

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th.1934  
at 11 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. at 104, GOWER STREET, W.C. 1.

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PRESENT. Mrs. Innes (in the chair), Miss Anderson, Miss Baker, Miss Chick, Miss Courtney, Miss Creyke, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Pye, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Warr, Miss White, Miss Marshall.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Clark, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Harrison and Miss Sheepshanks.

Miss Marshall was given a warm welcome to the Committee.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON DECEMBER 12th. were confirmed, having been previously circulated.

1185. BUSINESS ARISING.

Reported (1) a letter from Dr. Royden saying that she was convinced that Vera Brittain's scheme for a Peace Army was the one thing needed at present. She thought Dick Sheppard would be the ideal leader and was in communication with him on the subject and would like to know if we agreed with her. Agreed to reply that we very much hoped he would take up the work and that we should be glad to co-operate in any way we could; (2) a formal acknowledgment from Commandant Allen to Miss Sheepshank's letter and enclosure of December 18th.

1186. FINANCE Miss Chick presented the attached statement of Accounts, which was passed. Miss Chick was asked to send letters of thanks to Manchester and Newcastle Branches for their special contributions to Headquarters.

1187. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Miss Chick reported on the probable cost of the new drainage system - £140 plus a deposit of £50 payable to the Borough Council for connecting the main to the sewer, a part of which it was hoped would later be refunded. The renewal of our lease would depend on the satisfactorily carrying out of the repairs required under the Bedford Estate Schedule of Dilapidations. It was agreed that the repairs, including the drainage system, should be carried out. The Committee was reminded that it had already agreed to renew the lease for ten and a quarter years.

It was reported that Mrs. Soden, Treasurer of the New Europe Group, had sent a provisional notice to vacate the premises on the ground floor and basement on March 25th. but that a letter had been sent to her to say that the notice had not been received on the Quarter Day (December 25th.) and that the tenancy could not terminate until the June Quarter. Attention was also drawn to the fact that the notice to vacate would have to be received from our tenant, Mr. Mairat.

It was agreed not to ask the Japan Evangelistic Band for an increase in their rent for the two rooms they now occupy.

1188. FARES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Reported a proposal by Miss Sheepshanks that in accordance with the Constitution the fares of the Executive Members from the Branches to Executive Committee Meetings should be paid in full. After discussion the question of an annual "pool" of expenses from all Executive members and branches was referred to the Officers for consideration.



1189. DISARMAMENT. It was reported that Miss Courtney and Miss Freda White had drafted a memorandum on the League of Nations, as requested by the last Executive Committee, for use in a campaign. In view, however, of the recent Simon Mussolini conversations, it was agreed that it would not be wise to run a campaign on it at the moment, or to send it to the Prime Minister, or to get questions based on it<sup>asked</sup> in the House. Miss Courtney and Miss White were asked to revise it in order that it might be used as a leaflet in defence of the League. This they agreed to do.

It was also reported that Miss Sheepshanks had written an article on the Reform of the League, which was being printed in the News Sheet, and also used as a leaflet.

Mrs. Innes presented a draft letter and Petition which the special Campaign Committee on January 8th. had drawn up, for use in an immediate campaign for collecting local signatures to the petition for the abolition of trade in and private manufacture of arms. Amendments were made and the Special Committee was asked to meet again to embody them into the letter and petition.

Miss Marshall was co-opted on to this Committee.

Two letters were reported from the National Peace Council, (1) saying that their Executive Committee decided in principle in favour of the organisation of a national petition or referendum on the issues of air disarmament and the private trade in arms, and that Mr. Gerald Bailey was having interviews with Mr. Henderson, Sir Walter Layton of the News Chronicle and Mr. Stevenson of the Daily Herald, on the subject and would report the result as soon as possible, (2) asking the W.I.L. to instruct its representatives how to vote on the proposed resolution on "An International Armed Force." After discussion, it was agreed that our representatives should say that we hoped the resolution would not be pressed.

Miss Marshall raised the question of the wisdom and usefulness of Vernon Bartlett's broadcast plebiscite on January 4th. when listeners were invited to reply "yes" or "no" to his questions: "Are you in favour of International Co-operation?" or "Are you in favour of an Isolationist Policy?" She suggested a letter should be sent to the "Listener", protesting against Vernon Bartlett's oversimplification in the endeavour to get public opinion voiced in this way. Miss Marshall was asked to draft a letter, which draft she later brought to the meeting. This was endorsed with one or two additions and instructions given for it to be sent in the name of the Executive Committee.

1190. INDIA. Mrs. Lankester reported that the Women's Advisory Council on India Questions was not organising a Luncheon for Mr. Andrews. He would, however, be glad to meet members of the Executive Committee and the India Committee. Agreed that a meeting should be called for January 16th. at 11.15 a.m.

1191. PUBLICITY. Miss Baker reported that Mrs. Swanwick's booklet "New Wars for Old" price 7d. post free, was now published. Members of the Committee were asked to make it known. Mrs. Swanwick had also written another booklet "Frankenstein and his Monster" (an inquiry into the necessity of the Internationalisation of Civil Aviation) which would be published shortly.



1192. W.I.L.P.F. A letter had been received from Madame Drevet acknowledging our donation of £20. and thanking the British Section for once again giving tangible proof of its moral and material support for International Headquarters work.

As requested by the Executive Committee at its meeting on December 12th. Miss Chick and Mrs. Innes had drafted Notes on the Relations of the National Sections to the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee, which had been circulated to the Committee Members. Letters referring to these Notes were read from Dr. Clark and Miss Ward. After a long discussion, the conclusion was reached that these Notes did not sufficiently represent the views of both sections, and Miss Marshall, who had had long experience of W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee work and Congresses, consented to draft a memorandum which would, it was hoped, put concisely the whole position of the existing difficulties. This memorandum would come before the February Committee.

The question of appointing Consultative Members to the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee, March 25th./29th. was deferred to the February Committee. Miss Pye said she thought it would be held in Vienna.

1193. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Annual Report for 1933. Mrs. Barrs Davies, on behalf of Miss Sheepshanks who through pressure of work was unable to work in the Office for two months, presented the draft Annual Report. This was considered section by section and Mrs. Davies was asked to insert the amendments proposed by the Committee. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Barrs Davies for her kindness in helping with this Report. It was agreed that the Subscription List should again be omitted.

Subjects for Agenda. Mrs. Innes reported that Sir Arthur Salter would not be in England at the time of the Council Meetings so that the "Economic Conditions of Peace" would not be a subject on the Agenda. The Manchester Branch has written to say it hoped the Agenda would include "Dictatorships and Democracy." This was agreed to and it was decided to ask the following with a view to getting one speaker:-

Mrs. Hamilton, Professor Arnold Toynbee,  
Mr. Vernon Bartlett.

The Committee members said they would send in other names of possible speakers.

Arrangements at Y.W.C.A. Reported that (1) a Cafeteria Service for teas and supper each day could be made, with part of the public dining room partitioned off for our members; (2) lunches could be served in a room reserved for our members at a charge of 2/- each. It was agreed to accept the offer of these arrangements.

At Home, Tuesday, March 6th. Reported that the Hon. Mrs. Franklin had very kindly invited the Council to an At Home at her house. She would also provide musical items.

Amendments to Rules. Agreed that the following amendments to Rules should be proposed:-

VIII. A. (b)..... and all resolutions to be printed on the Agenda must reach the Secretary not later than five weeks before the Meeting. (instead of four).



(c) The Preliminary Agenda shall be issued to Branches four weeks before the Meeting (instead of three).

(d) All amendments to Resolutions must reach the office not later than three weeks before the meeting (instead of fourteen days).

1194. CORRESPONDENCE. Reported that the Annual Meeting of the Women's Advisory Council of the L.N.U. would be held on January 31st. at 4.30. Agreed to ask Dr. Clark to represent the W.I.L. on the W.A.C. during 1934. It was decided that the drafting of an emergency resolution on Disarmament for their Annual Council should be left to Dr. Clark.

It was agreed to make known the following:-

Mass Meeting for the Right of Married Women to Earn, March 12th.

Conference on the Unemployment Bill, January 19th. organised by the National Council for Equal Citizenship.

Luncheon on January 23rd. organised by the Women's Freedom League for Laurence Housman.

Conference on Hours of Work and Employment, February 20th. and 21st. organised by the L.N.U.

Demonstration at Brussels, under the auspices of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies (details of return fares were in the Office).

Luncheon on January 19th. organised by the British Commonwealth League.

A letter from Miss Nora Bolton, one of our members, suggesting a use for the Empire Marketing Boards, was referred to the National Peace Council.

1195. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Kenya. Reported a reply from the Colonial Office to Miss Sheepshanks' letter of December 7th. on the subject of Native Hut and Poll Tax in Kenya, in which he referred us to Paragraph 10 of the Report by the Financial Commission (Lord Moyne) on questions in Kenya. Mrs. McGregor Ross thinks this reply is not at all satisfactory. She will study the Report at the earliest moment.

On the suggestion of Miss Marshall it was agreed that the Cobden Club should be asked if it had taken any action from the point of view of its bearing on Peace, on the Government's Tariff Policy. The W.I.L. had made no protest.

This concluded the business.

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*K. P. Jones  
Feb: 13/34*



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, February 13th, 1934 from 11 to 5 p.m. at 104 Gower Street, W.C.1.

PRESENT. Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Miss Courtney, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Miss Baker, Miss Ward, Lady Unwin, Miss Pye, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Marshall, Miss Dickinson, Miss Freda White, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Joan Creyke, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Warr and Mrs. Corbett Fisher.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. McGregor Ross and Miss Rinder, who were kept away owing to illness.

MINUTES of meeting on January 9th were confirmed, having previously been circulated.

1196. BUSINESS ARISING.

(1) Fares for Executive Committee Members. Mrs. Innes reported that the Officers had considered the proposed scheme for an "Executive Committee Pool" of fares and had come to the conclusion that it was an impracticable one. They suggested that the whole fare should be paid to members who attend at least four hours of each Committee. Should any member be able to forego the payment of the fares the money should be considered as a contribution from that member. Agreed to continue to pay fares according to the Constitution, as long as funds permitted.

(2) Letter to "Listener." Reported that owing to illness immediately following the January Committee, Miss Marshall was unable to send the proposed letter to the "Listener" with reference to Vernon Bartlett's Broadcast Ballot.

(3) Cobden Club. Reported letter from Mr. Shaw saying that he did not know of anything published since this Government came in dealing with Free Trade as a promoter of peace. Decided to recommend that the Cobden Club might draw up a statement on the subject and perhaps organise a meeting with a direct bearing on peace, getting the support of all the Peace Societies.

(4) Brussels Congress. Reported that on making inquiries it was found that Miss Baker, Mrs. Thoday and Dr. Clark were attending the Congress. Miss Baker and Mrs. Thoday had been asked to act as the official delegates from the W.I.L. as Dr. Clark was representing the Friends Peace Committee. They had consented, and would report, with Dr. Clark, at the March Executive.

1197. URGENCY was granted for the consideration of a letter from Mr. Charles Robertson regarding the suggestion now before the London County Council that Armistice Day should be KNOWN IN THE Schools as "Armistice and Peace Day," and that the celebration of it should deal with historical facts and be linked up with the encouragement of children in the belief that war is bad and that ideals of peace should prevail. Mr. Robertson urged that the W.I.L. should write to the L.C.C. thanking them for taking up this subject and hoping that between now and the Autumn it will see its way to issuing the necessary instructions to the Schools. This was agreed to and on the suggestion of Miss Pye it was also agreed to suggest to our London



Branches that they should urge their local Borough Councils to send in resolutions to the L.C.C. on similar lines.

1198. URGENCY was also granted for the consideration of a letter from Mr. McGregor Ross regarding the Kenya Defence Force. Mr. Ross reported that five Camps are to be held this year and that the severest action will be taken against men who, not having been exempted, fail to attend one of them. It will not be possible for men to leave the Colony without first producing a certificate that they have discharged this duty. It was agreed that Mr. Vyvyan Adams or Major J. Hills should be asked to put questions in the House on this subject, and Mr. Ross asked to provide the necessary information beforehand. It was further suggested that Mr. Runham Brown of the War Resisters should be consulted.

1199. FINANCE. Miss Chick presented the Annual Statement of Accounts, which had been audited by Miss Clugston, and also the statement of accounts for January. These were accepted. Miss Chick was asked to write to the Acock's Green Branch and the Preston Branch for their very kind contributions to Headquarters, which were much appreciated by the Committee.

Agreed that as the Gestetner Duplicating Machine had not been working satisfactorily for some time, a newer model should be bought at the price of £25, and maintenance free of all costs for a period of five years, including the replacement of any worn parts.

1200. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. The audited Statement of Accounts for 1933 was presented by Miss Chick and adopted. Attention was drawn to the fact that Mr. Mairet, our tenant, had not paid the December rent, in spite of repeated applications. It was agreed to put the matter in the hands of a Solicitor, and Mr. Barrs Davies was recommended.

The decision of accepting one of two estimates for work to be done to International House was left to Miss Chick. The Committee undertook to support any action she decided to take.

It was agreed to ask Mr. Barrs Davies to negotiate with the Bedford Estate Office for the new lease at 55 Gower Street.

1201. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

(1) W.I.L.P.F. Memorandum. Miss Marshall had written this at the request of the Committee. It was decided that it should be sent to the Branches with a copy of Miss Courtney's letter of May 5th (previously circulated) resigning from the Presidency of the W.I.L. and Chairmanship of the Committee, with a covering letter. Miss Courtney agreed to write a statement for the Council which Mrs. Innes consented to read.

(2) The resolutions on the Preliminary Agenda were considered. It was agreed that the resolution from the North Wales Branch on Sanctions should precede that on Civil Aviation, the latter to go forward in Dr. Clark's name and not in the name of the Executive.



The resolution on the Private Manufacture of and Trade in Arms was withdrawn by North Wales, who will support the resolution from the Manchester Branch.

Agreed that the two resolutions on India should be sent out in the name of the Executive Committee.

It was agreed that Items 1 to 4 and 7 to 9 on the Agenda, with probably the Amendment to Rules, should be taken on Monday afternoon, preceding Miss Courtney's address, and then if time allows items 5 and 6. It was agreed that not more than 1½ hours should be allotted to the "Relations of the British Section to the W.I.L.P.F."

Nominations for the Executive Committee were reported.

1202. INDIA. Mrs. Lankester gave an interesting account of the All India Conference held in January in Calcutta at which varied and far-reaching resolutions were passed. Mrs. Amrit Kaur had been appointed Liaison Officer between the Indian Women's Organisations and the British Women's Organisations. Mrs. Lankester was asked to keep in touch with Mrs. Amrit Kaur on our behalf and to reply that we were very glad she had been appointed Liaison Officer and we would give her all the help we could. An article on the Conference is being written for the News Sheet, and it was recommended that a leaflet on the Women's Movement in India, with a picture on the front page, should be published before the Council Meetings. This was agreed to by the Executive.

Mrs. Lankester also reported that several names of Indian women had been sent forward for the League Committee for the protection of young people and children. She was asked to send a letter to the Government urging it to support the request for one of these Indian women to be placed on this League Committee.

