H.D. Hughes, Lawrence Chubb, Philip Hony, Michael Tippett, Inogon Holst.
- E.C. (46)4.

6. Autumn Programme. The COMMITTEE had before them a report by Hughes, Mikardo, Menck, Parker and Wolf proposing that the Autumn Programme should be a series of lectures dealing with the position of the individual in the Socialist State. Cudlipp informed the COMMITTEE that he would be prepared to look into the role that "Daily Herald" had played in organising meetings in support of various causes. He said that in his view the "Daily

"Herald" could help a Fabian membership campaign and that for this purpose it would be necessary to prepare several articles before the campaign opened, dealing with the past and future work of the Society. It was for consideration whether the campaign should be organised in conjunctive with the London Labour Party, with the specific object of recruiting members from the members of that organisation.

It was felt that the question of freedom in the socialist state had been sufficiently dealt with and that it would be better to substitute for the first lecture proposed one dealing with some such subject as the role of the intellectual and technician in a socialist state, which would provide a suitable peg for referring to the work of the Fabian Society. In any case it would be desirable to prepare a special leaflet to be given out at such a meeting, describing the past and future work of the Fabian Society.

(i)

The COMMITTEE approved in principle the outlined Autumn Programme (E.C. (46) 4), subject to the substitution of a new title in place of the one proposed, the new title to give scope for reference to the past and future work of the Fabian Society.

(ii) Invited Percy Cudlipp to join the Committee.

(iii) Invited the Committee to proceed with the organisation of the Autumn Programme on lines proposed and to take any desirable measures for the co-ordination of the Autumn Programme with the membership drive.

7. General Problems of Imperialism - E.C. (46) 5. The COMMITTEE had before them a report by Hindon and Menck suggesting that a comparative study should be put in hand by the Colonial Bureau and that a special group should be set up directly under the Executive Committee for the study of Commonwealth Relations. The COMMITTEE approved that a comparative study of colonial policy should be put in hand by the Colonial Bureau and agreed that a group should be formed to study Imperial Relations and suggested the addition of Campbell for New Zealand, Graham Spry and Professor Hancock and representatives of the Dominions Group of the Parliamentary Labour Party

8. The Society's Research Programme. The COMMITTEE had before them a factual statement of the work in hand and proposed by different departments of the Society. The COMMITTEE took note of the statement and instructed the General Secretary to circulate it quarterly for their consideration. / (a)

(b) Invited the Research Planning Committee to review the programme at their next meeting in the light of the need for a second five-year programme for the Labour Government.

(c) Invited the Economics and Industrial Committee to examine the need for a special pamphlet examining the possible effect in this country of a slump in America.

9. New Staff Appointments. The General Secretary reported that the Interviewing Committee had appointed Boyd as secretary of the International Bureau and that Durham had been offered the post of Research Secretary, but that as the latter was still at sea it could not be known whether he would accept until after 8th June. The COMMITTEE took note with approval of the proposed appointments.

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10. London Labour Party's Women's Advisory Committee. The COMMITTEE approved the nomination of Mrs. J. Thompson as the Society's representative.

11. Functions in June. The COMMITTEE took note that all members of the Executive Committee should, if possible, be present at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Imperial Hotel on Saturday, 29th June at 2.30 p.m., and at the reception to follow at the same address at 8 p.m.

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

Minutes of meeting of FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at 11, Dartmouth Street at 2.30 p.m. on 17th June, 1946.

Present: Davies (chair); G.D.H. Cole, Margaret Cole, Barou, Hughes, Parker, Skoffington, Woolf.

Staff: Monk.

Present for Item 4: D. Davies, Mrs. D. Watson.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings:-

- (a) Minutes of meeting of 20th May - F.G.P.C. (46) 4th meeting. Approved.
- (b) In connection with the minutes of the Executive Committee of 27th May - E.C. (46) 7th meeting - the Committee:-
- (i) In connection with Item 2(c)(v) agreed that members of the staff should be entitled to 13 weeks maternity leave, and should return to the staff on the same conditions in respect of payment and appointment as previously obtained. Automatic retention would not follow if the member of the staff wished to change the conditions of employment.

2. Additional Staff.

The General Secretary reported that it was necessary to make a permanency of a temporary appointment he had made in the membership section. The Committee approved this action.

3. Research Staff - F.G.P.C. (46) 8.

The Committee had before them a note by the General Secretary to the effect that neither the International Bureau nor the Home Research Secretaryships would now be accepted by those to whom the posts had been offered. Cole thought it would be wise, in view of the financial situation of the Society to leave the International Bureau Secretaryship open; Barou thought it would be better to spend money on the Society's organisation at the present time, and to consider further appointments in the light of the financial position.

/This was agreed.

The Committee also interviewed two of the T.U.C. scholarship students - Williams and Chandler - in connection with the Home Research Secretaryship. After full discussion, the Committee:-

- (i) Agreed that the Research Secretaryship should be offered to Poole.
- (ii) Invited Douglas Cole to interview any person he thought suitable in Oxford and to report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- (iii) Decided that of the two students, Williams was to be preferred.

4. Pay of Non-Research Staff - F.G.P.C. (46) 6 and 7.

The Committee had before them the draft letter to the Staff Association by the General Secretary on the subject of responsibility and merit money, the views of the Staff Association on such proposals, and a further paper by the Staff Association advocating the creation of new grades for the non-research staff. The Committee also had

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before then a letter from the assistant Research Secretaries of the Society. The Chairman and Secretary of the Staff Association were then invited to the Committee.

The Chairman explained that in view of the financial position of the Society it was not possible at the present time to come to any decision in favour of either merit money or of grades as a method of increasing the pay of the non-research staff. He continued that it was the wish of the Society to pay better as soon as the finances of the Society permitted. Broadly speaking, this would depend on the success of the membership drive.

Parker explained that although it had not been minuted in previous discussions between the Staff Association and the Committee, the Committee had always maintained their right to pay above the agreed rates if they so wished. Such payments would however not be made to new members of the staff as distinct from old members of the staff, i.e. additional payment would not be offered as an attraction to new staff without similar increases being offered where appropriate to existing members of the staff. After full discussion, the Committee:-

- (i) Agreed to review pay increases as soon as the position allowed.
 - (ii) Confirmed that the existing rates were minima and retained the right to pay above these figures at their discretion in respect of new and existing staff.
 - (iii) Instructed the General Secretary to explain the financial position generally to the assistant secretaries of the various Bureaux and Departments of the Society.
5. Redecoration of the Society's premises.

The Committee had before them two estimates for the redecoration of the Society's premises. The Committee:-

- (i) Deferred consideration of the estimates in view of the Society's financial position.
- (ii) Authorised spring cleaning of the Society's premises, including washing down the front of the building.

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

A meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on 24th June, 1946 at 4.30 p.m. at P.E.P., 16, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.1.

A G E N D A.

1. To approve Minutes:-
 - (a) E.C. of 27.5.46 - E.C. (46) 7th meeting.
 - (b) Finance & General Purposes Committee of 17th June - F.G.P.C. (46) 5th meeting.
To consider Item 4.
 - (c) Research Planning Committee of 4th June - R.P.C. (46) 2nd meeting.
To consider Item 4 (i).
 - (d) Local Societies Committee of 17th June (to be circulated at meeting).
 - (e) Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee of 3.5.46 - F.C.B. (46) 2nd meeting.
To consider Item 11.
 - (f) International Bureau Advisory Committee of 7.5.46 - F.I.B. (46) 4th meeting (to be circulated later).
 - (g) Autumn Programme Committee of 17.6.46 - A.L.P. (46) 2nd meeting (circulated for information).
2. To appoint readers for the following pamphlets:-
 - (a) History of Scottish Trade Unionism by Marwick (already read by Margaret Cole).
 - (b) Local Democracy at Work by Thornhill (already read by Dr. Robson).
 - (c) International Broadcasting by Sharpston & Newsome.
 - (d) Middle East by Ring & a man to be found.
 - (e) The Position in Malaya by E.E. Dodd.
3. Further suggestions for the Society's work - E.C. (46) 9.
4. Result of postal ballot for new Executive Committee.
5. International & Research Secretaryships - report by chairman.
6. Circulating lists for membership drive - E.C. (46) 8.
7. Selection of officers for the year 1946-7 - E.C. (46) 7.

BOSWORTH MONCK.

General Secretary.

18th June, 1946.

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

Conclusions of a meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Monday, 24th June, at 4.30 p.m. at 16 Queen Anne's Gate.