Reported a Manison House Fund had been opened for the victims of the Indian Earthquake, and Mrs. Lankester offered to forward any contributions from members. Agreed that a note should be put into the News Sheet, giving Mrs. Lankester's name and address, as Chairman of the India Sub-Committee.

Mrs. Lankester further reported on Mr. Andrews' request for prison reform. The Howard League was taking up the matter and the India Sub-Committee thought it might be necessary to ask for urgency for a resolution at the Council Meetings.

It was reported that Miss Harrison was sailing for India on March 2nd. She is going in her individual capacity and asked for the sympathy and support of the Committee in her attempts to further mutual understanding between this country and India. Miss Harrison was asked to take out with her the proposed Council resolutions on India and if they were passed unaltered we would cable to her to that effect. A message and the resolutions should be sent to her from the Council by air-mail. Miss Harrison expressed her willingness to speak at meetings in the Autumn and to speak at a specially arranged meeting in July.

Miss Harrison was asked to take out a message of the Committee's greetings to the women of India.



1203. CAMPAIGN IN TRAFFIC IN ARMS. Reported that signatures to the Petition were being collected in many parts of England and Wales. It was agreed that the time had come when publicity should be given to the Campaign and Miss Baker undertook to try to get paragraphs into the papers following Mr. Rhys Davies's motion in the House on the 14th. Dr. Clark had supplied him with considerable material on the subject.

Suggestions were made for developing the Campaign and the Sub-Committee was asked to meet as soon as possible to consider them.

Dr. Clark undertook to write to Mr. Noel Baker asking him if he would write an article on whether anything can be achieved by the abolition of private manufacture of arms supposing no Disarmament Convention is agreed to.

1204. PRESENT SITUATION IN FRANCE AND AUSTRIA. Miss Pye drew attention to the difficult situation of our members in France and Austria at the present time, and she and Mrs. Innes were asked to write a letter of sympathy to our Sections in these countries.

1205. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE. Mrs. Innes reported on the W.P.C. Campaign for questioning Members of Parliament or prospective candidates in order to ascertain their views upon certain international questions affecting peace, and for preparing the work to be done at elections or by-elections. A reply had been sent to Miss Oakeshott that we should bring this matter to the notice of our delegates at the Council Meetings on March 5th, 6th and 7th, and urge our Branches to co-operate actively in the campaign when our own Petition Campaign was concluded. The suggested Questions to Members of Parliament were considered and it was agreed that the question regarding Gt. Britain's policy in the Far East Dispute should be deleted from the printed list.

Decided to inform the Branches now of the W.P.C. Campaign and to ask them to take it up after the Petition Campaign is finished, in co-operation with other local Societies.

1206. HENDON AIR PAGEANTS. It was reported that the following were sending letters to the President of the Board of Education urging that bombing episodes, etc. should be omitted from the Display arranged for school children:- National Union of Women Teachers, Parents' National Educational Union and the National Union of Teachers. Letters had also been received from the National Union of Townswomen's Guild, the Association of Headmistresses, the National Council of Women, the Wives' Fellowships, and the Child Guidance Council expressing interest in the subject. Several of these were not able to take action as they were non-political organisations. Others were considering the matter.

1207. W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee Meeting from March 25th.  
Place not yet fixed, but probably Geneva.

The Preliminary Agenda was considered and it was agreed to propose that item 2 should be printed on the final agenda in question form, beginning with the word "Sanctions" and setting forth questions for discussion.

Miss Marshall's offer to pay for literature on the subject for National Sections was gratefully accepted.



The appointment of Consultative Members to the International Executive was left to the Officers, members of the Committee being asked to send in their names to the Office if they could attend.

1208. HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT. Dr. Clark reported that Miss Courtney's memorandum and Mr. Arnold Forster's Notes on the British Memorandum (January) had been circulated. Miss Courtney gave a useful analysis of points in the memorandum which she thought required making clear and emphasising.

1209. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Baker reported on the Sales of "New Wars for Old;" and "Frankenstein and his Monster." In addition, the following leaflets had been published:- "Should there be an International Armed Force," and "Stop the profits from War Scares." The leaflet on India was also in the hands of the Publicity Committee, in consultation with Mrs. Lankester.

It was agreed that at the Council Meetings our Branches should be urged to make wide distribution of all our literature.

1210. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Reported a request for recommendations for the N.P.C. Congress, June 22/25th. Agreed to suggest a definite time limit for discussion; a fee of 5/-, with part returned if the Conference is not attended, and that more women be invited to speak, provided they are competent.

1211. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL, L.N.U. Dr. Clark reported that at the Annual Council Meeting, on 31st January a resolution had been passed urging the Government to press for the early re-opening of public discussion in the Disarmament Conference.

1212. CORRESPONDENCE.

Reported that (1) at the Annual Conference of the National Union of Women Teachers resolutions has been passed dealing with Equal Pay, Married Women Teachers, Equal Opportunities for Boys and Girls, Women and Men, and Peace Propaganda;

(2) The Federation of Women Zionists had offered to supply speakers on "The Development of Modern Palestine;"

(3) The Organisers of the Mass Meeting on Equal Pay for Equal Work asked if the W.I.L. would support their meeting on March 12th and allow its name to be printed on their notepaper as supporting the meeting. This was agreed to;

(4) The Howard League for Penal Reform asked the W.I.L. to use its influence to secure a modification of the new draft Penal Code for Palestine in order to secure the elimination of such reactionary measures as the extension of capital punishment involved in the new definition of murder and the introduction of corporal punishment, unknown to the Ottoman Code, for various sexual and unnatural offences. A definition of "murder" was given. Agreed that a letter should be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies endors-



ing the Howard League resolution;

(5) Miss Newsome had drawn our attention to Reading Cards for Class Room use in German Schools which glorified War. Agreed to get copies of the "Teachers' World" of January 24th in which these cards were reproduced, and send them to Mrs. Corbett Ashby, who is on the Moral Disarmament Committee of the Disarmament Conference, the W.I.L.P.F. and to Madame Dreyfus Barney, with a covering letter saying the Committee thought their attention should be drawn to this matter;

(6) THE COUNCIL FOR THE REPRESENTATION of Women in the League of Nations had sent us their Annual Report, copies of which members of Committee could receive on application to the W.I.L. Office.

This concluded the business.

*R. P. Jones / 34,  
March 20 / 34,*



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

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Statement of Accounts for January 1934.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure.</u>	
Balance	171. 4. 7½	Salaries	32. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	88. 2. 6.	Office Expenses	3. 6. 6½
Donations	2.18. 9.	State Insurance	2.16. 8.
Affiliation		Stationery	4. 4. 5.
Fees	12.18. 3.	Printing	30. 2. 0.
News Sheets &		Telephone	7. 1. 1.
Literature	4. 7. 1½	Postage	6. 4. 6½
Geneva Subs:&		Wages	3.10. 0.
Pax	<u>4. 0. 0.</u>	Committee Room	7. 6.
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		Pax	<u>6. 3. 7.</u>
			95.16. 4.
		Balance at	
		Midland Bank	186. 7. 6.
		Cash in hand	<u>1. 7. 5.</u>
			187.14.11.
	<u>£283.11. 3.</u>		<u>£283.11. 3.</u>

Approximate Statement of Accounts, February 1-9th. inclusive

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<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance	187.14.11	Expenditure	28. 0. 0.
Income	<u>18.14. 6.</u>	Balance	<u>178. 9. 5.</u>
	<u>£206. 9. 5.</u>		<u>£206. 9. 5.</u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Printing	28. 7. 6.
Stationery	15. 9.
News Sheets &	
Literature	4. 2. 9.
Coal	<u>2.18. 4.</u>
	<u>£16. 4. 4.</u>

Accounts not presented

Dunstons for printing "Frankenstein & His Monster" (approximately £10.5.0.)	
Hodgsons for printing tickets for Council Meetings	
"  "  " Annual Report (approximately £21.10.0.)	
<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>£152. 5. 1.</u>



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 20th, 1934 at 55 Gower Street from 11 to 5 p.m. (with lunch interval).

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Miss B.M. Baker, Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Creyke, Mrs. Lankester, Lady Unwin, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Anderson, Miss Chick, Miss Marshall, Miss Dickinson, Miss Sheepshanks, Miss Courtney, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Beesley, Miss White, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Adams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Rinder, Mrs. Vipont Brown and Miss Edith Pye.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN. Mrs. Innes was unanimously appointed Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMEN. Mrs. Corbett Fisher and Mrs. Barrs Davies were appointed Vice-Chairmen.

DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS. It was agreed that the second Tuesday in the month should remain as Committee day.

MINUTES of meeting on February 13th were confirmed, having been previously circulated.

1213. BUSINESS ARISING.

Kenya. Miss Anderson reported that Mr. McGregor Ross had also written to Mr. Buxton about the Kenya Government having passed legislation enforcing a term of camp life approaching conscription for white men in Kenya, and demanding a certificate showing that they had fulfilled their obligation. Mr. Buxton has arranged for Mr. George Dagher to ask two questions in the House, which were supplied by Mr. McGregor Ross.

Hendon Air Display. Correspondence was reported between Mr. Mander, the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, and Lord Halifax on the question of children being invited to view the Display, especially bombing episodes. Agreed to ask Mr. Mander to write to the L.C.C. and to ask Mr. Robertson to take up the matter. Decided also to ask the Croydon Branch to make a protest in Surrey.

Brussels Conference. Dr. Clark reported. She said that the resolution passed had not been agreed to by all the organisations represented.

Cobden Club. Reported a suggestion from Mr. Shaw to discuss the question of a meeting, etc. with the W.I.L. Miss Marshall agreed to see Mr. Shaw as soon as possible.

Deputation to the High Commissioner for South Africa on the subject of Nationality of Married Women was reported. (Report filed in Office). Miss Marshall acted as W.I.L. representative.

The question of taking part in an Irish Free State Deputation was considered, and it was agreed not to do so as members on the Committee were divided in their views on the subject.

1214. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

The following sub-Committee were appointed, subject to the consent of members serving:



PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Anderson, Miss Creyke, Miss Pye, Miss Marshall and the Officers, with Miss Courtney and Miss White as Consultative Members.

INDIA COMMITTEE: Miss Anderson, Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Dickinson, Miss Harrison, Mrs Lankester, Mrs. Polak, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Lady Unwin, Miss Marshall and the Officers.

GENERAL DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Miss Anderson, Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Braithwaite, Miss Courtney, Miss Dickinson, Lady Horsley, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Sutherland, Mrs. Beesley, Miss E. M. Baker, Mrs. Duncan Harris, and the Officers.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Mennell, Lady Unwin, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Dickinson, and the Officers.

ERIEADS OF PEACE AND DISARMAMENT: Mrs. Davis Pye, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Braithwaite, Miss Isabel Fry, Miss Dickinson, Miss Hayes, Mrs. Duncan Harris and the Officers.

BACKWARD RACES: Miss Anderson, Miss Creyke, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Robertson, Lady Unwin, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Marshall and the Officers, with Miss White as Consultative member.

OPIUM COMMITTEE. It was agreed to consult Miss Pye about the this Committee.

It was agreed that new members of the Committee should be informed of the Friends of Peace and Disarmament Movement, with literature, etc.

1215. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Miss Chick and Miss Sheepshanks agreed to ~~serve~~ *serve* on the N.P.C. in place of Mrs. Robertson and Lady Unwin.

1216. FINANCE. Miss Chick presented the attached statement of accounts, which was passed. It was agreed that Rita Gent (age 14½) should be paid 12/6d per week instead of 10/- and that she should be given another increase a little later. Appreciation was expressed on hearing that the Liverpool Branch had bent a special donation of £5 to Headquarters.

Reported that £7 of literature was sold at the Literature Stall at the Council Meetings.

Agreed not to take a Stall at the Women's Freedom League Green, White and Gold Fair.

The Officers and Miss Dickinson were asked to consider a money raising effort.

1217. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Miss Chick reported on the difficulty of getting the rent from Mr. Mairet of the New Europe Group and that the matter had been placed in the hands of Mr. Barrs Davies. Reported that the Japan Evengelistic Band wished to renew their lease for 10½ years subject to their being able to give up the premises at the end of the first five years, at a rental of £125 per annum, inclusive of rates and taxes. It was agreed that Miss Chick should suggest an increase in the event of the Assessment being raised again, but that if rates only were increased no increase in the rent should be made.



1218. W.I.L.P.F. The following points likely to come up at the International Executive Committee (March 22-28th) were considered with a view to giving instructions to our Consultative Member, Lady Unwin.

1. Consultative vote for Italian Group (outside Italy)  
Agreed to vote against Italian Group's vote. The Italian Group is not responsible to anyone. They have no Section and have never had one in their country.

2. The question of non-military sanctions applied to a state disregarding its obligations under international treaties.

Leave Consultative Member free to see how time table works out. She might be able to make brief introduction to it if they want a discussion.

Agreed that a letter should be sent to Geneva regretting that the members who have specially studied this question were not able to be at the Committee.

3. Possibility of bringing forward again U.S.S.R. proposals for total disarmament.

Consultative Member to vote against any proposal for action. It is outside practical politics.

4. Austrian Situation.

It was to be emphasised that Frau Hertzka and Olga Misar were very anxious that nothing should be said which would make life in Austria more difficult and which might bring suffering. They don't want publicity for any attack on the Government. Warn the Committee not to take any public action.

5. Reform of the League of Nations. Report of ad hoc Committee.

Agreed to suggest that the National Sections might have the ad hoc Committee's statement and be invited to send their comments on it. We hope this will be done.

6. Campaign for abolition of private manufacture of arms and International Control of State Manufacture.

Agreed that summary of work should be sent.

7. Report of Stateless Commission. Future Plans. Co-option of a member residing in Geneva.

There was nothing to report. The Committee of the League of Nations Union had not been able to do anything about it.

9a. Calling of an Extraordinary Congress at the time of the Autumn Executive and in place of the Constitutional Congress due in 1935.

It was agreed that if it were suggested that it should be held in Great Britain, we would consent, subject to a suitable place being found. The difficulties of organising a Congress in this country were to be clearly stated.

It was agreed to suggest that the main reason for calling the Congress should be because of the difficulty of the W.I.L.P.F. situation and the general European situation.



17. Is capitalism compatible with lasting peace?  
&  
18. What should be the attitude of the W.I.L.P.F. in regard to the revolutionary events which are taking place in various countries.

It was strongly felt that there should be no resolutions on these as this would definitely cause a split in the Society.

The Council resolutions on Austria and our letter of sympathy to the French Section showed our attitude to revolutionary methods. It was hoped that the Sections would continue to work on the lines best suited to them, as the British Section must work on their own lines, and that no conclusions in the name of the whole should be reached, with any disagreeing.

19. Resolutions - discussion and vote.

Agreed that our views were expressed in Council resolution and the letter from Mrs. Innes to Madame Drevet dated 13th March. Agreed that it should be made clear that it is a question of political work from Headquarters direct.

Agreed that it should be made clear that we believe that the International Executive can do more useful work by making suggestions to National Sections and that the whole weight of the movement rests in the work done by the Sections. We desire to increase, not to slow down the work done.

1219. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Reported that the resolutions had been sent as follows:

India: to the India Office and the Joint Select Committee on Indian Constitutional Reform.

Austria: to Emma Cadbury of the Friends Relief Centre in Vienna, with the request that she should pass on both resolutions to our members in Austria; to the Austrian Minister in London, who in reply, merely expressed the hope that the W.I.L. would support the new corporative State in Austria.

German Prisoners: to the German Ambassador in London.

Political work of the Executive Committee of the W.I.L.P.F. Office in Geneva, with a covering letter from Mrs. Innes, with a covering letter from Mrs. Innes.

With regard to Austria Miss Sheepshanks was asked to watch for an opportunity to write to the Foreign Editor of the Times and should an occasion arise she was authorised to write immediately.

Suggestions were made for either an ordinary public meeting or a Conference of Women's Organisations, with delegates, as well as the general public. The Officers were asked to go into the matter in consultation with Miss Sutherland and Miss Anderson. Several suggestions of speakers were made.

It was reported that the Austrian Minister had refused to receive the proposed deputation which the National Council for Equal Citizenship wished to arrange. He agreed to send on any letters to the Austrian Government giving the news of women's societies.

Special Council Meetings. It was decided to hold a



special Council on Friday afternoon June 1st and Saturday morning, June 2nd, at the Y.W.C.A. if possible. It was agreed that the arrangements should be left in the hands of the Committee which arranged the Agenda for the Annual Council.

Suggestions from Branch Secretaries' Meeting. It was suggested that in future, space should be left on leaflets and the News Sheet for the name and address of the Branch Secretary. It was felt that a rubber stamp would be sufficient. The Publicity Committee should consider this.

Arising from the suggestion that one member of the Executive Committee should be in close touch with one branch; it was decided to ask the Branches if they would like to invite any member of the Executive to visit them from time to time.

It was agreed to pass on the suggestion to the Women's Peace Crusade that they should get into touch with Committees for the selection of Candidates in connection with the Election Campaign.

1220. FORMATION OF LONDON BRANCH. It was agreed to try to get a London Branch of the W.I.L. started which would include all London members who were not within reach of the South East London Branch or the Golder's Green Branch. It was agreed to call a meeting of London members not in these Branches with a view to forming a Branch. ~~It was agreed to call a meeting of London members~~

1221. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Baker reported that "Mother India's Daughters" had recently been published and was selling well; "New Wars for Old" was nearly sold out but "Frankenstein and his Monster" was not selling quite so well. Mrs. Swanwick had offered to write another pamphlet in answer to Norman Angell and other objectors to "New Wars for Old." She would be responsible for the cost. This was agreed to in principle and the matter was referred to the Officers and the Publicity Committee.

1222. CAMPAIGN IN TRAFFIC IN ARMS. Final instructions had been drafted for dealing with the signatures. It was agreed that as much publicity should be obtained as possible, during the week in which they are forwarded.

Letters referring to our Campaign were reported from the Toronto W.I.L. and from our Section in Tunis.

1223. L.N.U. PROPOSED REFERENDUM. A letter was reported from Lord Cecil saying that the L.N.U. proposed to organise a referendum on certain great issues throughout the country. We were invited to send two representatives to a meeting to consider the matter. Dr. Clark and Mrs. Innes were appointed, on the understanding that substitutes were to be appointed if either of them was unable to go on the date fixed.

1224. REPORT OF HON. SECRETARY. Dr. Clark reported on a letter from Miss Daugaard in which she said the Danish Section were urging the men of the country to help them in their work for peace.

Miss Courtney and Dr. Clark reported on the present disarmament situation and it was agreed that the general Disarmament Committee should be called in the near future.



1225. REPORT OF INDIA COMMITTEE. It was reported:

(1) that in response to the appeal for the Indian Earthquake Fund Mrs. Lankester had received and forwarded to the Lord Mayor £19;

(2) that Mrs. Subarayan had been appointed to serve on the League of Nations Committee for the Protection of young people and children;

(3) that Rajkumari Amrit Kaur had been appointed Liaison Officer with the five Women's organisations in this country who had supported the Indian Women's Franchise demand, and Mrs. Lankester had agreed to act as Liaison Officer here for the five Societies;

that

(4) efforts were being made to publish a Bulletin giving news of India, especially on the Franchise. Price 2/6d p.a.

(5) that Mrs. Lankester had been asked to draft a memorandum to the Joint Select Committee saying that there were these British women's organisations which supported the Indian Women's demands. Mrs. Innes signed the memorandum on behalf of the W.I.L.

1226. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Miss Baker reported that three representatives had been appointed to serve on the L.N.U. Referendum Committee. The Council was considering a Campaign after Easter on the lines of their previous Campaigns. Agreed to write to Mr. Bailey that we feel it would be a mistake to repeat it on exactly the old lines, as important people were unwilling to go on signing memorials on the same subject and to inform him that we were co-operating in the Women's Peace Crusade Campaign.

1227. EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK. Reported an application to support an emergency resolution to be put to the meeting on March 12th. The Hon. Secretary had replied that it was not possible for the W.I.L. to support this resolution. Her action was endorsed.

1228. CORRESPONDENCE.

Reported an L.N.U. Conference "In defence of the League" on April 12th and 13th. Agreed to make this known to our London members.

British Commonwealth League Conference, June 13/15th. It was agreed to send a resolution on India if Mrs. Lankester felt it advisable. Mrs. Lankester undertook to draft this in that case for the May Executive. Mrs. Lankester was appointed one of our two delegates.

1229. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Action on Fascism. It was agreed to ask Miss Jean Henderson if she would keep in touch with the Fascist Movement on our behalf.

Miss Sheepshanks reported the publication of a Play suitable for propaganda, "Fog over Dybern" issued by the Stage Society.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. April 10th.

*K. E. Innes  
Chairman  
April 10/34.*



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Statement of Accounts for February 1934

INCOME

Balance		187.14.11
Subscriptions	119.11.0.	
Donations	38.17.6.	
Affiliation Fees	1.19.0.	
News Sheets & Literature	<u>9. 6.2.</u>	
		169.13. 8.

EXPENSES

Salaries	32, 0. 0.
Travelling Expenses	2. 4. 9.
Stationery	3. 3.10.
News Sheets & Literature	6. 2. 4.
Printing	22. 3. 0.
Lighting & heating	2.18. 4.
Postage & Wires	11.18. 5.
Office Expenses	1.15. 4.
State Insurance	13. 0.
Wages	3.10. 0.
Council Expenses	<u>9. 0.</u>
	86.18. 0.

Balance at Midland Bank	267. 8. 0.
Cash in hand	<u>3. 2. 7.</u>
	270.10. 7.

£357. 8. 7.

£357. 8. 7.

Approximate Statement of Accounts March 1 - 19  
inclusive

Balance		270.10. 7.
Subscriptions	102.18. 0.	
Donations	2. 7. 6.	
Affiliation Fees	15. 9.	
News Sheets & Literature	<u>11.16. 6.</u>	
Council Meetings	10. 1.	
Geneva Subscriptions	<u>1. 0. 0.</u>	
		119. 7.10.

Salaries	24. 0. 0.
Office Expenses	1. 0.10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Staff Overtime	1. 0.10.
Purchase of Duplicator	25. 0. 0.
Wages	2.12. 6.
Stationery	3.10. 5.
Literature & News Sheets	2.19. 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Printing	20. 1. 0.
Travelling Expenses	4. 8.
Affiliation Fees	3.14. 3.
Audit Fee	7.17. 6.
State Insurance	9. 9.
Postage & Wires	7.13.10.
Council Meetings	17.11.11.
Geneva Subscriptions & Fax	<u>3. 3. 7.</u>
	121. 0. 5.

Balance 268.18. 0.

£389.18. 5.

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OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Stationery	1.15.11.
Annual Report (Now in Printer's hands)	
approximate cost	<u>21.10. 0.</u>
	<u>£23. 5.11.</u>

BALANCE £245.12. 1.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 10th, 1934 at 104 Gower Street, London, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Miss Karleen Baker, Miss B.M. Baker, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Chick, Mrs. Beesley, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Lady Unwin, Miss Sheepshanks, Dr. Clark, Miss White, Miss Courtney, Miss Dickinson, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Anderson, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Corbett Fisher.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Creyke, Miss Sutherland and Miss Pye.

MINUTES of meeting on 20th March were signed, having been previously circulated.

1230. BUSINESS ARISING:

Cobden Club. Miss Marshall reported that Mr. Shaw had given her some pamphlets for free distribution and had offered to write a leaflet on the present situation with regard to tariffs and their bearing on peace. He also suggested a Conference at Dunford House. It was agreed to ask Mr. Shaw to submit a draft of his proposed leaflet before we finally decide to publish it, and to say that it would not be possible for us to take part in a Conference at Dunford House.

League of Nations Union Referendum. Dr. Clark and Mrs. Innes reported that the Committee had considered a list of questions and there was general support for the idea of the referendum. An Organising Committee had been appointed to make a final draft of a set of questions which will be most likely to get general support from a number of organisations and to develop the scheme further. There will be another meeting of representatives and a further report will be made.

A letter from the L.N.U. Women's Advisory Council was read, asking for an indication of views on the referendum. General approval of the plan was expressed and the view put forward that it was desirable that the questions should be so worded that an affirmative answer would be welcomed. If the plan were developed, it was thought advisable to begin as early as possible for the sake of the country districts, and it was agreed that at least six months would be required to make the referendum a success. The W.I.L. representative on the Women's Advisory Council (Dr. Clark) was recommended to put these points before the Council.

Kenya. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported the question and reply in the House of Commons on the Kenya Defence Force, stating that no order such as had been reported, had been given. She said that Mr. Ross was sending this information to East Africa. She further reported that mining is now in full swing in the Kavirondo Native Reserve, that 21,000 claims have been registered by Whites but no natives are allowed to ~~touch~~ <sup>work</sup> the gold, and they are severely punished if they offer any obstruction to mining, even on their own land. She reported also that Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister had not interviewed any natives as to their grievances but only flown over the area concerned. The publication of the Morris Carter Land Inquiry Report is still delayed and meanwhile gold is being got out of the mines. It is strongly urged that efforts should be made in Cunliffe Lister's Constituency to get leading citizens to put questions to him and to write their views. Mrs. Ross recommended a book "An African speaks for his People" by a native of Kukuyo, P.G. Mockerie. The Golders Green Branch was recommended to follow this question



carefully, and to bring pressure on Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister. Mrs. Ross will keep in touch over it with Mrs. Corbett Fisher. Mrs. Ross further reported that there was a great unrest among the natives, rioting and crime, and there was a possibility that the Defence Force might be used against the natives. Mrs. Ross was asked to confer with the other members of the Native Races Committee and to take action when advisable.

1231. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was passed. Miss Chick pointed out that the past three months had been the best for income, as subscriptions had come in for that period and that it would be advisable to secure some further income for the remainder of the year. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the Misses Alexander asking them if they would lend us their garden for a Garden Fete.

1232. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. With regard to our Tenants Miss Chick reported that the difficulty with "New Britain" had been settled by the issue of a Summons and that Mr. Barrs Davies had kindly arranged the whole matter. "The New Britain" will give up their tenancy of the basement on April 25th and of the ground floor on June 25th. Satisfactory arrangements had been made regarding the payment of the rent. Alterations to the drains, etc. will be put in hand while the basement is vacant, and efforts will be made to secure a fresh tenant from June Quarter Day. It was agreed to give Miss Chick a free hand with regard to the Agreement with the Japan Evangelistic Band as to a sliding scale of payment if the Assessment is raised.

1233. INDIA. Mrs. Lankester reported that a few members of the India Sub-Committee had met Miss Agnes Paterson of the Y.W.C.A., who had been working among Indian women students. She was particularly concerned about the recent legislation in Bengal, especially the clause by which the death penalty could be imposed on anyone found in illegal possession of arms, and on whom the suspicion of the motive of murder rested. It was felt that this might be open to grave abuse, and she instanced the case of a girl student who had been sentenced last autumn to 4 years' imprisonment but who would, under this clause, have been liable to suffer the capital punishment. A revolver had been found in her room, but those who knew her best felt that the girl was innocent. Miss Paterson acknowledged that terrorist propaganda was being carried on among these students, but felt that constructive measures such as better supervision of hostels, the organisation of their leisure for recreation and culture and their employment for practical social work would be more effective than mere repression.

Mrs. Lankester was asked to draft a letter, in consultation with Miss Paterson, to be sent to the Secretary of State for India and the Viceroy urging that the death penalty clause should be held in abeyance. The Indian Council-iation Group was making a protest in the same way, and Mrs. Lankester undertook to consult them, together with Miss Paterson and the Y.W.C.A. as to getting letters into the Press on the subject.

A cablegram was read from Miss Agatha Harrison who received a warm welcome in India and is now travelling the earthquake area with Mr. Gandhi.

In connection with the appointment of a liaison officer (Mrs. Lankester) to work with the Indian Women's Organisations, the five Organisations concerned in this country were being asked to undertake the stencilling necessary for the work. It was agreed that the W.I.L. should take its share of the work. The cost of the proposed Bulletin to



other Societies would be 2/6d per annum. Incidental expenses were to be divided between the five Organisations.

1234. FRIENDS OF PEACE AND DISARMAMENT. Miss Chick reported that a leaflet was just being issued which had been adapted from a French publication by the League of Mothers and Teachers, the subject being the Private Manufacture of Arms.

1235. W.I.L.P.F. Lady Unwin reported on the International Executive Committee, March 24/28th, 1934. Eighteen members were present. Resolutions were passed on the following subjects:-

- (1) Continuous mediation by non-belligerent Governments in case of war;
- (2) Women's dismissal from their work;
- (3) Extension of Minorities Treaties to all States Members of the League of Nations;
- (4) Fascism;
- (5) The reform of the League of Nations;
- (6) Prohibition of Austrian children going to Switzerland.

A resolution urging study of proposals for the internationalisation of civil aviation was lost.

With regard to the proposed Congress in Paris, arranged by the French Section, Lady Unwin said it was nominally against Fascism, ~~but in reality it was pro-communism.~~ *but in reality had been expressed that*

(Miss Sheepshanks said that the following English women have been asked to attend: Lady Marley,

Ethel Mannin, Mrs. Fenner Brookway, Ellen Wilkinson.

*Lady Unwin added: Jennie Lee, Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. Royden*

The Sections were being asked to send representatives. ~~The~~ resolution had been sent to Chancellor Dollfus, remonstrating against the refusal to allow the Austrian children to accept hospitality in Switzerland. Otherwise no resolution had been sent on the Austrian question, but Mlle. Rolland had protested energetically against no strong action having been taken with regard to Austria and it was decided to send an envoy from the International Executive Committee to visit Austria ~~and to inform the Austrian Section that the International Executive regretted that they had not taken a firmer stand.~~ Miss Balch was now in Vienna. The International Minutes contained criticism of the Austrian Section.