Present: G.D.H. Cole (chair); Barou, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cole, Cudlipp, Faringdon, Flanders, Gray, Hughes, Horrabin, Mikardo, Parker, Skeffington, Stewart, Woolf, Young.

Staff : Monck.

Apologies from: Davies, Postgate, Robson, Sutherland, Wilkinson.

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

(a) E.C. of 27.5.46 - E.C. (46) 7th meeting.

In connection with Item 4 (Tract on Socialism Today and Tomorrow), the COMMITTEE were informed that Marshall, Tawney, and Postgate had each been unable to accept the Society's invitation to write a Discussion Group tract on the Classless Society. The COMMITTEE invited Margaret Cole to write the tract.

(b) F. & G.P.C. of 17.6.46 - F.G.P.C. (46) 6th meeting.

These Minutes were approved.

(c) Research Planning Committee of 4.6.46.- R.P.C. (46) 2nd meeting.

In connection with Item 4 (i), the COMMITTEE agreed that a select weekend conference should be held in the Autumn to consider items in the next five year programme of the Labour Party, and instructed the General Secretary in conjunction with John Parker and Michael Young to report further to the Executive as soon as the time seemed ripe to hold the conference.

(d) Local Societies Committee of 17.6.46-- L.S.C. (46) 6th meeting.

The COMMITTEE approved these Minutes.

(e) Colonial Bureau Advisory Committee of 3.6.46 -C.B. (46) 2nd meeting.

In connection with Item 11, the COMMITTEE considered that it was desirable that a majority of the members of the Advisory Committee should be either members of the Society or members of the Labour Party, and that as a minimum, members of the Committee should belong to the Colonial Bureau. Every effort should be made to persuade those in this position either to join the main Society of the Labour Party.

(f) International Bureau Advisory Committee of 7.5.46 -I.B. (46) 4th meeting.

The COMMITTEE approved these Minutes.

(g) Autumn Programme Committee of 17.6.46 - A.L.P. (46) 2nd meeting.

The COMMITTEE approved the hiring of the Central Hall lower rooms for the Autumn Programme.

(h) Summer School Committee of 20.6.46 - S.S.C. (46) 5th meeting. 27

(1) In connection with Item 5, the COMMITTEE approved that the London debate should not be held in the Autumn and that further consideration should be given for the project to be held in the Spring.

(ii) Approved that one or more provincial debates might be held during the currency of the Autumn Programme in London.

2. The Society's Finances. Lord Faringdon suggested that an approach might be made to the T.U.C. and the Labour Party to assist in the finances of the Colonial Bureau. Hughes then thought it might be possible to procure support for specific research projects from the Elm Grant Trust. After a short discussion the COMMITTEE : -

(i) Instructed the General Secretary, in conjunction with Horrabin, Dr. Hinden and Faringdon to make an informal approach to the T.U.C. and discuss the suggestion informally with the International Secretary of the Labour Party.

(ii) Defer consideration of formal approach for further report.

(iii) Instructed the General Secretary to prepare and circulate proposals which might be put to the Elm Grant Trust.

3. Resignation of the Chairman. The COMMITTEE wished to place on record their appreciation of the services of the Chairman to the Society, and their regret that he felt compelled not to stand again either for the Executive or for the Chairmanship of the Society. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE invited the Hon. Secretaries to prepare an appropriate resolution of appreciation at the Annual General Meeting of the Society and to place on record in writing to the Chairman, the Society's appreciation of the work he had done.

4. Appointment of Readers.

(a) History of Scottish Trade Unions. Secretary of the Scottish T.U.C. to be invited to read the draft and to consider joint publication with the Society on the assumption of the Scottish T.U.C. providing the paper.

(b) Local Democracy at Work. Jack Gray was appointed second reader.

(c) International Broadcasting. Ernest Davies and Patrick Gordon-Walker were appointed as readers.

(d) Middle East. Leonard Woolf and R.H.S. Crossman were appointed as readers.

(e) The Position in Malaya. J.S. Furnival and Lord Faringdon were appointed as readers.

5. Further suggestions for the Society's work - E.C. (46) 9. The COMMITTEE considered a note by the General Secretary setting out the further suggestions made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer at Bournemouth for the Society's work. The COMMITTEE invited the Research Planning Committee at their next meeting to review these suggestions.

6. The Executive Committee, 1946/7. The COMMITTEE took note of the results of the postal ballot for the 1946/7 Executive Committee.

7. Circularising Lists for the Membership Drive.
F.C. (45) B. The Committee had before them suggestions by the General Secretary that membership lists of various organisations should be procured so that members of these organisations could be circularised to become members of the Society. The Chairman said that he would aim to provide membership lists for the Royal Statistical Society and the Economic History Society. It was reported that Mikardo would try and provide a list of A.S.S.E.T. and Cudlipp, a list of the National Union of Journalists. The COMMITTEE invited the new Executive Committee to reconsider these suggestions.

8. Research Staff. The Chairman said that at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, two of the T.U.C. scholarship students at the L.S.E. - Williams and Chandler - had been interviewed for the post of Research Secretary. He had also been invited to consider anyone suitable at Oxford. As a result of this last arrangements, Mr. Pliatzky had been interviewed by himself, Margaret Cole, John Parker, Hughes and Monck. It was now desirable on every ground to make a decision and the feeling of those who had interviewed all the men concerned on balance inclined them to Pliatzky.

As regards the International Bureau Secretaryship, the Finance and General Purposes Committee had considered that in the Society's financial position, the appointment should not be filled unless someone of sufficient ability could be obtained. In this connection, the General Secretary reported that Albu had now persuaded Anne Whyte to reconsider her position withdrawing her candidature, on the assumption that she would not be required to take the appointment until the end of September. The COMMITTEE :-

- (i) Agreed to appoint Pliatzky to the Home Research Secretaryship for an initial period of six months, thereafter at one month's notice on either side, in conformity with previous arrangements of the Society.
- (ii) Recommended that the new F. & G.P.C. should report to the new Executive in September whether an appointment should be made to the International Bureau.
- (iii) Instructed the General Secretary to inform Miss Whyte of this decision.

9. Visit to Czechoslovakia. Hughes reported that he had, as empowered by the Committee, discussed with the Czech Embassy the proposal to send a research team to that country in the Autumn. The Czechs were prepared to provide facilities inside the country, and there remained the problem of transport thither, which would cost about £38 per head by air.

The COMMITTEE :- invited Hughes to pursue with the competent authorities what transport facilities could be obtained.

10. Selection of Officers for the Year 1946/7. The COMMITTEE considered a memorandum by the General Secretary suggesting the advisability of deciding the method of selection and numbers of the Society's officers for the year 1946/7. In the course of prolonged discussion, the following points were made :-

- (a) It was in the tradition of the Society to have at least one Honorary Secretary. Such appointments had been of great value to the Society.
- (b) It was desirable to distinguish clearly what were the responsibilities and functions of the Society's Honorary Officers.

- (c) There might be a case for appointing Deputy Chairmen of the Executive Committee and of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, i.e. in place of existing arrangements of Honorary Secretaries. (2)

The COMMITTEE :-

- (i) Recorded its appreciation of the past work of the Honorary Secretaries.
- (ii) Recommended that the new Executive refer to their new Finance and General Purposes Committee the question of what permanent officers should be appointed, and the allocation of their functions and responsibilities; and that at the first meeting of the new Executive Committee, they should appoint to the existing offices (including one or two joint Honorary Secretaries as they should decide), pending the report of the new Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- (iii) Recommended that the new Executive Committee should itself decide on the method of appointment of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday, June 29th, at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, W.C.1., at 2.30 p.m. All national members and fully-paid-up members of recognised Local Societies have the right to attend and vote; associates have the right to attend but not to vote.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of A.G.M. of 30th June, 1945.
2. Result of Postal Ballot for Executive for 1946-47.
3. Annual Report. Proposed by G.D.H. Cole, Chairman of the Executive Committee.
4. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts.
5. Resolutions: The following resolutions are submitted by the Executive:-

(a) This Annual General Meeting, having considered the role of the Society in the light of the advent of a Labour Government adopts the following objectives for its work in the forthcoming year. First to expound the principles and beliefs of Socialism in terms of the modern world; secondly, to look beyond the immediate Party programme to the subsequent tasks of a Socialist Administration and to initiate full discussion on these well in advance; thirdly, to act as advisers and consultants as required during the execution of the current programme; and, fourthly, to act as a recruiting and training ground for the thousands of people, particularly in the provinces, needed to fill key positions in the administration and development of a Socialist society.

(b) This Annual General Meeting, realising that the full implementation of the tasks before the Society in the forthcoming year requires a considerable expansion of resources and staff, pledges the help of the existing membership to do what is in their power to assist the Executive Committee in a campaign for new members and to increase the Society's income from subscriptions and donations; and appeals to all members individually to pay their subscriptions promptly when due, and to consider whether they are able to help by raising the level of their own contributions; and to introduce new members and associates; and in particular urges those members now subscribing less than a guinea to increase their subscriptions to at least that figure.

(Amendment proposed by Mr. W.O. Stein:- In return for these efforts, the Executive Committee undertake that all members so desiring will be given opportunities of taking an active part in discussions, research work and other activities of the Society.)

(c) This Annual General Meeting approves the following amendment to the end of Rule 7: "Provided that no member shall be eligible for any office in the Society or to serve on any of its Committees if he belongs to any political organisation that is not eligible for affiliation to the Labour Party."

6. Appointment of Auditors.

29th June, 1946.

BOSWORTH MONCK,
General Secretary.



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

Conclusion of meeting of E.C. held following A.G.M. on 29.6.46
Present: Margaret Cole (Chair), Barcu, Davies, Hughes, Mikardo, Parker,
Postgate, Skeffington, Young, and from Item 4, Mayhew.

Staff: Monck.

Apologies were received from Professor Blackett.

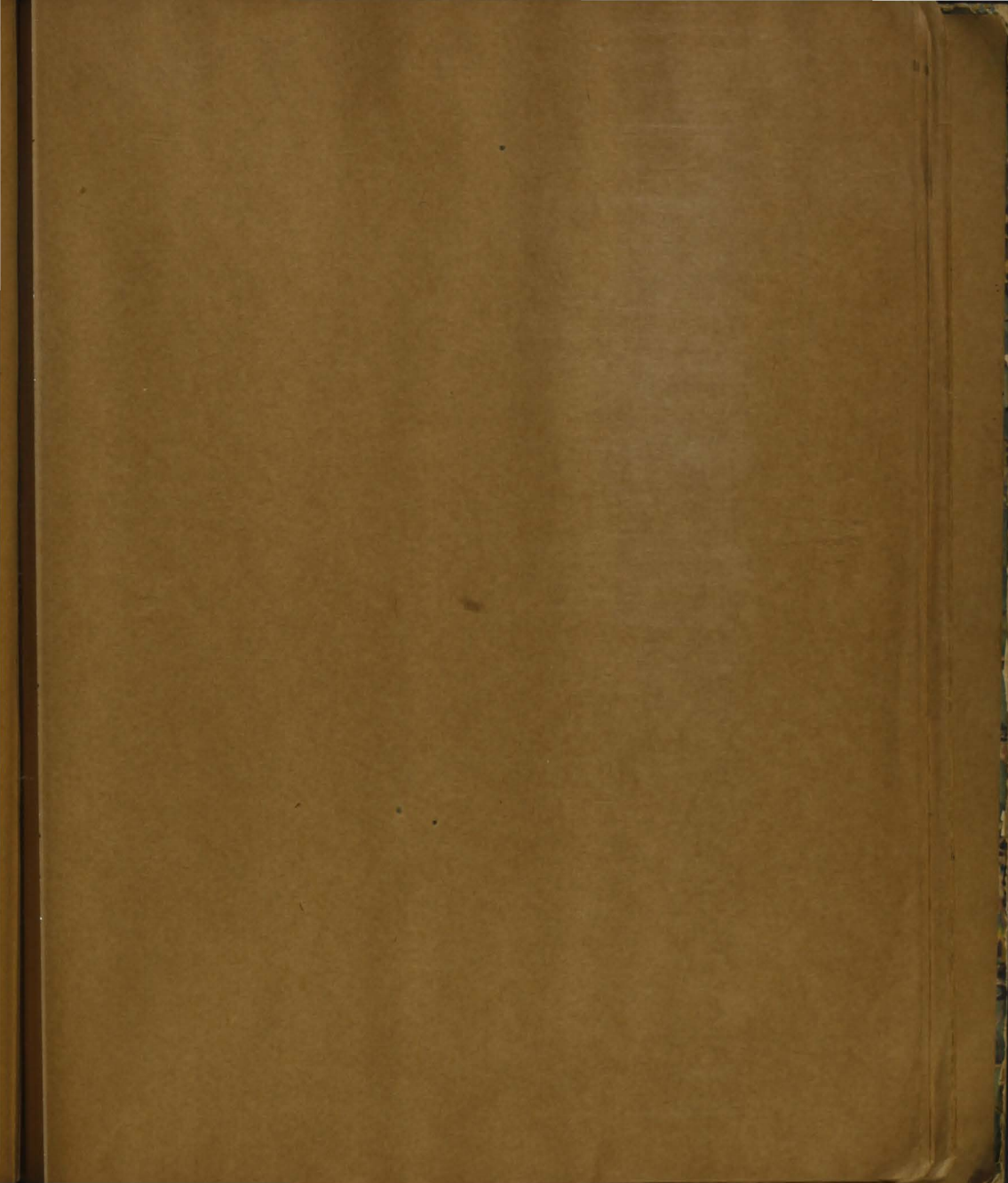
1. Minutes, E.C. (46) 8th meeting, Item 10. The Committee approved this item of the minutes.
2. Selection of the Society's Officers. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE :-
 - i) Invited the new Finance and General Purposes Committee to review the question of what permanent officers should be appointed, and the allocation of their functions and responsibilities, with the exception of the Chairman.
 - ii) Agreed that pending the report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, to appoint a Vice-Chairman and an Honorary Secretary.
 - iii) In connection with ii above, appointed John Baker as Vice-Chairman, and Margaret Cole as Honorary Secretary.
 - iv) Deferred consideration of the method of appointment of the Chairman until a full meeting of the Executive Committee.
3. Co-options. The Committee then considered what co-options should be made. After a short discussion, the COMMITTEE :-
 - i) Co-opted Leonard Woolf, Frank Horrabin and Christopher Mayhew, and instructed the General Secretary so to inform them.
 - ii) Agreed to co-opt Cudlipp and invited the officers to write to him to this effect.
4. Finance and General Purposes Committee. After a short the COMMITTEE :- appointed the Finance Committee to consist of Davies (Chair), the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Parker, Margaret Cole, Mikardo, Hughes and Skeffington.
5. Date and Time of the Next Meeting of the Committee. After a short discussion, the Committee decided to keep to the existing date and time of meeting for the first meeting of the full Executive, and instructed the General Secretary to find out what times thereafter would best suit members of the Committee.
6. Circulation of Executive Committee Papers. After a short discussion, the Committee instructed the General Secretary to continue to circulate the Minutes and other papers for the Executive Committee to Jim Griffiths, Harold Wilson and Creech-Jones, who should be invited to attend meetings if they were able to do so.

BOSWORTH MONCK,
General Secretary.