(The British Executive ~~expressed~~ <sup>expressed</sup> their strong disapproval of ~~this~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~censure~~ <sup>censure</sup> of the Austrian Section and believed that it was most unwise to have any such view of the Austrian situation expressed in the International Executive Minutes as it might seriously endanger the members of the W.I.L.P.F. in Austria. It was agreed that a letter should immediately be written to Geneva urging that if it is too late for these comments to be excised from the Minutes at least as few copies as possible should be made and their circulation carefully restricted, and also to inform the International Executive that the British Section dissociated itself entirely from the action by the W.I.L.P.F. International Executive Committee on this occasion with regard to Austria.

Furthermore, it was agreed to dissociate the British Section from any resolutions or activities in

*which they understood had been expressed*



connection with other countries, which were undertaken without their consent, and to urge that such activities be discontinued at once).

Lady Unwin continued her report. She said that the British Section's letter and resolution requesting that there should be no political resolutions passed by the W.I.L.P.F. Executive during the present crisis had not been brought up or considered by the International Committee, although it had previously been circulated to all the Sections. But a resolution proposed by Miss Balch on the same subject but taking exactly opposite action to that wished by the British Section had been adopted. The resolution was as follows:-

Resolution proposed by Miss Balch.

- (1) National Sections, when a crisis occurs, should at once communicate with the Chairmen as to what course the Section thinks should be taken;
- (2) At the same time the Sections should also act themselves to the full extent of their power;
- (3) The Chairmen should get into contact with one another and Executive Members, and if circumstances permit, consult with the National Sections as to any action to be taken internationally;
- (4) If there seems a clear case for action within the accepted principles of the W.I.L. and there seems to be no possibility of consulting national sections, or no time to do so, they should act in their own discretion notifying the national sections as soon as possible;
- (5) In general, in a national situation they should do nothing without the approval of the Section concerned but in view of the possibility of abnormal situations the Chairmen should not feel themselves bound by a general agreement not to act without (or even against) an expression of opinion from the National Section.
- (6) In urgent cases where the Chairmen disagree they may find it necessary to act according to the decision of the majority and have the right to do so.

Lady Unwin had asked that ~~a postal vote might be taken on this resolution.~~ *no vote to be taken - was decided upon.* This was agreed to and on behalf of the British Section Mrs. Innes had written to Geneva voting against it. This action was endorsed by the Committee.

(The British Section Executive agreed that in writing to Geneva astonishment should be expressed that the British letter should have been ignored and that another resolution on the same subject, of which no previous notice had been given, should have been considered and adopted.

Lady Unwin further reported that Miss Balch would be willing to come to England to discuss this question with the British Executive.

It was therefore proposed that a meeting for Miss Balch should be held on Monday, May 7th, if convenient to her.

1236. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING. It was agreed that an additional session should be arranged for at the Special Council Meeting on the evening of June 1st. This would allow of



1237. CAMPAIGN RE TRAFFIC IN ARMS. It was reported that lists of signatures had already been received from about 100 towns and villages. Efforts had been made to get workers in many other places, but owing partly to the shortness of time they had not been successful. A large number of letters had been dealt with relating to reasons given as to why people could not sign. In many cases literature had been sent to help the workers deal with such questions as were being raised. The Campaign had been of good educational value but it was felt that future Campaigns needed longer than three months to organise. It was agreed that a detailed report should be sent to all those who had co-operated in the Campaign. In connection with the Campaign a Press Tea had been arranged for Wednesday afternoon, April 12th.

1238. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Baker asked whether, in view of the forthcoming Council Meeting, the rule not to allow the Press at Council Meetings could be altered. It was agreed that no Press should be admitted at the June Council but that the matter should be considered in time for the 1935 Council Meetings.

1239. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Reported that the N.P.C. had agreed to work within the framework of a wider programme, for the internationalisation of civil aviation and to urge the Government to work out schemes it would consider satisfactory. It will continue to work for the total abolition of naval and military airforces. The Friends Peace Committee were working on similar lines. It was felt that the W.I.L. must continue its activities for the abolition of military and naval air forces as soon as the present Campaign for the abolition of the private manufacture of arms is over.

1240. ACTION ON FASCISM. Reported that Miss Jean Henderson would keep us informed of any information she might get on this subject. She had already sent us a copy of "Fascist Week" which contains their Headquarters address and list of their publications. Decided that the Branches should be asked to send any information that comes to their notice.

1241. CORRESPONDENCE. Reported invitation to send delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene on April 23rd, 5 p.m. Mrs. Lankester was appointed, and Mrs. Barrs Davies said she would attend if possible.

Reported that Dr. Franklin had invited the W.I.L. to co-operate in a meeting in support of Grith Fyrd at the house of The Hon. Mrs. Franklin in May. Agreed to reply that we should be glad to make the meeting known to our London members and that May 15th, suggested by Dr. Franklin, would be a suitable day.

Reported a letter from the Indian Earthquake Relief Fund asking the W.I.L. to co-operate in a meeting at the beginning of May and asking whether our name may be added to the list of those convening or supporting the meeting. It was agreed to support this meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Tuesday, May 8th, 1934, 11 to 5 p.m.

K.P. Jones.  
May 8/34.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for March 1934.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance	270.10. 7.	Salaries	40. 5. 0.
Subscriptions	115.14. 0.	Office Expenses	3.12.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Donations	6. 0. 0.	Staff Overtime	4. 5. 7.
News Sheets & Literature	17. 4. 7.	Travelling Expenses	5. 0.
Affiliation Fees	1.10. 9.	Gestetner Machine	25. 0. 0.
Council Mtgs.	10. 1.	Postage & Wires	11. 7. 4.
Geneva Sub- scription	<u>1. 0. 0.</u>	Stationery	6.19. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
	141.19. 5.	News Sheets & Literature	8. 1. 6.
		Printing	20. 1. 0.
		Lighting & heat- ing	2.11. 5.
		Audit Fee	7.17. 6.
		Affiliation Fees	3.14. 3.
		Council Meetings	17.11.11.
		Wages	4. 7. 6.
		State Insurance	16. 3.
		Rent	25. 0. 0.
		Geneva Subscrip- tions & Pax	<u>3. 3. 7.</u>
			184.19. 9.
		Balance at Midland Bank	224.10.4 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Cash in hand	<u>2.19.10<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
			227.10. 3.
	<u><u>£412.10. 0.</u></u>		<u><u>£412.10. 0.</u></u>

Approximate Statement for April 1-9th.

Balance	227.10. 3.	Expenses	20.13. 0.
Income	<u>15.18. 1.</u>	Balance	<u>222.15. 3.</u>
	<u><u>£243. 8. 3.</u></u>		<u><u>£243. 8. 3.</u></u>
 <u>Outstanding Accounts</u>			
Printing	3.14. 0.		
Stationery	16. 0.		
Electric Light	<u>2. 3. 0.</u>		
	6.13. 0.		
Annual Report (In printer's hands) approximate cost	<u>21.10. 0.</u>		
	<u><u>£28. 3. 0.</u></u>		
 <u>BALANCE</u>	 <u><u>£194.12. 3.</u></u>		



Minutes of meeting of Executive Committee, Women's International League, Tuesday, May 8th, 1934 at Friends' House, Euston Road, N.W. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Lady Unwin, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Pye, Miss Creyke, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Beesley, Miss Chick, Miss Sheepshanks, Miss Marshall, Miss Rinder, Miss Dickinson, Miss White, Mrs. Duncan Harris.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Miss Karleen Baker and Miss B.M. Baker.

MINUTES of meeting on April 10th were signed, after the following corrections were made:-

Minute 1235. W.I.L.P.F. 4 par. after "Fascism" add "but doubt had been expressed that in reality it was pro-communism." 5th par. after "Ellen Wilkinson" add "Lady Unwin added: Jennie Lee, Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Haden Guest, Dr. Royden; 6th par. 2nd line "A resolution" instead of "The resolution;" 9th line after "Austria" delete "and to inform the Austrian Section that the International Executive regretted that they had not taken a firmer stand." 7th par. 2nd line "after "disapproval of" add "any censure of the Austrian Section which they understood had been expressed." Page 4. 5th par from bottom, 1st line after "Lady Unwin had asked that" insert "no vote be taken and a postal vote was decided upon." Delete "might be taken on this resolution."

1242. BUSINESS ARISING: L.N.U. A letter was read from Dame Adelaide Livingstone asking what help, financial and other, the W.I.L. will give towards their Referendum work. Dr. Clark and Mrs. Innes who represented the W.I.L. on the L.N.U. Referendum Committee, reported the following questions had been agreed upon:-

Question 1: Are you in favour of Great Britain continuing her membership of the League of Nations?

Question 2: Are you in favour (a) of an all-round reduction of armaments by international agreement? (b) of the abolition of national military and naval air-craft?

Question 3: Do you think that the manufacture and sale of armaments for private profit should be forbidden?

Question 4: Do you consider that if a nation insists on attacking another all the other nations should combine to use such pressure against the aggressive nation as will compel it to stop?

The first three questions were accepted. It was agreed to ask our representatives to urge again that the question of Sanctions should be divided into two (a) military and (b) non-military. If this is not agreed to the W.I.L. will accept the question as it stands.

1243. FINANCE. Miss Chick in presenting the attached statement of accounts pointed out that most of the subscriptions were now paid and the balance was diminishing.



1244. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. A proposal was mentioned that when the present tenants moved out from the ground floor and basement the W.I.L. should occupy these floors instead of at present the 2nd and 3rd floors on account of the great expenditure of time and energy needed in attending to the front door. Members were asked to consider this possibility. Miss Chick was asked to report what the difference in the letting price would be.

It was reported that Mrs. Braithwaite had sent her gardener to prune the bushes and plant many flowers in the garden. A warm vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Braithwaite.

1245. MONEY RAISING EFFORT. Miss Chick reported that the Misses Alexander were not able to offer the use of their garden this year because of the bad condition of the garden in consequence of last year's drought. Other inquiries for a garden had been unsuccessful. Miss Dickinson proposed that Leighton House and garden should be recommended for a Fete. The cost of hiring would be £10.10.0 and there would be some additional expenses for hire of crockery, etc. It was agreed to sanction the rental of Leighton House and to try to get some reduction on the terms. The date of the Fete was fixed for Wednesday, June 27th and the price of admission 1/6d. Miss Chick undertook to approach Mrs. Franklin with a view to securing Refugee Artistes for two concerts. A sub-Committee was appointed as follows, with power to co-opt: All the Officers, Miss Dickinson, Miss Marshall and Miss Karleen Baker.

1246. MASS MEETING OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN. Mrs. Innes reported that at this meeting on May 10th at the Central Hall, the resolution had been altered and instead of demanding a reduction of armaments the resolution only asked for limitation. It was agreed to write to the Chairman of the meeting and say that the W.I.L. could not support this resolution. It also agreed to try to secure the proposal of an amendment and to ask Miss Courtney, or failing her Dr. Royden, to do so. It was further agreed to inform Miss Vera Brittain, who was reported to be one of the speakers.

1247. PETITION FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE PRIVATE TRAFFIC IN ARMS. It was reported that the Prime Minister had written to the W.I.L. and to all those who had forwarded Petitions to him, challenging the accuracy of the statement in the Petition and referring to Sir John Simon's speech in the House on April 18th. Miss White pointed out that the report of the Temporary Mixed Commission had in the years since it was published always been used within the League of Nations in the same sense in which the W.I.L. used it in their Petition. It was only recently that Lord Hailsham contraverted this use by a legal quibble. A series of suggestions for Conventions have been based within the League of Nations on the Temporary Mixed Commission's Report. Lord Hailsham's speech is now made a pretext for challenging the movement for prohibition of private armaments. Miss Marshall thought that useful propoganda could be made out of the whole incident and in drafting a reply to Mr. Macdonald use should be made of Miss Rathbone's questions to the Chairman of Vickers-Armstrong, and also of the resolution voted by the American Senate which was supported by the American W.I.L. It was agreed that a reply to Mr. Macdonald should be drawn up and circularised to all those who worked for the Petition and that as much publicity should be obtained for it as possible. Miss White agreed to draft an answer immediately, to be considered by the Sub-Committee, and circularised as soon as possible.

It was further noted that armament firms are sending munitions to South America and Arabia and a recent report in the Times of the Sub-Committee of the League of Nations dealing with Colombia and Peru stated that both countries were buying



arms. It was further pointed out that the licensing system is only partially applied, namely to light arms, and not to war ships, tanks, big guns or aeroplanes. It was agreed to get a question put in the House of Commons if possible by a Conservative M.P. It was agreed to ask Miss Cazalet if she would give an interview to Miss White and Dr. Clark on this subject with a view to ascertaining how far control is applied in fact. A small Committee was appointed to follow up the whole question, consisting of Miss Marshall, Miss Courtney and Miss White, with the Officers.

1248. REPORT OF INDIA COMMITTEE. Mrs. Lankester reported a letter from the India Office in answer to the letter sent by the Committee on the Girl Terrorists, and that the 'girl terrorist' referred to at the last Executive as having been sentenced to four years' imprisonment had been sent to England on approbation to learn weaving.

It was reported that Miss Harrison was finding her visit very useful. With regard to a meeting for her it was agreed to leave the fixing of a date to the India Committee as soon as they knew the date of her return.

Mrs. Lankester reported that sixteen Indian women students were arriving in July in charge of Mrs. Datta and that the National Union of Students were arranging their tour. Weekend invitations would be very welcome as giving them an opportunity of seeing English home life. ~~another party of Indian women is visiting schools and~~ the Women's Advisory Council on Indian Questions is giving a garden party for them. *Reported further that 20 Indian women are over here to see educational work.*

1249. NATIVE RACES COMMITTEE. Mrs. McGregor Ross said this Committee recommended the following resolution to Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, the British Commonwealth League and any other suitable Organisations:-

Kenya Land Commission Report.

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League (British Section) appeals to H.M. Government to expedite the long overdue publication of the Report of the Report of the Morris-Carter Land Commission.

It protests against the proposed opening on May 17th of a further area of the Kavirondo Reserve to white gold prospectors. It believes that the pronouncement made by the Duke of Devonshire and recast by the Joint Select Committee in 1931, namely 'that the interests of the overwhelming majority of the indigenous population should not be subordinated to those of a minority belonging to another race, however important in itself,' would be better implemented if minerals in native reserves were developed primarily for the benefit of the native occupiers and for the relief of native taxation generally."

In reply to a previous letter sent by the Committee in regard to the taxation of native widows huts and the burning of huts for the non-payment of tax, a reply had been received from the Colonial Office but subsequent first hand information now made it advisable to send a further communication on the subject, especially in view of the misleading nature of Lord Moyne's report.

Mrs. Ross was authorised to draw up a letter to be passed by the Native Races Committee.



Children's Ordinance of Ceylon. Another question needing to be dealt with is that of the children adopted in Ceylon under a system similar to that of the Mui Tsai. Unfortunately the new Ceylon legislation seems to be sanctioning this system and has drawn up an Ordinance which legalises this form of child adoption. A letter has been received from Miss Zimmern suggesting that other organisations should urge that the particular section of the Ordinance dealing with the adoption should be separated from the rest so as to be voted on separately. It was suggested that the Native Races Committee should take action in consultation with Miss Zimmern and should report to the Colonial Office on this matter. It was agreed to draw the attention of the Save the Children Fund to this Ordinance.