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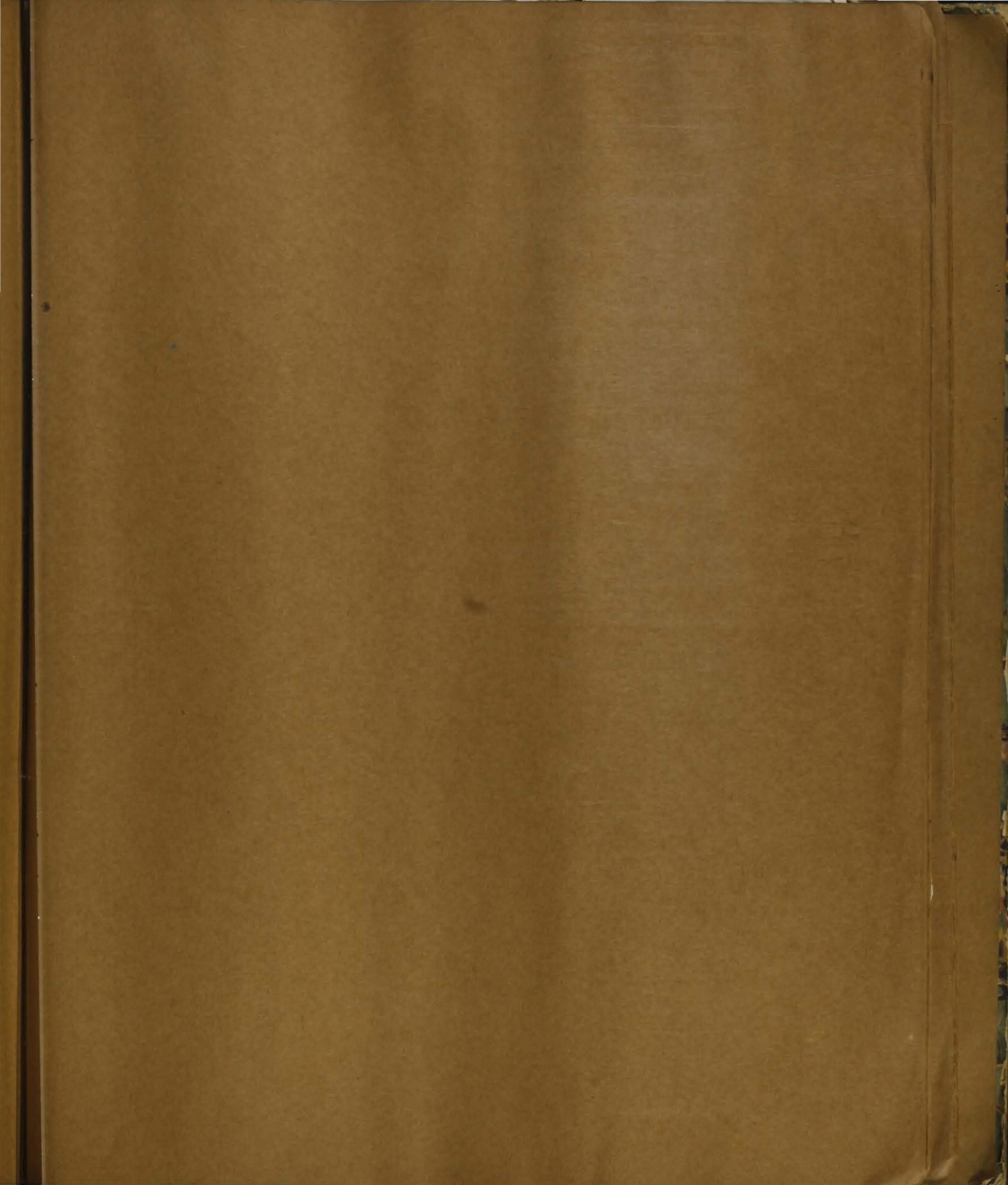








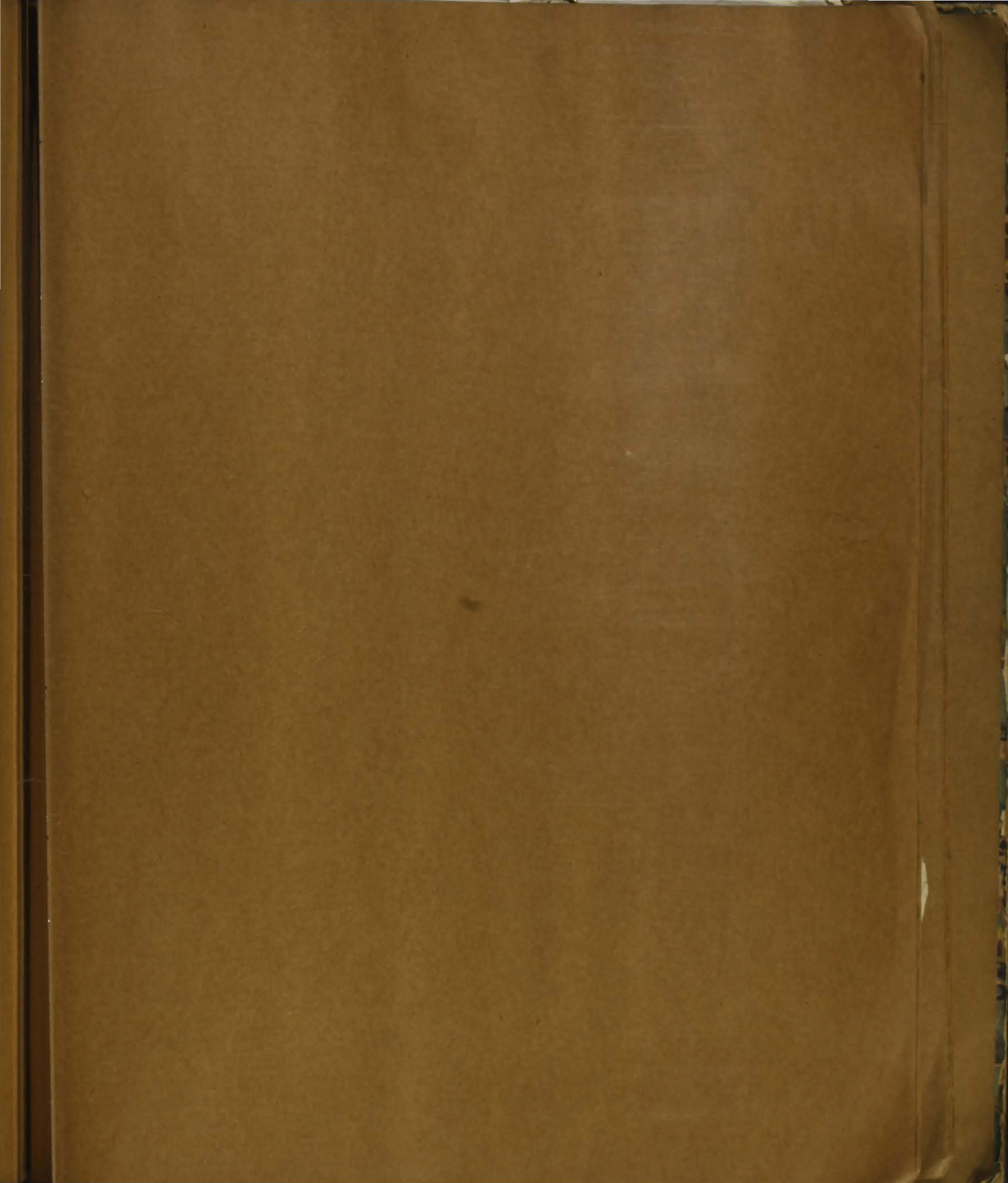




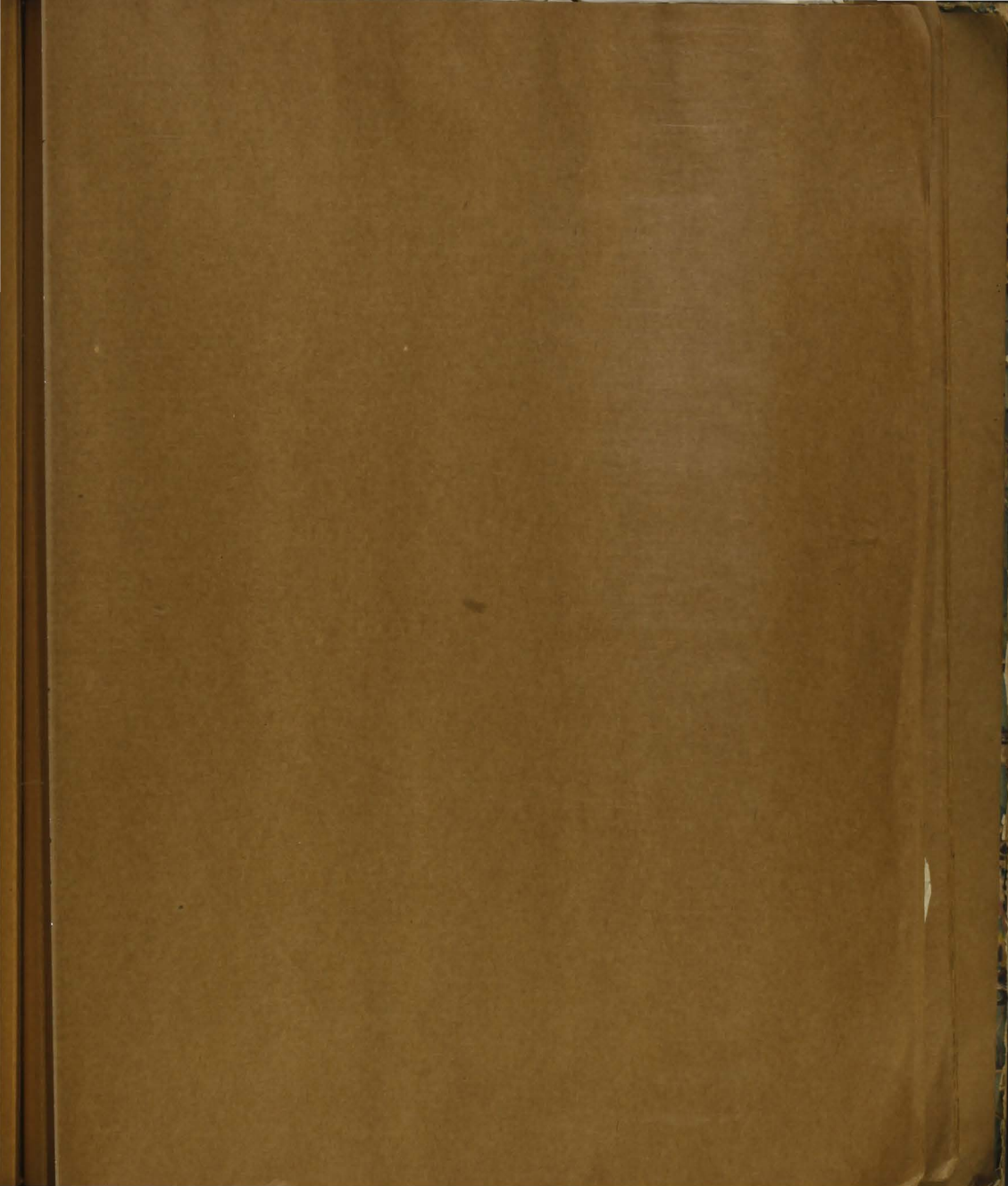




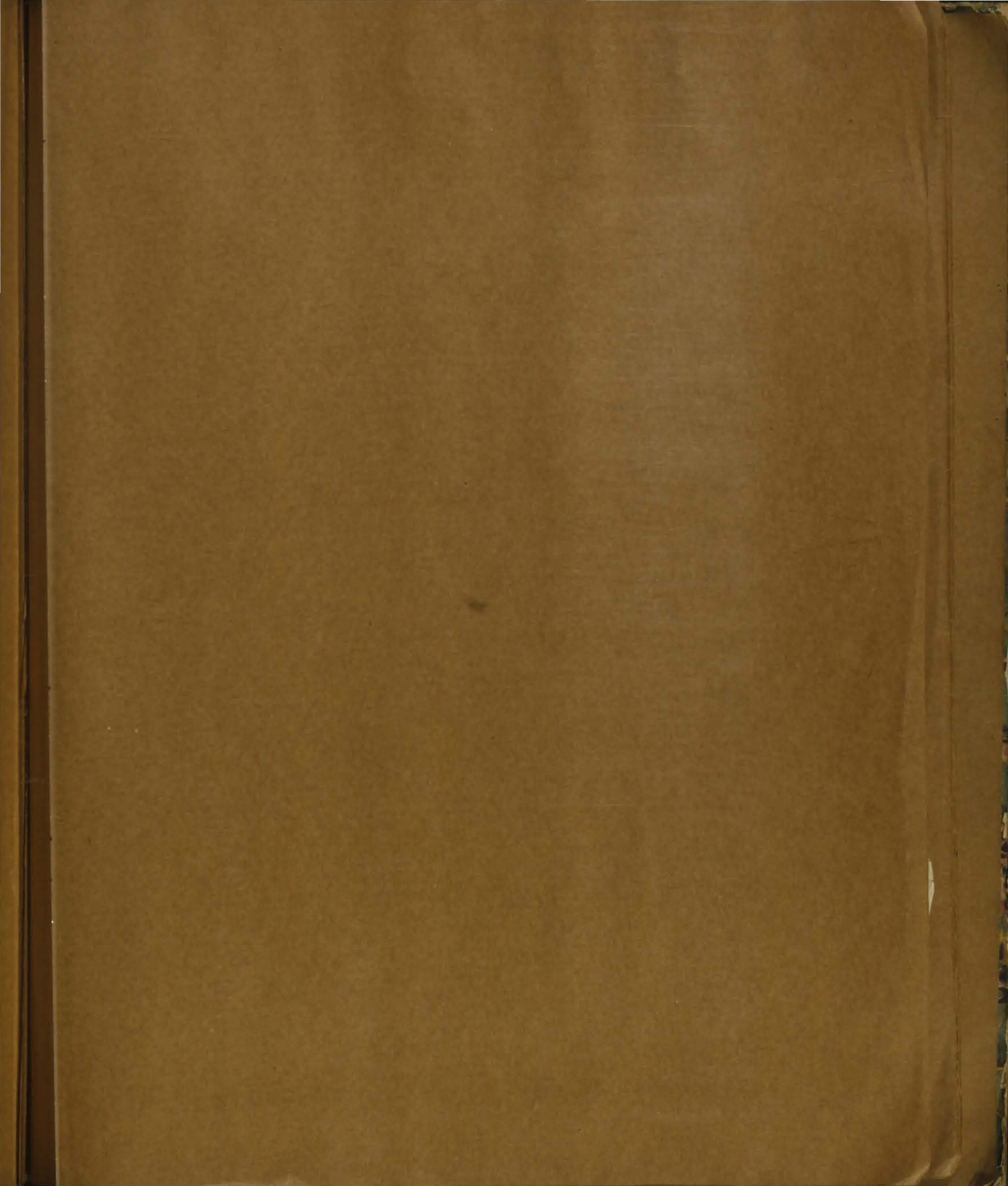




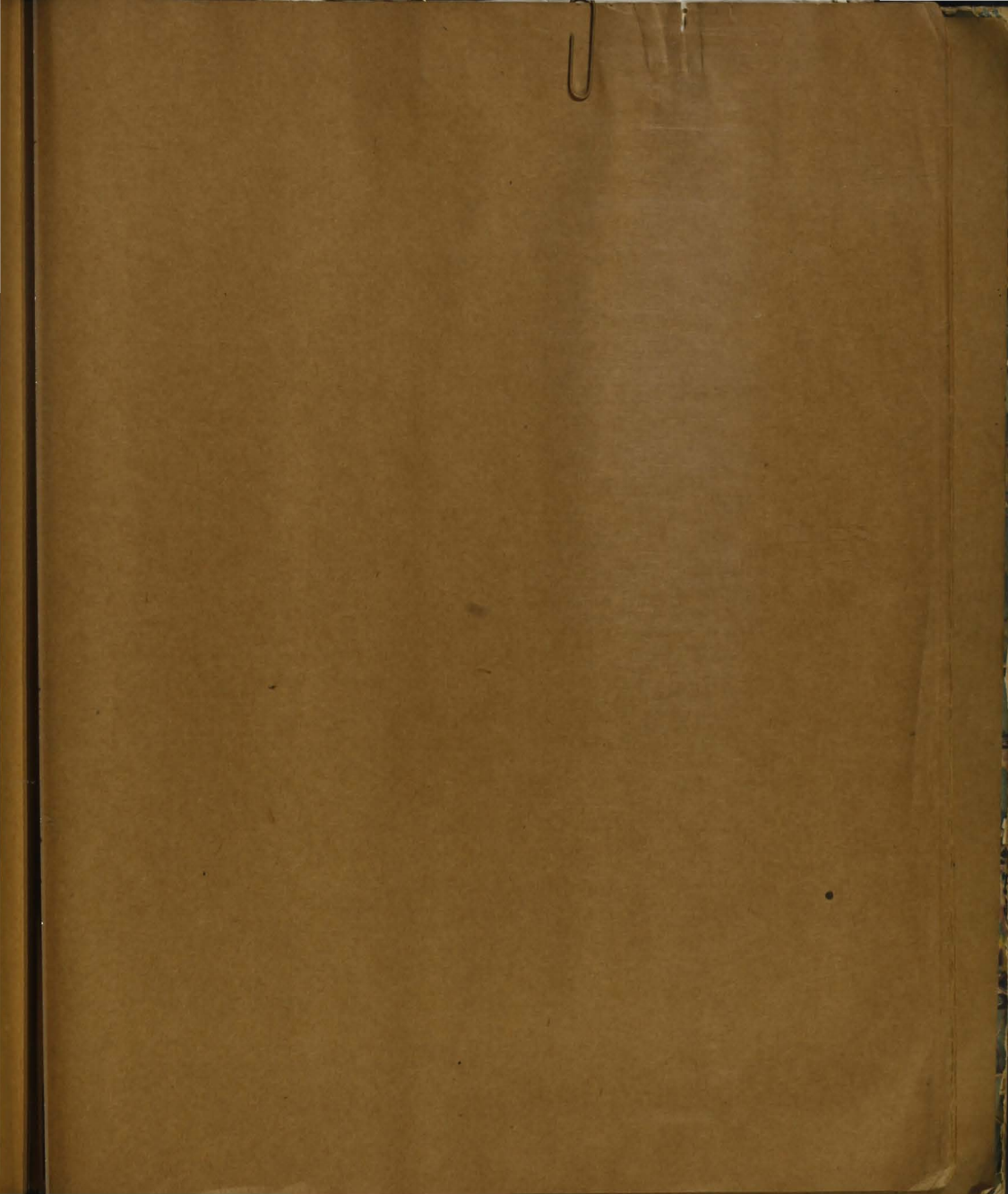












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RULES

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FABIAN SOCIETY

*As Amended by the Annual General Meeting of the Society,
July, 1943.*

- 1 The name of the Society shall be the Fabian Society.
- 2 The Society consists of Socialists. It therefore aims at the establishment of a society in which equality of opportunity will be assured and the economic power and privileges of individuals and classes abolished through the collective ownership and democratic control of the economic resources of the community. It seeks to secure these ends by the methods of political democracy.