A further matter of importance at present is that of the proposed handing over of the South African Protectorates to the Union of South Africa. Mrs. Thoday agreed to approach Mrs. Solly and Miss Solomon of South Africa as to South African opinion on the Protectorates.

The Native Races Committee were asked to bring forward definite proposals for a Conference in the Autumn on the treatment of natives in the Empire. The following headings were suggested: Land, Minorities, Treaties and Promises.

1250. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Anderson reported that the Publicity Committee had considered the draft of Mrs. Swanwick's third pamphlet and asked her if she would make some alterations in it, which however, she did not feel able to make. It was agreed that the Publicity Committee should itself make the proposed alterations in the pamphlet and send them to Mrs. Swanwick for her approval, and if accepted by her, it should be published.

1251. W.I.L.P.F. A brief discussion took place on Miss Balch's proposals on May 7th. It was agreed to ask Gertrud Baer to circulate her report on the present conditions in Europe before the Zurich Congress and to give a synopsis of it to the Congress. It was agreed to withdraw the request for a second speaker which had been made under a misapprehension.

Proposed amendments to W.I.L.P.F. Constitution. Mrs. Innes withdrew her outline for a looser federation in favour of Miss Pye's detailed scheme which it was decided to recommend for consideration at the Council.

It was agreed that the proposed amendments to the Constitution should be sent, in their complete form, to the Executive for their consideration before sending to the Delegates.

Chairmanship at Congresses. It was agreed to recommend to the Congress Committee that whoever takes the Chair should not do so for a fixed number of hours, but for a complete subject or session.

Time Limit for Speakers. It was agreed to recommend to the Congress Committee that a strict time limit be applied to speakers at the Congress.

Rules of Order. Miss Marshall was asked to consider these in consultation with Miss Balch.



1252. SPECIAL COUNCIL AGENDA (June 1st and 2nd). Recommendations of the Agenda Committee for the Council were adopted. It was agreed to ask Mr. Barrington Whitlow and Mrs. White to open the discussion on the International Force. Mrs. Innes agreed to open the discussion on Sanctions and Dr. Clark agreed to arrange with Miss White, subject to agreement, to act as Rapporteur and to give a summary of the first session at the opening of the second. Mrs. Barrs Davies agreed to make a statement of the Council and bring it to the June Executive before publishing it in the July News Sheet.

1253. INCITEMENT TO DISAFFECTION BILL. Reported that the W.I.L. Branches had been urged to call meetings to discuss this and to send protests. It was agreed to send a letter from the Executive urging the Government to withdraw the Bill.

Decided to ask for particulars for joining the Council for Civil Liberties and especially to ascertain if one could join without supporting Communism. Miss Sheepshanks was appointed W.I.L. representative at their next meeting.

1254. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Reported that the National Peace Council leaflet urging action on "A New Armaments Race" had been sent to our Branches and Affiliated Societies.

Election of N.P.C. Executive Committee, 1934/1935.  
Lady Unwin was to be asked if she would recommend members from the list forwarded to us.

Meeting of Council, May 17th. Miss Marshall consented to act as Miss Karleen Baker's substitute at the N.P.C. meeting on May 17th.

N.P.C. Congress, June 22/25th. Miss Marshall, Dr. Clark and Mrs. McGregor Ross expressed their hope of being present at this Congress and it was therefore agreed to appoint them as W.I.L. representatives.

1255. DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. Reported a letter from Mrs. Laura Morgan containing suggestions for definite action before the meeting of the Disarmament Bureau. Agreed to write, as requested, to Mr. Arthur Henderson promising him our continued support in his efforts to achieve a disarmament treaty and letting him know what we are doing to influence our Government. Decided to urge the Government to try to get investigations etc. on the private traffic in arms made at the Disarmament Bureau, and express to the Government our intense satisfaction over the action taken in the U.S.A. Senate. Decided further, to inform Mrs. Laura Morgan what action we had taken.

1256. FORMATION OF LONDON BRANCH. Referred back to Officers for further consideration.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

*K.P. James.  
June 12/34.*



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL 1934.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Balance	227.10. 3.	Salaries	32.10. 0.
Subscriptions	22. 7. 2.	Staff Overtime	14. 4. 1.
Donations	12. 5. 6.	Office Expenses	4.10. 8½
Affiliation Fees	7. 6. 0.	Travelling "	5. 8. 1.
News Sheets & Literature	10. 4. 0½	Stationery	2. 1. 3.
Geneva Subs & Pax	<u>1. 2. 0.</u>	Printing	30. 5. 6.
	46. 6. 2½	Literature	2. 2. 4.
		Postage & Wires	7.12. 4½
		Telephone	4.19. 6.
		Lighting & Heating	2. 3. 0.
		Grant for International Executive Expenses	13. 0. 0.
		Delegate's Fee	3. 6. 0.
		Annual Council	2.12. 0.
		Special Council	10. 6. 0.
		April & May Committee Rooms	1. 0. 0.
		State Insurance	13. 0. 0.
		Wages	<u>3.10. 0.</u>
			113.16. 1.
		Balance at Midland Bank	154.11. 4½
		Cash in hand	<u>5. 9. 0.</u>
			160. 0. 4½
	<u>£273.16. 5½</u>		<u>£273.16. 5½</u>

Approximate Statement for May 1 - 7th.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Balance	160. 0. 4½	Expenses	11. 2. 6.
Income	<u>4. 5. 8½</u>	Balance	<u>153. 3. 7.</u>
	<u>£164. 6. 1.</u>		<u>£164. 6. 1.</u>
<u>Outstanding Accounts</u>			
Printing	12.18. 6.		
Stationery	1.16. 5.		
Geneva Subs. & Pax	<u>3. 5. 7.</u>		
	<u>£18. 0. 6.</u>		
<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>£135.3.1.</u>		



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, July 12th, 1934, at 104 Gower Street, London, W.C. 1. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Miss Freda White, Mrs. Lankester, Lady Unwin, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Beesley, Miss Maud Dickinson, Miss Catherine Marshall, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Miss Mosa Anderson. *Miss Slupphauf*

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Karleen Baker, Miss B.M. Baker, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Pye, Miss Courtney, Miss Rinder, Miss Creyke, Mrs. Barrs Davies.

MINUTES of meeting on May 8th were confirmed, after a correction had been made in Minute 1248.

1257. BUSINESS ARISING: L.N.U. Referendum Committee. It was reported that the W.I.L. suggestion that in the proposed questionnaire, question 4 dealing with Sanctions should be divided into military and non-military, had been accepted. It was expected to start the Campaign widely in the early Autumn. Mrs. Innes and Miss Courtney were authorised to sign the letter of appeal which the L.N.U. were sending out. Agreed to offer to send copies of this appeal to some of our supporters.

Women Reservists and Government Barracks.

Reported a letter from the War Office saying that there is no foundation for the statement that women reservists are being trained in active warfare in Government barracks and that no buildings under this Department are being used for any purpose by the organisation formed by Commandant Mary Allen.

1258. FINANCE. The enclosed statement of accounts was presented and passed. It was reported that efforts had not met with success in planning for a Summer Fete. It was agreed that Lady Unwin and Miss Dickinson should, if possible, approach members of the W.I.L. who might help with an Autumn Fete, and to bring any suggestions for a money-raising effort to the Officers or the July Executive Committee. It was suggested that Mrs. Binyon be asked to be responsible for a Stall. Miss Marshall kindly offered to see people outside the W.I.L. membership with a view to raising funds.

1259. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Miss Chick reported that negotiations were being conducted between Mr. Barrs Davies on our behalf, and the Solicitor acting on behalf of the New Europe Group regarding compensation applied for on account of inconvenience caused during the repairs and redecorations. The rent for the quarter was in their Solicitor's hands.

1260. PARTY POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES. On the suggestion of Miss Catherine Marshall it was agreed to suggest to the Branches and Affiliated Societies that before Candidates are chosen for the next General Election, they should invite the Secretary of each Political Party in the Parliamentary Division to address a meeting of members on their own foreign policy, and to answer questions. It was agreed that in writing to the Branches it should be pointed out that this work would supplement the work of the Women's Peace Crusade.

1261. DISARMAMENT. Petition for the abolition of the Private Manufacture of Arms. Reported a reply from the Prime Minister in answer to our letter of the 14th May, which Miss Freda White had drafted on behalf of the Executive. It was agreed that a brief reply should be sent to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald pointing out



that we had apologised for our error in using the word "Declaration" and saying we should be obliged if he would reply to the substance of our letter, and that we could not accept the interpretation which he put upon Sir John Simon's speech, as recorded in Hansard.

Reported letters from Miss Blake of New York City and Miss Chown of the Women's League of Nations Association in Toronto urging the British Peace Societies to press the British Government to appoint a Commission to investigate the manufacture of arms in Great Britain. Mrs. Innes reported that the Friends Peace Committee were asking the National Peace Council, at its meeting on the 14th June, that it should approach the Government on this matter on behalf of the Peace Societies. It was agreed to co-operate in any such request and Miss Freda White undertook to let Lady Unwin know, if possible, what the views were of the L.N.U. on the subject. It was further agreed that a Conference of representatives of Organisations to develop plans be proposed, and that an effort be made to get the Ex-Service Men interested. It was also agreed to ask the U.S.A. for particulars of their Commission which had been set up to investigate the munition industry, and for which an appropriation of 15,000 dollars has been granted.

Reported that Miss Blake had written to the British Prime Minister urging the appointment of a similar Commission to that of the U.S.A.

Interview with Miss Cazalet. Reported that Miss Cazalet had discussed with Miss White and Mrs. Barrs Davies the question of the licensing system, after which she asked a question in the House as to what categories of arms are actually covered by the license system. According to the April Board of Trade Journal aeroplanes are exempted. Miss Cazalet had offered to do anything she could to help, and Miss White had advised her to ask for an inquiry on the lines of the U.S.A. Commission and for the ratification of the Arms Convention of 1925, including the clause about aeroplanes. It was agreed to thank Miss Cazalet for her help and to ask her if she could ask a question to ascertain whether we are exporting aeroplanes to Paraguay and Bolivia.

With regard to the Chaco Embargo, it was agreed to write to the Foreign Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden and the Press congratulating our Government on having put forward the proposal and urging that the Embargo be put into immediate practice, as agreement on the embargo is world-wide, with the exception of Italy.

Miss Anderson reported that she has asked that a question be put in the House to ascertain whether, if the Chaco Embargo is agreed to, special legislation would be necessary to bring aeroplanes within its scope.

1262. DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION. It was reported that owing to Miss Sheepshanks's absence from the Office for a fortnight the letters to Mr. Henderson and the Government (Minute 1255) had not been sent. Letters had, however, been sent by the Officers to the Government, Mr. Henderson and the Press regarding the serious situation at the Disarmament Conference and urging that such agreement as has been reached should be clearly defined. These letters were endorsed.

1263. RUSSIAN PROPOSALS AT GENEVA. Miss Marshall suggested that the Executive should support certain of the Russian proposals now before the Disarmament Conference. Agreed that, before taking action Miss Courtney should be asked to give her views on our doing so. Miss Marshall agreed to draft her proposals for Miss Courtney's consideration, the subject to be brought to the July Executive for further discussion.



1264. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Reported that a special News Sheet was being published immediately containing reports of the Council in June and an article on Disarmament by Miss Courtney.

1265. REPORT OF NATIVE RACES COMMITTEE. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported that, as instructed by the last Executive Committee, she had drafted a letter to Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister on the subject of payment of Hut Tax by widows in Kenya Colony. This was approved and it was decided that it should be sent over Miss Sheepshanks's signature. It was further reported that the Committee suggested that a whole day Conference be held in the Autumn, probably on 14th November at the Y.W.C.A. The aim of the Conference would be to lay the foundations for future peace and freedom between white and coloured peoples and between European nations in Colonial possession. The subjects suggested were: Land, exploitation of natural resources, Minerals, education, self-government, etc: Lecturers proposed included Mr. McGregor Ross, Prof. A.G. Fraser, Dr. Drummond Shields, Miss Winifred Holtby, Miss Margery Penham, Sir Alan Pim. There was also a proposal for a luncheon at which Paul Robeson or Winifred Holtby might be asked to speak. These proposals were endorsed by the Executive and referred back to the Native Races Committee for planning a detailed programme.

1266. REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. Miss Marshall reported that she had attended the Annual Meeting of this Society on behalf of Lady Unwin, at which the Children's Ordinance of Ceylon had received considerable attention. It was pointed out that this particular organisation, composed of affiliated societies, exists only to deal with the appointment of women on League of Nations Committees, etc. and therefore it was outside its scope to deal with the Ceylon Ordinance. Agreed to ask for an explanation as to why this subject was taken up and to say that we do not consider that it falls within their terms of reference. Further, Miss Marshall was asked to convey to Miss Zimmern that if a deputation is organised it should be by a co-ordinating group and not by the Council for the Representation of women in the League of Nations.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Bompas for all the work she has done in this country in connection with efforts made to get women appointed to the League of Nations Committees.

1267. ASSOCIATION FOR MORAL & SOCIAL HYGIENE. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported that she had attended the Conference on Tribal Customs organised by the Association for Moral & Social Hygiene. It was an interesting meeting showing that many ills for women were resulting from the growth of Western industrialism, the break-up of family life and the presence of varied immigrant races.

1268. REPORT OF INDIA COMMITTEE. Reported a proposal that a semi-private meeting be held for Miss Agatha Harrison on July 10th from 4 p.m. at 104 Gower Street. This was approved and it was agreed to ask the Branch Secretaries to invite any members of their Committee who were interested in India, to attend. It was also agreed that the W.I.L. should co-operate with the Friends Service Council and the India Conciliation Group in a meeting of welcome for Miss Harrison at Friends House on July 13th at 4.30 p.m.

Replies had been received from the Viceroy and the Secretary to the Governor of Bengal in answer to our letter re Bengal Terrorism. Some of our objections had been answered, but it was agreed to send a further letter asking for additional information regarding the constructive side of the campaign against terrorism. Mrs. Lankester was asked to draft this letter.



Mrs. Lankester reported that she had not sent in any resolution for the British Commonwealth League Conference, but she was seconding the resolution on the subject of the Franchise to Indian Women.

1269. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS. Mrs. Barrs Davies's report of the Special Council Meetings on June 1st and 2nd was read and endorsed, after some amendments were made. Miss Anderson was asked to embody these and send it immediately to the printer.

1270. ZURICH CONGRESS, September 3 - 8. Agreed to send to the Executive and the Branches the approximate cost to members of attending the Congress, and to ask them for lists of members who would be able to attend, if appointed.

Reported that Dr. Clark and Miss Pye had accepted nomination for the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee.

Reported that Dr. Clark had gone through Miss Marshall's amendments to the W.I.L.P.F. Rules of Order, and with some changes and additions had forwarded them to Geneva. This had been done in order to give us a basis for suggesting amendments. It was agreed that these should be sent to all members of the British Executive Committee. It was also agreed to send to Geneva Miss Marshall's proposals for Congress procedure.

1271. DEPUTATION TO SIR THOMAS INSKIP (The Attorney General) Miss Marshall reported on our deputation. It was agreed to send to the Branches a brief statement of the W.I.L. case against the "Sedition" Bill (enclosed).

1272. ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIAN WOMEN. Miss Sheepshanks reported that she had accepted an invitation to attend the Jubilee Congress from 23-27 June in Stanislawow, and she would be very glad to take a letter of congratulations and best wishes to the meeting. Agreed.

1273. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. It was agreed to get substitutes to attend the Annual Meeting in July as our regular representatives will be unable to attend.

1274. W.I.L.P.F. REQUEST RE FRAU WALLISCH. Reported a letter from Miss Balch dated 24th May re the imprisonment of Frau Paula Wallisch and urging the National Sections to write to the Austrian Ambassador and the Austrian Government asking them to release her. After consideration it was agreed to ask Miss Eaton if she can put us in touch with someone who can supply the necessary information before action is taken about Frau Wallisch, and about all women still in prison for having aided the fighters.

1274. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Twickenham Bye-Election. Miss Anderson drew the attention of the Committee to this forthcoming Bye-Election and asked for the names of people who might be able to help. It was reported that the Women's Peace Crusade is working there through Mrs. Pollard.

Formation of Godalming Branch. Miss Chick reported the formation of a new Branch at Godalming. She drew attention, however, to a change in their proposed Aims and in the Rule regarding membership. It was agreed to send a welcome to the Branch and to say that all Branches and Members must



abide by the British Constitution. Miss Chick undertook to write to the Secretary in the sense indicated by the Committee.

Pamphlet by Mr. Shaw on Tariffs from the point of view of peace. Miss Marshall undertook to read this and advise suitable action. Agreed to put a note of an Essay Competition for University Students on Tariffs and Peace (prize £50) in News Sheet.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

*R. B. Galtsher.*

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for May 1934.

INCOME

Balance		160. 0. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Subscriptions	19. 9. 8.	
Donations	5. 4. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Affiliation fees	2. 6.	
Sale of literature & News Sheet	<u>12.19. 4.</u>	
		37.15.11 $\frac{1}{2}$

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	40.12. 6.
Travelling Expenses	5. 3. 0.
Postage & Wires	7.10. 1.
Stationery	3. 1. 6.
Literature & News Sheet	9. 9.10.
Printing	21. 2. 7.
Office Expenses	3.14. 0.
State Insurance	19. 3.
Wages	4. 7. 6.
Special Council	<u>3. 6. 2.</u>
	99. 6. 5.
Balance at Midland Bank	94. 8. 7.
Cash in hand	<u>4. 1. 4.</u>
	98. 9.11.
	<u>£197.16. 4.</u>

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Approximate Statement of Accounts for June 1 - 11, 1934.

Balance	98. 9.11.	Expenditure	21. 1.10.
Income	<u>36. 4. 1.</u>	Balance	<u>113.12. 2.</u>
	<u>£134.14. 0.</u>		<u>£134.14 0</u>

Outstanding Accounts.

June News Sheets	3.15. 0.	
Stationery	1.15. 6.	
Printing	<u>16.15. 0.</u>	(including printing of "Pooled Security")
	<u>£22. 5. 6.</u>	£13.18.)

BALANCE £91. 6. 8.



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15th June, 1934.

Dear Secretary,  
re Incitement to Disaffection Bill.

Despite the gallant fight being made by Miss Rathbone and a few Liberal and Labour Members of Parliament against the passage of the "Sedition" (Incitement to Disaffection) Bill that most dangerous measure will be through Committee stage probably by the end of this month, and will then be certain to get a third reading Majority in the House of Commons unless the intensity and determination of the opposition throughout the country compels its withdrawal.

We urge all our Branches and Affiliated Societies to put their utmost energies into securing as much expression of such opposition as possible in the short time yet remaining.

Resolutions should be passed by every group of people - organisations, Conferences, Committees - that is interested in the preservation of civil liberty, and personal letters voicing reasoned opposition to the whole principle of the Bill, and to one or more of its worst features, should be sent in a continuous stream between now and the end of the month to all local Members of Parliament, to the Prime Minister and to the Attorney General. All Resolutions passed should be sent to those same Ministers, and copies, please, to us, that we may add them to the evidence of opposition being amassed by the Civil Liberties Council.

We enclose a leaflet which includes the text of the Bill as introduced by the Government and shows the amendments that have been made in Committee Stage up to the date of writing (June 14th)

Brief Statement of the W.I.L. case against the "Sedition" Bill.

As an organisation working for peace, and for freedom we object to the Bill in toto and demand not merely its amendment but its complete withdrawal.

A. It gives dangerously wide powers to Magis-



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trates and Police with no safeguards against their abuse. The practically unrestricted right of search granted in Clause 2 sub-section (iii) strikes at the root of the freedom of the citizen and the privacy of the home. This clause, which is still under discussion in Committee, is the worst feature of a very dangerous Bill (Study this clause and think of what it might mean in **practice** especially at a time of high feeling or panic).

B. If the Bill means only what the Attorney General says it means it is quite unnecessary; the offence of "endeavouring to seduce a member of H.M. Forces" (sedition) is already covered by existing law.

C. Many phrases in the Bill are ambiguous and open to wide difference of interpretation and might be used against peace propaganda, against criticisms of the Government of the day, and against speakers, writers, publishers and printers associated with such activities. The Attorney General has given repeated assurances that such is not the "intention of the words of the Bill" but such assurances have no statutory value whatever. The interpretation of an Act is determined not by the "intention of the words" but <sup>by</sup> what they do in fact say and permit. It has been laid down that statements made by the Minister introducing a Bill must not be taken into account in a Court of Law.

D. The Bill is really an insult to the Members of H.M. Forces and has by many of them been resented as such.

AMENDMENTS. Some of the worst features of the Bill have been removed in Committee Stage. But it must not be forgotten that the Government intended to include them and would have carried them into law had it not been for the vigilance and ability of a small band of M.Ps who are voicing in Parliament the shocked indignation which the Bill has aroused throughout the country - an indignation which grows daily in volume and intensity as all the implications of the Bill come to be more clearly realised. **No amendment can make it tolerable**

N.B. Watch the daily press to see what further amendments may yet be made in the Bill in Committee.

Yours sincerely,

C. E. MARSHALL,  
on behalf of the Executive Committee.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, JULY 10th. 1934  
from 11 to 4 p.m. at 104 Gower Street, London W.C. 1.

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PRESENT: Mrs. Corbett Fisher in the Chair, Mrs. Adams, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Beesley, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. Lankester, Miss C. E. Marshall, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Lady Unwin, Miss White, Miss Courtney, Miss Harrison.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss B. M. Baker, Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Chick, Mrs. Innes and Miss Sheepshanks.

MINUTES of meeting on June 12th. were confirmed after the following amendment had been made to

Minute 1261: Interview with Miss Cazalet. Instead of the words "According to the April Board of Trade Journal aeroplanes are exempted" insert "According to the April Board of Trade Journal aeroplanes are exported under a general licence."

1275. Business Arising.

Minute 1257. National Referendum. It was reported that the proposed appeal for funds was being sent out over the signature of Lord Cecil.

It was further reported that an explanatory leaflet to go with the questions had been drafted and also Notes for the use of Canvassers. The question of whether Co-operating Societies should use their own leaflets during the campaign was considered but the feeling of the Committee was that no leaflets other than those issued by the National Declaration Committee should be used. It was, however, felt that a leaflet setting forth the arguments for and against Sanctions, and what Sanctions have been tried or suggested, would be very useful to Canvassers and it was agreed to ask Miss Rathbone if she would prepare such a leaflet and then ask the National Declaration Committee to publish it. Failing Miss Rathbone Miss White said she would draft such a leaflet.

It was agreed to inform Dame Adelaide Livingstone officially that the W.I.L. intended to co-operate in the Campaign. The Executive would urge its Branches to take an active part in the work. The attention of our Branches was to be drawn to the proceedings of the special Council relating to Sanctions.

Minute 1266. Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. Miss Marshall reported that in answer to her query as to why this Society had taken action about the Ceylon Children's Ordinance, Mrs. O. Gordon had replied that the Council had for some time concerned itself with questions in which women holding responsible positions in the League of Nations had to deal so as to be able to keep in touch with them, and to support them. With regard to the memorandum which had been sent to the Colonial Office, Mrs. O. Gordon explained that the draft had been read at the Committee meeting last February but the final form had not been submitted to the Committee. The Colonial Office said



it had no knowledge of this Ordinance, but had passed on Mrs. O. Gordon's letter and memorandum to the Ceylon Government. Miss Marshall had explained that the Women's International League would not wish to associate itself with the sending to the Government of a memorandum which it had not had an opportunity of considering. Miss Harrison said the Council had frequently taken action on other questions as their Annual Report showed. Miss Marshall undertook to study the Report and to bring the matter back to the next Executive.

Miss Marshall was appointed to represent the W.I.L. at a meeting of certain interested Organisations convened by the Child Protection Committee of the Save the Children Fund for July 27th. to consider what action should be taken re the Ceylon Children's Ordinance.

Minute 1274 Correspondence

Frau Wall'sch. Reported a letter from Miss Eaton saying that it was hoped that Dr. Hamblin Smith would be going to Austria on behalf of the Howard League for Penal Reform at the end of the month and would be asked to make inquiries about Frau Wallisch. Miss Balch had sent further information which had been sent on to Miss Eaton. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that she had heard that Dr. Hamblin Smith was not going to Austria and that Miss Eaton was looking for a substitute.

Minute 1274. The report to be given by Miss Marshall on Mr. Shaw's pamphlet on Tariffs from the point of view of Peace was deferred to a later Committee.

1276. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts showing a balance of £80.11. 4d. at the end of June was passed.

Generous donations were reported from our Brighton and Cambridge Branches and also from Mrs. Braithwaite. The Committee expressed their deep appreciation of these contributions to Headquarter Funds. Miss Chick had already sent letters of thanks.

Lady Unwin and Miss Dickinson reported on their plans to arrange money raising efforts. As a result of a Bring and Buy Sale in Hampstead Lady Unwin had raised £8. 6. 6. Lady Unwin made various suggestions for further efforts which the Officers, with Lady Unwin and Miss Sheepshanks, were asked to consider how to carry out, and to report to a later Committee. Lady Unwin was asked to draft a letter to Headquarter Members suggesting ways in which individual members might help to raise funds, and the Publicity Committee was asked to put into the September News Sheet a short account of Lady Unwin's money raising effort.

Miss Dickinson reported that a tentative offer had been made of a Drawing Room Meeting in Kensington for propaganda purposes provided that tickets were not sold at the door. Miss Dickinson agreed to make further inquiries as to whether this would be available for a meeting for Miss Agatha Harrison in October and to put all the details in the hands of the Office for carrying out.

With regard to International House, the decorations were almost completed but so far no new tenants had taken the premises which were in the hands of various Agents. Agreed to leave the letting of the rooms to the Officers.



1277. DISARMAMENT Miss Courtney gave a short outline of the present international situation.

Dr. Clark reported (1) that Mrs. Innes had signed the following National Peace Council Statement on the Traffic in Arms on behalf of the W.I.L.:

"We, the undersigned, representatives of organisations concerned to see effected the control of the trade in arms as a vital factor in the achievement of peace and disarmament, desire to call public attention to the Draft Convention on this question which was adopted on July 2nd. by the Special Committee of the Disarmament Conference.

"We reaffirm our belief that a satisfactory solution of this problem must include provisions for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of armaments for private profit, and the strict international control of State manufacture and sale. We nevertheless welcome as a step in the right direction the recently adopted Draft Convention, which provides for a full system of licence and publicity for the arms industry (whether owned privately or by the State) in each country, and for the establishment of an international commission which will correlate and publish all the information so received, and have the duty of administering supervision and control of the carrying out of the convention.

"We strongly urge the British Government to give prompt and unequivocal support to these proposals."

(2) the League of Nations Union Conference at Bournemouth had passed a resolution on the manufacture and sale of arms; (3) Miss Blake had replied to our letter asking for information on the U.S.A. Commission set up to investigate the manufacture of arms. With regard to the suggestion made at the previous Committee that a similar Commission should be appointed in this country, it was decided to ask the National Peace Council what action it had taken at its meeting in June, and to bring the subject before the next Executive.

Dr. Clark reported an appeal for funds from Dr. G.P. Gooch to help Herr Lehmann Russbuldt to complete his new book on the International Traffic in Arms. It was agreed to make a contribution of £2.2.0.

Reported a reply from Mr. Neville Butler to our letter to the Prime Minister of June 14th. re our Petition which, however, did not answer the substance of our earlier letter. It was decided not to carry the matter further.

A letter was read from Miss Balch, Acting Hon. Secretary of the W.I.L.P. <sup>the</sup> asking the Sections to urge their Governments to support Preliminary Draft Agreement for the use of Broadcasting in the cause of Peace. Dr. Clark agreed to look into this and if she felt it advisable to write a letter to the Government on the lines suggested by Miss Balch. Miss Balch also asked the Sections to urge the Government to take measures to stop the growth of private armies. It was agreed that Dr. Clark should write to the Government urging that all possible means should be taken to prevent the establishment of private armies in this country.



1278. ZURICH CONGRESS, SEPTEMBER 2/8th.1934

The following were appointed delegates if able to attend:-

Mrs. Innes, Dr. Clark, Miss Marshall, Miss Pye, Miss Anderson, Miss Carson and Mrs. Elgie of Leeds Branch, Mrs. E. B. Jones, Mrs. Long and Mrs. Wagner of Manchester, Mrs. Alderson of Newcastle Branch, Miss Wilkinson and Miss M. Ainsworth of Preston, Miss Morris of North Wales, Miss Pickworth of Brighton, Miss Freda White and Miss Horscroft. Agreed that Miss Horscroft's expenses should be paid.

It was noted that some of the above would only be able to attend if hospitality in Zurich were provided.

Appointment of Interpreters and Translators. It was agreed to ask Mrs. Soltau to act as our French translator. Miss White offered to help if able to go as a delegate and it was agreed that Mrs. Long, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Wagner should also be asked to help with translations and interpretations if they were able to attend. It was agreed that the expenses in Zurich of those helping with the work should be paid.

Appointment of Consultative Members. Dr. Clark was appointed one of our two Consultative members and it was agreed to find out if one other member of the delegation would also be able to serve as our second Consultative Member to the International Executive Committee.

Constitution. With regard to the Constitution the feeling of the Committee was that a free hand must be given to the delegation, under the direction of Mrs. Innes, to use its discretion on all matters arising out of the Constitution and of the Congress generally, bearing in mind the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting in June and the general view taken by the Executive Committee. It was agreed to send each delegate a copy of the special Council News Sheet.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher agreed to explain the situation to Mrs. Innes and to ask her to get into touch with as many of the delegates before the Congress as she possibly could.

A letter was read from Miss Moore of the Australian Section giving her views on the W.I.L.P.F. situation and the general attitude of her Section. A definition of the attitude is being drawn up by the Australian Section which will be sent to the Congress.