The Society, believing in equal citizenship in the fullest sense, is open to persons irrespective of sex, race or creed, who commit themselves to its aims and purposes and undertake to promote its work.

The Society shall be affiliated to the Labour Party. Its activities shall be the furtherance of socialism and the education of the public on socialist lines, by the holding of meetings, lectures, discussion groups, conferences and summer schools, the promotion of research into political, economic and social problems, national and international, the publication of books, pamphlets and periodicals, and by any other appropriate methods.
- 3 The Society as a whole shall have no collective policy beyond what is implied in Rule 2; its research shall be free and objective in its methods.

No resolution of a political character expressing an opinion or calling for action, other than in relation to the running of the Society itself, shall be put forward in the name of the Society. Delegates to conferences of the Labour Party, or to any other conference, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee without any mandatory instructions.
- 4 Membership of the Society shall be open to all those willing to accept the Rules of the Society. Federations of Labour Parties, Borough, Divisional and Local Labour Parties, Trade Unions or their branches, Cooperative organisations or other bodies may become subscribing bodies to the Society. Any person may become an Associate if in general sympathy with the objects of the Society. Acceptance of all candidates and bodies shall be subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may in special cases elect honorary members of the Society, who shall not, however, in that capacity be entitled to vote or to take part in private business meetings.

- 5 The Society shall be governed by an Annual Meeting of members to be held at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. Notice of the date of the Annual Meeting shall be given through "Fabian News," or otherwise, not less than six weeks before the meeting; the Agenda, including resolutions sent in by members, shall similarly be circulated not less than a fortnight before the meeting. Notice of amendments must reach the Central Office at least three days before the meeting. Copies of the Annual Report shall be circulated at least a fortnight before the meeting. All national members and fully paid up members of recognised Local Societies shall have the right to attend and vote at the meeting. Associates and one representative from each subscribing body shall have the right to attend, unless specially excluded from any private session, but shall have no right to vote. Special general meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or at the request of at least 100 fully paid up members sent to the General Secretary in writing, but no alteration of or addition to the Rules shall be made save at the Annual Meeting or at a special general meeting convened solely for that purpose. Any alteration of or addition to Rules 1-6 shall be adopted only if supported by not less than three-quarters of the members present at such annual or special meeting.
- 6 When a requisition signed by not less than 100 members is presented to the General Secretary calling for a general meeting to discuss any resolutions, the Executive Committee shall order the resolutions to be circulated, and shall appoint for the meeting the earliest convenient date thereafter. Any proposal to alter the Rules shall be circulated to all members not less than 14 days before the meeting. The Executive Committee may, and shall on a requisition signed by not less than 100 fully paid members, refer any question to the decision by postal ballot of all the members entitled to vote in the election of the Executive Committee.
- 7 The Executive Committee, including Officers, shall consist of not more than 24 members, of whom the Hon. Treasurer and 14 other members shall be elected as provided in Rule 7 following. The elected members shall then have the right to coopt not more than 9 other members to serve for the remainder of the year. The full Executive Committee (including the coopted members) shall elect such other Officers for the year as it thinks necessary. The elected members of the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill from the existing members of the Society any casual vacancies in its ranks as they arise. Five members shall be a quorum for the Executive Committee. Any member absent from four consecutive meetings of the Committee or its standing sub-committees

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LIST OF WEEKLY STAFF WITH SALARIES
WEEK ENDING 16 FEBRUARY '46

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No.	Name	Rate	Notes
12	Thomas, Olwen	£. s. d 3. 5. 0	
13	Watson, Mrs D.	4. 11. 6	
	Wig	7. 6	Terminates 16 Feb
		7. 6	
		5. 0	
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	without obtaining leave of absence shall be deemed, upon a resolution to that effect being passed by the Executive Committee, to have vacated his seat on the Committee or sub-committee.	2. 6	
8	Before the Annual Meeting, the Society shall elect by ballot an Hon. Treasurer and 14 other members of the Executive Committee to hold office for one year. Nominations for these shall be invited from national members and fully paid up members of Local Societies whose names have been received at the Central Office one month before voting papers are sent out. All ballot papers must be returned within 21 days of issue. Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to open the ballot box, to count the votes, and to certify to the General Secretary the number of votes polled. All members of Local Societies whose names have been received at the Central Office shall be entitled to vote in the Annual Postal Ballot for the election of the Executive Committee. The new Executive Committee shall come into office immediately after the Annual Meeting.	.0. 0	
		7. 6	
		7. 6	
		3. 6	Housekeeper Head Office 7 Carteret Street
		15. 0	
		10. 0	Part time
		10. 0	Part time
9	The Executive Committee shall conduct the general business of the Society, appoint such paid officers and staff as it deems necessary, create from among the members of the Society such sub-committees and groups as are considered desirable from time to time, sanction publications and appoint all delegates to represent the Society. Subject to the decision of the Annual or any special meeting, the Executive Committee shall have full control over the affairs of the Society.	10. 0	Part time
		10. 0	Part time
		0. 0	Part time
10	No book, pamphlet or tract submitted to the Society shall be published unless approved as of a suitable standard according to rules made by the Executive Committee. All publications sponsored by the Society shall bear a clear indication that they do not commit the Society, but only those responsible for preparing them.	10. 0	
		5. 0	Part time
		0. 0	Part time
11	Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means. The minimum annual subscription for members of the Society and for all subscribing bodies and associates shall be 10/6. A 10/6 subscription shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of "Fabian News," "Fabian Quarterly," and all pamphlets priced 6d. or less issued by the Society, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. A subscription of 21/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of the above periodicals and all pamphlets priced 1/- or less. A subscription of 42/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of all publications issued by the Society, save such as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. Student members of the W.E.A. and N.C.L.C., members of	0. 0	Part time
		0. 0	
		0. 0.	

Labour Youth organisations, undergraduates and other full-time students, and members of the ranks of H.M. Forces, shall be allowed to become members and to continue as probationary at the discretion of the Executive Committee for an annual subscription of 5/-, for which they shall receive the above periodicals and such a limited number of pamphlets as the Executive Committee shall decide. The Executive Committee shall have power to strike off the books any member who, after notice, fails to pay his subscription.

- 12 The Executive Committee shall have power to recognise a Local Society and to approve its rules. No group shall be recognised as a Local Society unless it has a minimum of 10 members qualified under Rule 4. The minimum subscription for members of Local Societies shall be not less than 5/-. The Executive Committee shall have power to make by-laws for the regulation of Local Societies and these by-laws may include a provision that the Local Society shall observe the provisions of Rule 3. Full membership of Local Societies shall be open to those willing to accept the Rules of the Local Society; any person may become an associate of a Local Society if in general sympathy with its objects. The rules of all Local Societies shall contain a provision that associates shall not have the power of voting in elections of a Local Society or at any Annual or Special Meeting.

In the event of a Local Society failing to pay its dues or adopting rules or policies contrary to that of the Society as a whole, as laid down in these Rules, the Executive shall have the power to suspend till the next Annual General Meeting, or, subject to the right of the Local Society to appeal to the Annual General Meeting, to sever all connections with the Local Society.

Local Societies shall subscribe a minimum of 10/6 yearly to the Central Office. A fee of 1/- a year per member over and above the first ten members shall be paid by the Local Society to the Central Office for all members who are not also national members of the Society. Members of Local Societies who are not also national members shall have the right to attend national activities at the same rates as national members; except that members of Local Societies within the Metropolitan Police Area shall not be entitled to attend national activities of the Society within the M.P.A. at preferential rates unless they are also national members. The Central Office shall issue to all Local Societies the necessary number of membership cards.

- 13 Any question as to the interpretation of these Rules shall be settled by the Executive Committee subject to appeal to a meeting of members qualified to effect an alteration of rules.

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LIST OF WEEKLY STAFF WITH SALARIES
 WEEK ENDING 16 FEBRUARY '46

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No.	Name		Rate			Notes
			£.	s.	d	
12	✓ Thomas, Olwen	McAuliffe	3.	5.	0	
13	✓ Watson, Mrs D.	HA	4.	11.	6	
14	✓ Newton, Miss E.	CB	4.	7.	6	Terminates 16 Feb
15	✓ Strauss, Mrs G.	LSC	4.	7.	6	
16	✓ Bridge, Miss Hilda	HA	3.	5.	0	
18	✓ Weller, Miss Violet	Accto	2.	17.	6	
19	✓ Turnbull, Donald	B/S	3.	2.	6	3 Feb
20	✓ Cox, Bernard	"	2.	10.	0	
40	✓ Fanner, Phillip	"	1.	7.	6	
33a	✓ Knight, Miss Phyliss	"	4.	7.	6	
22	✓ Stowell, Mrs	-	1.	3.	6	Housekeeper Head Office
38	✓ Mundy, Mr.	-	15.	0	0	7 Carteret Street
26	✓ Hutchinson, B.	CB	2.	10.	0	Part time
27	✓ Davies, R.	Subway	10.	0	0	Part time
28	✓ Fox, Mrs D.	LSC	1.	10.	0	Part time
25	✓ Davies, Miss D.	CB	1.	0.	0	Part time
31	✓ Bamford, Mrs Mildred	IB	5.	10.	0	
32	Burke, Miss Rosemary	HA	4.	10.	0	
34	✓ Bannister, Miss Leatrice	Pen	2.	5.	0	Part time
37	✓ Ritchie, Mrs	LSC	2.	0.	0	Part time
39	✓ Sheehan, Mrs K.	Pen	2.	0.	0	Part time
42	✓ Edwards, Miss A.	Pen	5.	0.	0	
40a	✓ Dick, Miss Alison	IB	4.	0.	0.	

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LIST OF MONTHLY STAFF WITH SALARIES
TO 28th FEBRUARY, 1946.

No	Name	Dept.	Rate	Notes
3	✓ Hughes, H.D., M.P.	Act. Gen. Sec.	£150	
2	✓ Hinden, Dr Rita	C.B.	285	
3a	✓ Nicholson, Miss M.	C.B.	235	
4a	✓ Roy, Miss	I.B.	235	
1a	✓ Bardsley, Mr H.W.	Acct.	260	
2a	✓ Gray, J.C.	H. Research	285	Terminates 28 Feb

FABIAN SOCIETY

Likely Income and Expenditure for Year beginning 1.4.39

	Apl-June quarter 1939	July 1939 to March 1940	Full year
<u>1 Salaries and Wages etc</u>			
Parker	50 0 0	150 0 0	200 0 0
Hughes (inc. £50 a yr from June)	62 10 0	225 0 0	287 10 0
Gibson	52 13 0	157 19 0	210 12 0
Jeeves (inc. £2.12.0 a yr " ")	52 0 0	157 19 0	209 19 0
Research Secretary (at £200 a year from June)	- - -	150 0 0	150 0 0
Boy (at Fabian Society)	13 0 0	39 0 0	52 0 0
Girl (Joan or another)	13 0 0	39 0 0	52 0 0
Total	243 3 0	918 18 0	1162 1 0
<u>Pensions: incl. present salaries of staff retiring in June 1939</u>			
	(present salary)		
Galton (at £200 a yr from June)	125 0 0	150 0 0	275 0 0
Howell (at £120 " " " ")	65 0 0	90 0 0	155 0 0
To* 1	190 0 0	240 0 0	430 0 0
<u>Typing Assistance</u>			
	(estimate)		
Rigg (pt.time typist NFRB)	3 0 0		3 0 0
Staff Insurance	4 11 0	10 11 3	15 2 3
TOTAL	440 14 0	1169 9 3	1610 3 3
ESTIMATED SAVING ON SEPARATE RUNNING	- - -		-139 0 0
<u>2 Accommodation</u>			
Dartmouth Street	17 10 2	120 0 0	137 10 2
Great James Street	25 15 2	- - -	25 15 2
Cost of moving etc			100 0 0
Insurance (approximate)	2 10 0	7 10 0	10 0 0
Total	45 15 4	127 10 0	273 5 4
Estimated extra			+53 0 0
<u>3 Heat, Light, etc</u>			
Dartmouth Street	8 0 0	48 10 0	56 10 0
Great James Street	5 0 0	- - -	5 0 0
Total	13 0 0	48 10 0	61 10 0
Estimated saving			-22 0 0
<u>4 Postages and Telephone</u>			
Postages			270 0 0
Telephone	16 3 8	40 10 0	56 13 8
Total			326 13 8
Estimated extra			+5 0 0
<u>5 Library</u>			
	3 4 0	4 12 6	7 16 6
Estimated saving			-5 0 0

	Apl-June quarter 1939	July 1939 to March 1940	Full year
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6 <u>Office Running</u>			
Pension			26 0 0
Cleaning	20 12 0	45 0 0	65 12 0
Windows	2 8 0	4 16 0	7 4 0
Stationery	29 7 6	84 15 0	114 2 6
General Printing	20 0 0	60 0 0	80 0 0
Newspapers	4 8 6	7 10 0	11 18 6
Typewriters	1 15 6	11 5 0	13 0 6
Advertising	14 0	3 15 0	4 9 0
Dispatching Fabian News	5 5 0	9 0 0	14 5 0
Fares			15 0 0
Miscellaneous			25 0 0
Total			376 11 6
Estimated saving			-41 0 0
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7 <u>Periodicals</u>			
Fabian News	20 0 0	45 0 0	65 0 0
NFRB Quarterly			75 0 0
Total			140 0 0
Estimated saving			-6 0 0
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8 <u>Pamphlets</u>			100 0 0
Estimated extra			-11 10 0
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9 <u>Affiliation Fees</u>			46 16 0
Estimated extra			-4 10 0
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<u>INCOME</u>			
Normal estimated			2872 0 0
Parliamentary Fund			180 0 0
Total			3052 0 0
Estimated surplus			110 0 0
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NOTE The above figures are calculated as follows: June qtr 25% of expenditure of separate societies; rest 75% of estimate of normal expenditure for joint running. Allowance has been made for (1) Cost of moving and decoration. (2) Altered cost of posting circulars as from April 1. (3) Reallocation between NFRB 'stationery' and 'general printing'. (4) Increased print of FABIAN NEWS and QUARTERLY. (5) Increased affiliation fees. The income has been taken as that of a normal year of joint running.

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Likely Expenditure for Normal Year Compared with Expenditure of Separate Societies

	FS Apl 37 to Mar 38	NFRB Oct 37 to Sep 38	Total	Estimate for normal year (joint)	Approx difference
<u>1 Salaries etc</u>					
				Parker 200 0 0	
				Hughes 300 0 0	
				Gibson 210 12 0	
				Jeeves 210 12 0	
				Boy 52 0 0	
				Girl 52 0 0	
Salaries	1007 3 6	702 8 9	1709 12 3	1025 4 0	
Research Secretary (if appointed)				200 0 0	
Pensions (Galton £200 Howell £120)				320 0 0	
Typing Assistance		14 1 7	14 1 7		
Staff Insurance	13 0 0	12 18 6	25 18 6	14 1 8	
Total	1020 3 6	729 8 10	1749 12 4	1559 5 8	-190 0 0
<u>2 Accommodation</u>					
Net Rent		103 0 8	103 0 8		¹ On basis of expenses for whole of Dartmouth St less £40 rent from University Labour Federation.
Dartmouth St - Net Exp.					
Mortgage 75 0 0					
Rates 49 4 9					
Income Tax 31 5 0					
Water Rate 4 10 10					
<u>160 0 7</u>					
less Sublet 90 0 0	70 0 7		70 0 7	120 0 0 ¹	
Repairs etc	30 11 9	6 16 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	37 8 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 0 0	
Insurance	7 0 0	2 14 6	9 14 6	10 0 0	
Total	107 12 4	112 11 6$\frac{1}{2}$	220 3 10$\frac{1}{2}$	160 0 0	-60 0 0
<u>3 Heat, Light etc</u>					
Electricity (net)	30 10 0	6 7 11	36 17 11	38 10 0 ¹	¹ Present gross exp. at Dartmouth Street.
Gas (net)	15 6 5	16 12 1	31 18 6	20 0 0 ²	² Present exp. at D St, allowing for gas fire in place of coal.
Coal	2 7 6		2 7 6		
Gas Fittings		12 11 6	12 11 6		
Total	48 3 11	35 11 6	83 15 5	58 10 0	-25 0 0
<u>4 Postages & Telephone</u>					
Postages	147 14 7	109 2 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	256 16 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	270 0 0 ¹	¹ Assuming current ordinary exp. of both bodies + est. of likely cost of circulars to members.
Telephone	16 1 11	48 12 8	64 14 7	54 0 0	
Total	163 16 6	157 14 8$\frac{1}{2}$	321 11 2$\frac{1}{2}$	324 0 0	+ 2 10 0