1279. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Anderson reported that no News Sheet would be issued in August.

1280. NATIVE RACES COMMITTEE. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported on preliminary arrangements for the Conference entitled "Our Responsibilities to Subject Peoples in Africa," on Wednesday, November 14th. Agreed to ask Miss Sheepshanks if she would apply for the use of a room at Chatham House. It was proposed to ask Mrs. Innes to take the Chair in the morning and Mr. Charles Roden Buxton in the afternoon. Plans were being made for a luncheon at which it was hope Paul Robeson and Winifred Holtby would be the chief speakers. A statement of the Object of the Conference will be sent to



all Societies and individuals who are asked to co-operate and also to the lecturers. A list of speakers who are being approached will also be sent to the Co-operating Societies.

Dr. Clark drew attention to a report in the Anti-Slavery Reporter of the action taken by the American Section of the W.I.L. with regard to Anti-lynching legislation, and Mrs. McGregor Ross was asked to write to our American Section expressing our interest in their action on the matter and our sympathy with them in the difficulties which beset them. She would also tell them about our proposed Conference.

1281. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Miss Marshall and Miss Horscroft were appointed as substitute representative to the Annual Meeting of the Council on July 19th. and if Miss Chick is unable to be present it was left to the Office to find a third representative.

1282. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE. Miss Courtney reported that the Women's Peace Crusade were asking the acting Prime Minister to receive a deputation on the question of aerial rearmament. If this is refused a letter drafted by Lady Horsley and first submitted to the Co-operating Societies, will be sent to him. It was agreed to take part in the deputation if received, and to sign the letter if it is refused.

1283. SEDITION BILL. Miss Marshall reported on the excellent way in which the Branches had taken action on this matter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. August 14, 2 p.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

*R. P. Innes  
Aug: 14/34.*



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for June, 1934.

<u>Income.</u>		<u>Expenditure.</u>	
Balance.....	98. 9. 11	Salaries.....	38. 10. 0.
Subs.....	11. 8. 6.	Fares.	1. 6. 9
Dons.	57. 10. 0	Postage	4. 11. 3
Literature & News Sheets.	9. 17. 5	Stationery	3. 1. 9
Affiliation Fees.	7. 6	Lit. & N.S.	11. 4. 10
Histories.	5. 2	Printing.	20. 14. 1
	<u>79. 8. 7</u>	Office Exps.	4. 13. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Insurances.	1. 5. 0
		Wages.	3. 10. 0
		Meetings.	3. 15. 11
		Geneva subs and PAX.	3. 5. 7
		Histories.	2. 5
		Lighting.	<u>1. 6. 4</u>
			97. 7. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Bank balance	73. 12. 7
		Cash balance	6. 18. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£177. 18. 6</u>		<u>£177. 18. 6</u>



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 14th.  
1934, at 2 p.m. at 55 Gower Street, London W.C. 1.

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PRESENT Mrs. Innes (in the chair), Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Beesley Miss Chick, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Harrison, Miss Marshall, Miss Sutherland, Miss Anderson, and Mrs. Basil Williams of Edinburgh as a visitor.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss B.M. Baker, Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Courtney, Dr. Clark, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Pye, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Rinder, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Freda White, Lady Unwin.

Agreed to send a letter of sympathy to Miss Sheepshanks, who was prevented from attending owing to ill-health.

Minutes of meeting on July 10th. were confirmed and signed, having previously been circulated.

1284. Business Arising

Minute 1275. Mr. Shaw's pamphlet - Miss Marshall felt that it was not the moment to issue this pamphlet; she thinks the draft is too long, but before any definite decision is taken Miss Marshall would like another Committee member to read it. Miss Marshall agreed to see Mr. Shaw and report any development to next Committee.

Minute 1276. Miss Dickinson sent a message to say that the Kensington friend, ~~Miss~~ Thring, who had offered to have a meeting at her house preferred to have a meeting later in the year on a general subject, not on India. It was suggested that this offer might be used for a meeting re the League Assembly and the Zurich Congress.

Minute 1277. International Broadcasting. Reported that after consultation with Miss Horsbrugh a letter had been sent to the Government urging support for the Draft Convention which has been circulated by the League of Nations. Formal acknowledgement has been received.

Minute 1274. Godalming Branch. Miss Chick reported that the new Branch at Godalming had now written accepting the ruling of the Committee re Aims and Rule regarding membership.

1285. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts showing a balance of £31.11.8. was passed. Thanks were expressed to Miss Chick for a very generous donation to the funds.

Miss Chick reported that she had drafted a letter to Headquarter Members embodying suggestions made by Lady Unwin for individual money-raising efforts, which it was agreed should not be circulated to members until after the Zurich Congress.

1286. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. The decorations and repairs had now been passed by the Bedford Estate surveyor and the new lease was in the Office awaiting signatures of the trustees. Negotiations are in hand for the renewal of the Japan Evangelistic Band lease, and for the return of the New Europe Group to the Ground-floor and Basement. The Balance in International House Account to date is £736. 4. 8., but there are still liabilities to be met for the redecorations &c;



after all bills have been met there will probably be a balance of about £600. 0. 0.

Authority was given to Miss Chick to draw on this account for W.I.L. work until the Autumn Money raising effort for the General Funds, but such money was only to be on loan to the W.I.L.

1287. NATIONAL REFERENDUM. Two letters giving information re the National Declaration have been sent to Branches, together with a list of co-operating organisations.

Appeal letter. It was agreed that any appeal for money made by the W.I.L. on behalf of the Declaration Funds should be held over until more interest had been aroused for the Declaration, and that this should be re-considered at the September Committee.

Literature. The 'blue leaflet' issued by the Declaration Committee to meet the views of "Certain members of the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union" which is to accompany the "Notes on the Five Questions in the Ballot Paper" was then discussed. Extracts from a letter from Miss Courtney explaining the situation were read to the Committee. Great exception was taken to the whole leaflet, but particularly to the following sentence under question 5:-

"To answer (a) with a yes, and (b) with a no would be to adopt a policy of bluff while openly proclaiming that it was bluff and no more."

The Committee very strongly expressed the feeling that funds raised for the Declaration should not be used to give expression to the views of a minority on the Committee of one of the constituent co-operating organisations.

Mrs. Basil Williams of Edinburgh reported on the work done in Edinburgh on the Declaration, and said that not only did the two leaflets contradict one another, but that the comments on the 'blue leaflet' were in direct opposition to the work that had been done in Scotland against the private manufacture of arms.

It was felt on the whole that it was a pity that any attempt at propaganda should be made by the Referendum workers.

It was agreed that a letter of protest be sent to the Declaration Committee asking for the complete withdrawal of the 'blue leaflet', failing this at the very least, for the deletion of the above sentence under question 5. It was also agreed to recommend to the Declaration Committee that no tendentious literature be used, and to our Branches that they should use neither of the leaflets being circulated with the Declaration

A draft leaflet on "Sanctions" written by Mr. Arnold-Forster came before the Committee and it was agreed that this should be circulated in readiness for next meeting.

1288. W.I.L.P.F. ZURICH CONGRESS.

Delegates to Congress In addition to those nominated at the previous Executive Committee meeting it was agreed that Miss Gill and Mrs. Adams act as delegates, but that Mrs. Montgomery be informed that she was not elected by the Committee as one of the British Delegation. The following are the members of the British Delegation:-



Mrs. Adams, Miss M. Ainsworth, Mrs. Alderson, Miss Mosa Anderson, Miss Mary Carson, Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Elgie, Miss M. H. Gill, Miss E. Horscroft, Mrs. Innes, Miss C. E. Marshall, Miss Morris, Miss E. M. Pye, Mrs. Wagner, Miss Wilkinson.

Interpreters: Mrs. Soltau, who had agreed to act as an interpreter, was now unfortunately unable to go to Zurich, Miss Anderson was, therefore, our only interpreter. Miss Marshall said she would try to help with interpretations. Mrs. Wagner has undertaken to help with translations.

Nominations for International Executive Committee. were considered and it was agreed to recommend delegates to vote for the following:-

Emily Balch, Dr. Hilda Clark, Camille Drevet, Anne Forsythe, Lola Hanouskova, Toini Iversen, Edith Pye, Clara Ragaz, Cor. Ramondt, - Tyberg,  
and two of the following:- Gertrud Baer, Yella Hertzka, Helen Marston.

Consultative Members to International Executive Committee. Miss Anderson agreed to act, with Dr. Clark, as our second Consultative Member. Miss Marshall is making application to attend the Committee meetings as an Observer.

Agenda for International Executive.

(a) Appointment of Congress Chairmen. It was urged that one Chairman should take the chair during all discussions on one subject, and not for any limited time. Miss Pye was mentioned as a possible Chairman.

(b) Admission of New Sections. It was agreed to adhere to former decisions re admission of Emigrée Sections.

(c) Agreed that Headquarters Executive Committee be urged to appoint a "Standing Orders Committee" to deal with all matters re the Congress Agenda, the decisions of this Committee to be final.

1289. NATIVE RACES CONFERENCE

Mrs. McGregor Ross has sent a draft programme for the Conference which is to be held on November 20th. at the Y.W.C.A., Central Club. Much appreciation was expressed of the proposals in general, and gratitude to Mrs. Ross for all her work. It was felt that the programme included too many speakers and subjects, and that should any of those invited not accept the invitation, no further speakers should be asked. It was suggested that the morning session be confined to "Land" and "Labour", and that if not already invited Una Marson should be omitted from the afternoon programme.

Mrs. & Mr. Paul Robeson had been invited to Luncheon, and it was agreed that Mr. Paul Robeson only be asked to speak.

1290. POSITION OF AUSTRIA. Miss Marshall reported that Frau Olga Misar was very anxious that the position of Austria should be brought before the League of Nations. Miss Marshall had made enquiries of Lord Cecil who had informed her that the L.N.U. had made an appeal to the British Government to urge the calling of the League Council to consider Austria's position. It was agreed to obtain a copy of the L.N.U. resolution, and write to the



Government in a similar sense, although it was pointed out that the League Council would be meeting in about three weeks' time.

1291. AIR RE-ARMAMENT A letter protesting against Air-Re-Armament has been sent to the Government by the Women's Peace Crusade, and was signed on behalf of the W.I.L. by Dr. Clark.

1292. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL of the League of Nations Union. Mrs. Barrs Davies attended the W.A.C. meeting at which Miss Horsbrugh, the British woman delegate to this year's Assembly, spoke. Mrs. Barrs Davies expressed the hope that any future delegate to such meetings should be well-informed as to the subjects to be discussed and have definite instructions from the Committee, as she felt so many of the smaller societies looked to us for a lead.

Miss Horsbrugh is to attend a similar meeting on October 29th. on her return from Geneva.

1293. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL resolutions on "the situation in Germany" and "The Government's Air Policy" were noted.

Re Traffic in Arms Unofficial Inquiry, Mr. Noel-Baker had been communicated with on this matter, but so far the National Peace Council had received no reply.

Memorandum on Aims and Activities of the National Peace Council to be circulated and considered at the September Executive.

1294. PENAL REFORM. Miss Eaton had written asking the W.I.L. to urge the appointment of a delegate to the League Assembly who was conversant with Penal Reform, also naming a suggested delegate. The Officers had decided to send a letter in the sense indicated, but not to name an individual. This letter had been sent to the Home and Foreign Office, and acknowledgements received.

1295. PARIS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AGAINST WAR & FASCISM. Miss Pye had agreed to represent the W.I.L. at this Congress, and would report at the next Committee meeting.

1296. INDIA. Miss Harrison reported that the Indian Nationalists were engaged in a campaign for (a) the total rejection of the White Paper, (b) repeal of all ordinances (c) demand for calling a National Assembly by the Government on the lines of the Assemblies in Australia and Africa. There will be a fierce battle in the House next session over the report of the Joint Select Committee, and Miss Harrison felt that the W.I.L. should give some time to studying the situation. She is willing to supply press-cuttings to anyone who would like to read them. It was agreed that a note to this effect should be put in the September News Sheet, following Miss Harrison's article reviewing the Indian situation.

On Thursday, August 23rd. the Editor of "The Servant of India" and Secretary of the "Servants of India" would be speaking to a group at Friends House to which members were invited.

An India "leader" in the Manchester Guardian of August 7th., also reproduced in the Manchester Guardian Weekly of the 10th., written by Dr. Ansari gave an excellent brief account of the present situation in India.



1297. CORRESPONDENCE

Miss Balch had written asking for a member of the British Section to represent the W.I.L.P.F. at the International Co-operative Women's Conference, August 30th. and 31st., to be held at the Westminster Central Hall. Agreed to ask Mrs. Duncan Harris to act as delegate.

W.I.L.P.F. appeal for Congress Funds. Agreed that a grant of £10. 0. 0. be made to Congress Funds.

A suggestion that a History of the W.I.L.P.F. should be published was not approved owing to lack of funds.

Miss Anderson read a letter from Madame Drevet re the Litvinov proposals, and Miss Marshall urged that M. Litvinov's speech should be studied, not comments on the speech. A letter on these proposals from Miss Courtney was read, and it was agreed to circulate M. Litvinov's speech and Miss Courtney's letter to the Committee, and the subject was to be put on the next agenda.

The Council of Civil Liberties invited representatives to a Delegate Conference on October 12th. Miss Marshall agreed to attend.

It was agreed to urge our Branches to continue to send letters of protest against the Sedition Bill to their Members of Parliament. The Third reading of the Bill in the House is on October 31st.

Women's Freedom League notice of Conference on Women and Insurance to be held in October, passed on to an interested member of Committee.

Twelfth Congress of International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship to be held at Istanbul, April 18th.-25th. 1935 noted.

The following were also noted:-

International Folk Dance Festival  
An International Anthem.

1298. MISS MARSHALL'S proposal for the furtherance of our aim of working "for that peace between...classes which is based on justice and good-will". Miss Marshall suggested a sub-committee be appointed to go into the connection of the Social Order and War

(a) with regard to International War

(b) with regard to Civil War

(c) with regard to the war spirit in social relations.

This Committee should recommend to the Executive what action should be taken along these lines. It was not considered practical that such a committee be set up at the August Committee, but Miss Marshall was asked to talk the matter over with one or two people interested. It was agreed that the whole question be left over until after the Zurich Congress, but that it should be brought up again at a later date and should be one of the early items on the Committee Agenda.

Miss Sutherland apologised for having missed so many meetings, owing to illness.

Date of next meeting, September 25th.

This concluded the business.

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R.P. Jones  
Sept. 25/34.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

A Statement of Accounts for July 1934.

Balance	80.11.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	Salaries	26.10.	0.
Subscriptions	7. 4.	6.	Grant	2. 2.	0.
Donations	13. 8	0.	Travelling		
News Sheets ~			Expenses	5. 0.	8.
Literature	7.16.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Postage and	4. 7.	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
Refunded by			wires		
W.P.C. for			Literature &		
Light & heat	1.11.	6.	News Sheets	4.10.	8.
W.P.C. Rent	5. 5.	0.	Printing	2.10.	0.
			Telephone	4. 4.	6.
			Press Cuttings	2. 2.	0.
			Affil: Fees	2. 2.	0.
			Office Expenses	3. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
			Insurance	15. 6.	
			Wages	3.10.	0.
			Cttee Room	12. 6.	
					58.11. 2.
			Balance at		
			Midland Bank	55. 3.	4.
			Cash in hand	2. 2.	6.
					57. 5.10.
					<u>£115.17. 0.</u>
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Approximate Statement of Accounts, August 1 - 10th.1934.