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	FS Apl 37 to Mar 38	NFRB Oct 37 to Sep 38	Total	Estimate for normal year (joint)	Approx difference
<u>5 Library</u>					
Purchases	6 12 0 ¹	6 4 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 16 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 10 0	¹ Purchases less receipts from book boxes. -6 0 0
<u>6 Office Running</u>					
Pension - Mrs Herbert	26 0 0		26 0 0	26 0 0	¹ Present gross exp. at D St.
Cleaning (net)	47 0 0	35 7 0	82 7 0	60 0 0	² Reallocation for printing instead of
Window cleaning	6 6 0	3 7 0	9 13 0	6 6 0	duplicating.
Stationery	61 10 0	103 19 9	165 9 9	113 0 0	²³ Includes purchase of 2nd
General printing	32 1 6		32 1 6	80 0 0	hand portable.
Newspapers	10 0 0	7 14 0	17 14 0	10 0 0	⁴ Printer's estimate.
Typewriters etc	3 10 0	13 11 10 ³	17 1 10	15 0 0	
Advertising		2 16 6	2 16 6	5 0 0	
Dispatching Fabian News	21 0 0		21 0 0	12 0 0	
Fares		14 13 11	14 13 11	15 0 0	
Miscellaneous	11 13 1	16 16 8	28 9 9	25 0 0	
Total	219 0 7	198 6 8	417 7 3	367 6 0	-50 0 0
<u>7 Periodicals</u>					
Fabian News (net)	79 7 0		79 7 0	60 0 0	¹ Printer's estimate.
Quarterly (net)		66 11 11	66 11 11	75 0 0	
Total	79 7 0	66 11 11	145 18 11	135 0 0	-11 0 0
<u>8 Pamphlets Subsidy</u>					
	44 1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¹	44 9 2	88 10 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	100 0 0	¹ Cost of Tract printing less balance of Bookshop A/c. +11 10 0
<u>9 Affiliation Fees</u>					
	42 3 6		42 3 6	46 16 0 ¹	¹ FS affiliations on revised membership. +4 10 0
TOTAL	1731 0 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	1350 19 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3082 0 0	2757 7 8	-325 0 0

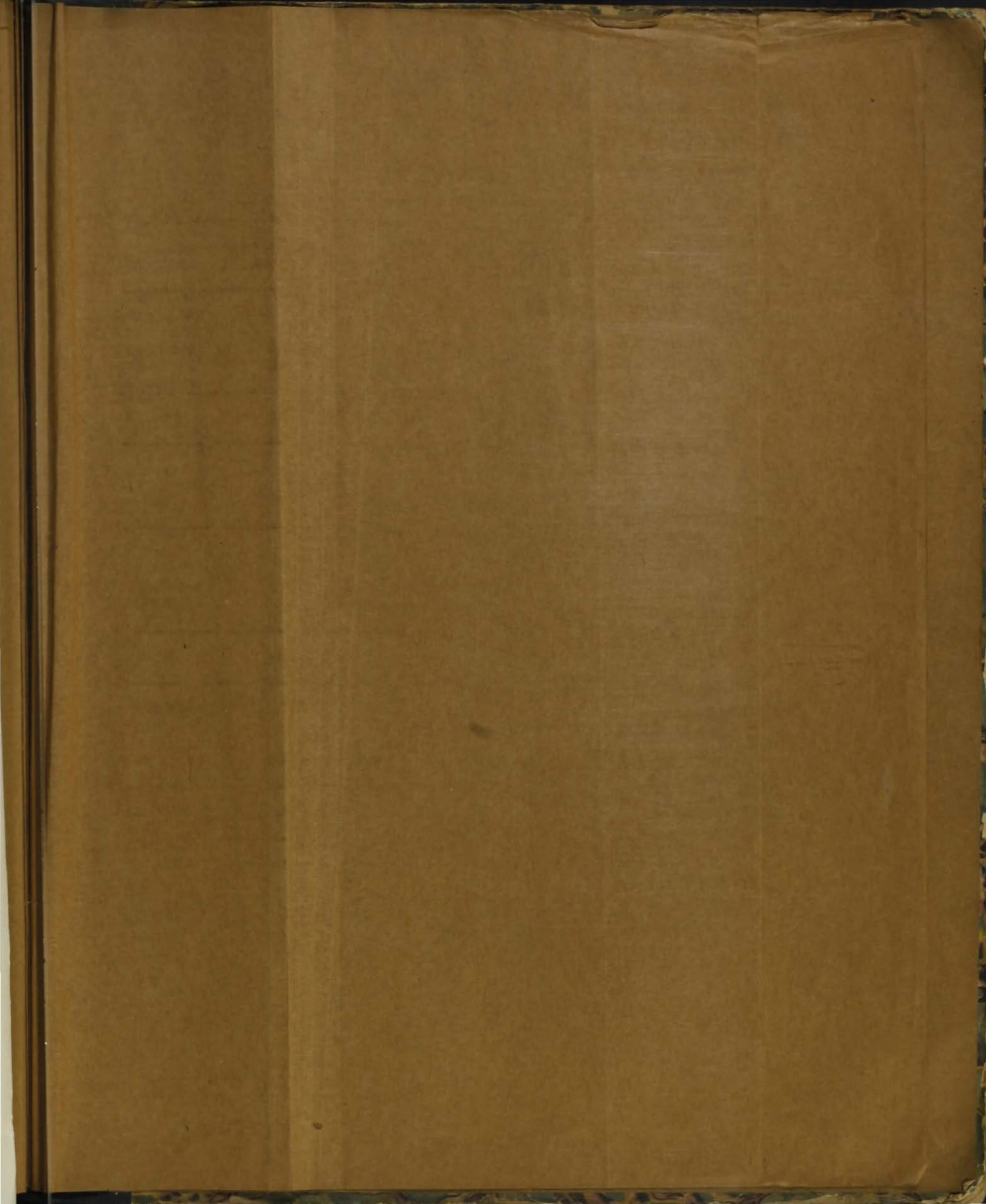
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Likely Income

	FS Apl 37 to Mar 38	NFRB Oct 37 to Sep 38	Total	Estimate for full joint yr	Approx difference
<u>1 Subscriptions</u>					
Members, Associates, etc	1110 3 4	708 16 9	1819 0 1	1820 0 0	¹ Includes dons to special fund for Tract printg. ² Est. at 50% combined total.
Special Donations	681 19 6 ¹	724 10 6	1406 10 0	700 0 0 ²	
Total	1792 2 10	1433 7 3	3225 10 1	2520 0 0	-700 0 0
<u>2 Books</u>					
Receipts from NFRB books		57 15 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	57 15 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	60 0 0	Nil
<u>3 Lectures Account</u>					
Balance from FS lectures	255 18 5		255 18 5	175 12 6 ¹	¹ Average 1935-7.
NFRB deficit		-26 17 1	-26 17 1		
Total	255 18 5	-26 17 1	229 1 4	175 12 6	-53 0 0
<u>4 Summer School Account</u>					
	14 6 1		14 6 1	71 2 9 ¹	¹ Avg 1935-7.
<u>5 Conferences Account</u> (incl. receptions & dinners)					
	1 1 11	45 17 6	46 19 5	45 0 0	
Total	15 8 0	45 17 6	61 5 6	116 2 9	+55 0 0
<u>TOTAL</u>	2063 9 3	1510 2 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	3573 12 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2871 15 3	-700 0 0
<u>SURPLUS</u>	332 8 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¹	159 3 9 ¹	491 12 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	114 7 7	-375 0 0

¹As non-recurrent items
(e.g. Special Compensation re Property) have
been omitted, these figures do not tally with
the actual surpluses
recorded.





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