Balance	57. 5.10.	Expenses	41. 5. 0.
Income	26. 6.10.	Balance	42. 7. 8.
	<u>£83.12. 8.</u>		<u>£83.12. 8.</u>

Outstanding Accounts

W.P.C. Rent due to House A/c	£5. 5. 0.
Printing & Stationery	5.11. 0.
	<u>£10.16. 0.</u>

B A L A N C E    £31.11. 8.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, 25th September, 1934,  
at 55 Gower Street, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Miss Sheepshanks, Miss Pye, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Beesley, Mrs. Adams, Miss B.M. Baker, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Rinder, Miss Marshall.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Lady Unwin who is in the U.S.A. and Miss Sutherland who had only just returned from Scotland.

1299. RESIGNATION. A letter was read from Miss Joan Creyke resigning from the Executive owing to great pressure of work in connection with "Essential News." Her resignation was accepted with regret.
1300. GRESFORD MINE. Agreed to send a message of sympathy to our North Wales Branch and our Groups in Gresford and Wrexham in the terrible disaster at the Gresford Mine and the sufferings to the people resulting from it.
1301. MINUTES of August 14th were confirmed, having previously been circulated.
1302. FINANCE. Miss Chick presented the attached statement of <sup>180</sup>accounts, which was passed. She drew attention to the seriously state of the funds and to the fact that it had been necessary to borrow £100 from the House Account, which was now nearly all spent, while the June and September Quarters rent had not yet been paid.
- It was agreed that an appeal should be sent out specially, with a view to work now to be undertaken on Traffic in Arms, the Native Races Conference, India, etc.
1303. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Miss Chick reported that there had been delay in getting the consent of the Landlords to the proposed tenants to the ground floor but it was hoped that the matter would now be satisfactorily settled. The tenants are, however, to be on a three months' notice on either side.
- 1304 W.I.L.P.F. ZURICH CONGRESS A brief report on the Congress by Miss Balch was given drawing attention to the text of the Constitution, the new Statement of Aims, and the newly appointed Executive Committee and Officers. The Sections were urged to take action:-

- (1) to urge the creation of a League of Nations Committee to deal with the Treatment of Prisoners;
- (2) for the abolition of concentration camps and on behalf of women in prison on political grounds in Germany;
- (3) on Minorities;
- (4) to press for a League Commission on Austria.

It was later agreed to defer consideration of these subjects until the October Executive.

The report stated that action on the following points was under consideration:- (a) disarmament; (b) munitions investigation and control; (c) situation in Tunis; (d) letter to French teachers and related action.



Miss Balch further reported steps taken with regard to (1) the admission of Russia to the League; (2) Liberia; (3) Nationality of Women.

Mrs. Innes then gave a brief report on the Congress. The British Section's proposals for a change in the Constitution had not been accepted by the Congress - in particular, the proposal that the Executive Committee should consist of representatives of the Sections. ~~The old system was retained by which the Consultative Members remain Consultative and can only veto once a year.~~ Our proposal for unanimity on the Executive was lost but the Constitution now makes it necessary that action taken between Executive Committees must be unanimously agreed to by the Officers.

Mrs. Innes said that the Congress was very much better organised than on any previous occasion and that was greatly due to the excellent Chairmanship ~~of Miss Pye~~ and that ~~her~~ the conduct of the debates had been admirable.

Miss Pye, in her turn, paid a tribute to the help Miss Marshall had given on the Resolutions Committee and to the immense amount of work she had done in the Office.

A difference of opinion had shown itself in the Congress with regard to the possibility of giving support to those using violence in case of revolution, the French Section could not believe that it was ~~not~~ in accordance with actual facts of the situation at present in Europe that revolution and the use of force could be eliminated. Madame Duchene therefore opposed ~~the~~ in the new wording of the Aims the statement that action against the "present system of exploitation, privilege and profit" must be restricted to non-violent methods. Madame Duchene's attitude was supported by members of the French delegation and Miss Marshall added that several of the French delegates had resigned from the W.I.L.P.F. owing to its insistence on this wording. The general impression of delegates at Congress had been that it had been much ~~more~~ interesting than they had expected, but that the cleavage in views came out even more strongly than before.

The new Statement of Aims is as follows:-

1. The W.I.L.P.F. aims at bringing together women of different political and philosophical tendencies united in their determination to study, make known, and abolish the political, social, economic and psychological causes of war, and to work for a constructive peace.
2. The primary objects of the W.I.L.P.F. remain:- Total and universal disarmament, the abolition of violent means of coercion for the settlement of all conflicts, the substitution in every case of some form of peaceful settlement, and the development of a world organisation for the political, social and economic co-operation of peoples.
3. Conscious that these aims cannot be attained and that a real and lasting peace and true freedom cannot exist under the present system of exploitation, privilege and profit, they consider that their duty is to facilitate and hasten by non-violent methods the social transformation which would permit the inauguration of a new system under which would be realised social, economic and political equality for all without distinction of sex, race or opinion.



4. They see as the goal an economic order on a world-wide basis and under world regulation founded on the needs of the community and not on profit.
5. The work of all the National Sections is based upon the Statements adopted and the Resolutions passed by the International Congresses of the League.

Several members of the Executive <sup>maintained</sup> ~~pointed out~~ that the 3rd paragraph of the Statement of Aims would make the W.I.L.P.F. into a Party Organisation as it would be difficult, if not impossible, for Conservatives and Liberals to subscribe to it. Another point put forward was the danger of the attitude taken by the Left Wing party in the Congress, namely, that violent revolution was inevitable and that no peaceful change was possible. By so doing they discarded all possibility of working by democratic and peaceful methods, while we feel the W.I.L. should work to strengthen the belief in democracy and the attainment of social changes by peaceful means.

The Executive was of opinion that no immediate <sup>decision</sup> ~~action~~ on the result of the Congress was possible but the Council will have to take decisions on the matter in the New Year.

It was reported that the Scandinavian Sections hoped that we should do as they intended doing, viz: try the present Constitution for about six months and await events. They had intimated that they would leave the W.I.L.P.F. if the British Section left but they do not want to do anything in a hurry.

1305. W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. A letter was read from Miss Anderson, who had been a Consultative Member at the Executive meetings following the Congress, saying that there had been some discussion as to the position of Madame Duchene as a member of the International Executive, and the position of the French Section in view of their objection to pledge themselves to work by non-violent methods. Madame Duchene said that if the Committee believed that the French Section's attitude was incompatible with the principles of the W.I.L.P.F. they could expel it, but she would not resign from the Executive Committee. Miss Pye had refused nomination for the Chairmanship in view of the differences of opinion as to Aims.

Miss Marshall, also a Consultative Member, reported that the International Executive thought there should be a round-table Conference next April to discuss methods of social transformation.

Miss Pye read a letter from Madame Cederfeld of Denmark suggesting a Conference of the Scandinavian countries, the British Section and Holland, all of which are concerned to preserve democratic Government, as to the future policy and work of the W.I.L.P.F. in which they could collaborate.

It was agreed that these two suggestions for Conferences should be brought up at the next Executive Committee, and that meanwhile Madame Cederfeld should be asked if she could give any details as to arrangements for a Conference, and that Miss Marshall should get further particulars of the Conference proposed by the Executive Committee.

It was reported that efforts had been made to arrange for a small party of women to go to Germany to see what could be done for the women in concentration camps. Finally, as those who had been invited to go were unable to do so, Mrs. Olmsted had gone alone; she was also trying to see members of the German Section. It is hoped to have news of the result of her visit later.



1306. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. Reported that our American W.I.L. was trying to develop an inter-American Committee of the W.I.L. including Canada. Further reported that the American Section had published a pamphlet containing a Report on the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. outlawing war.

Minorities. In connection with Poland's repudiation of the Minority Treaty, Miss Sheepshanks reported that she had had a number of letters from M.Ps and others expressing interest in her report of the Ukrainian Minority, and a suggestion from Professor Seton Watson for further action on behalf of the Ukrainians.

1307. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. A resolution was read urging the British Government to institute an inquiry into the traffic in arms. It was agreed to support this action.

The following plans of work were suggested by the N.P.C.:-

- (a) a public demonstration in London;
- (b) the issue of an unofficial report signed by a group of prominent and representative people;
- (c) the organisation of a Parliamentary memorial;
- (d) the issue of a joint statement on behalf of the sympathetic organisations, along the lines of similar statements issued in the past.

It was agreed to support these four points, to inform our Branches of the proposed work, and to urge them to send delegates to the London demonstration.

A memorandum on the Aims and Activities of the N.P.C. was reported. This memorandum drew attention to the divergence of views between various wings of the N.P.C. It was suggested that notwithstanding these divergencies, a certain amount of co-operation between all groups is possible and that W.I.L. representatives on the Council should urge that action should be taken when agreement is possible and that when this is impossible the Constituent Societies who disagree should stand aside, as is already done in some cases.

1308. NATIONAL DECLARATION. It was reported that the National Declaration Committee had found it impossible to withdraw the blue leaflet as urged by the W.I.L. and protested against by many others. It was agreed, however, that Societies should be free to use both or neither. It was recognised that local bodies would take their own line in the matter.

Mr. Arnold Forster's leaflet on Sanctions has been published and is embodied in the literature being used for the Declaration.

Dr. Helen Wilson, Secretary of the Friends of Peace and Disarmament Movement in Sheffield, wrote inquiring if the Group Secretaries were being invited by the W.I.L. to co-operate in the National Declaration. Agreed to reply that we were not asking them to take on this additional work but that we thought they would be hearing about it locally and would have an opportunity of offering their services, if they wished to do so.

1309. WORLD CONGRESS OF WOMEN AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM, August 1934. Miss Pye reported she had attended this Congress at which over 1,000 women had been present. There had been great en-



thusiasm and unity. A Committee had been appointed to carry on the work.

1310. NATIVE RACES COMMITTEE. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported that the programme for the Conference was now complete and would be sent out in October. It had been decided to drop the proposed Public Luncheon.

It was reported that the W.I.L. had suggested that two women should serve on Sir Graham Little's proposed Committee to investigate into the causes of native backwardness in mental and physical development.

1311. INDIA. Mrs. Lankester stressed the importance of W.I.L. keeping in touch with developments in India during the next few months, in view of the India Bill which would be before Parliament after the Joint Select Committee had issued their report. There were also the elections to the Legislatures, in which the Congress was taking part and the situation would be a critical one. As evidence of the way in which it was being recognised that W.I.L. had first hand knowledge of Indian affairs she instanced the requests that had recently come from two M.Ps asking for information. It was hoped that members of the Executive would be ready to give time at Committees for discussion of Indian matters this winter.

All India-Women's Conference. It was agreed that Miss Agatha Harrison should act as W.I.L. representative at Committees of the Group of Women's Organisations who were supporting the All Indian Women's Conference. Mrs. Lankester attended in her capacity as Liaison Officer.

It was reported that this Committee had met to discuss the Manifesto that had been sent to the I.L.O. at Geneva by the A.I.W.C.

Mrs. Lankester reported on resolutions passed at the last standing Committee of the A.I.W.C. including (1) a message of thanks to all British women's organisations for their support and especially to the W.I.L. for the publication of "Mother India's Daughter"; (2) appreciation of Miss Rathbone's book on Child Marriage, and the decision to appoint a special sub-Committee with Mrs. Hamid Ali as convenor to work to combat the evils of child marriage and to strengthen the Sarda Act; (3) the repudiation of a policy of "narrow communalism" and the expression of the determination not to enter a new constitution except on such lines as would give full and free opportunity for women to vote for men and women of their choice regardless of class or community; (4) the decision to issue a Manifesto and Questionnaire to call Candidates at the forthcoming Elections so that it should be made known who were in favour of the emancipation of women and of measures of social and educational reform in general.

Mrs. Lankester further reported an invitation to attend the next Annual Conference at Karachi in December had been sent to Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Dr. Royden, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and herself. The Executive agreed that letters should be sent to Mrs. Corbett Ashby and Dr. Royden expressing the hope that ~~xxx~~ ~~xx~~ they would be able to accept the invitation. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Lankester are unable to go.

The resolution re Joint Electorates had been sent by Mrs. Lankester to members of the Joint Select Committee.

It was reported that Mrs. Rama Rau was to be in the North on a speaking tour early in the near year. It was decided to notify W.I.L. Branches.



1312 GERMAN-ENGLISH SCHOOL AT HASLEMERE. Miss Dickinson drew attention to this School and asked if the News Sheet and other literature could be sent regularly to it. This was agreed to.

1313. CORRESPONDENCE. It was reported that the L.N.U. London Regional Federation were organising a great Youth Demonstration at the Kingsway Hall, Kingsway on 17th October. It was agreed to support this meeting. Tickets were on sale in the W.I.L. Office price 1/-, 6d, and some free.

*K.P. James  
Oct: 16/34*



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts  
August 1934.

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INCOME		EXPENSES	
Balance	57. 5.10.	Salaries	45. 2. 6.
Subscriptions	15. 6.	Travelling Expenses	14. 4.
Donations	30.10. 0.	Grant to Zurich	
Native Races		Congress Expenses	10. 0. 0.
Conf:ticket	2. 0.	Congress Delegate's	
On loan from		Expenses	20. 0. 0.
International		Stationery	2.18. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
House A/c	100. 0. 0.	News Sheets &	
News Sheets &		literature	1. 1. 5.
literature	<u>2. 6. 8.</u>	Office Expenses	19.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	133.14. 2.	Postage & Wires	4. 5. 6.
		State Insurance	16. 9.
		Wages	5. 2. 6.
		Native Races Con-	
		ference	10. 6.
		India Meeting	5.10.
		Geneva - Pax	<u>2. 3. 7.</u>
			94.1. 1.
		Balance at Midland	
		Bank	94.15.11.
		Cash in hand	<u>2. 3. 0.</u>
			<u>96.18.11.</u>
	<u><u>£191. 0. 0.</u></u>		<u><u>£191. 0. 0.</u></u>

Approximate Statement for September 1 - 24th.

Balance	96.18.11.	Expenses	28. 9.11
Income	<u>9. 6. 1.</u>	Balance	<u>77.15. 1.</u>
	<u><u>£106. 5. 0.</u></u>		<u><u>£106. 5. 0.</u></u>

Outstanding Accounts.

Coal	£5.10. 0.
Printing	7.16. 6.
News Sheets	3.16. 3.
Stationery	<u>15. 6.</u>
	<u><u>£17.18. 3.</u></u>

BALANCE    £59.16.10.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, October 16th, 1934 at 104 Gower Street, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Miss White, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Dickinson, Miss Sutherland, Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Beesley, Miss Pye, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Anderson.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Adams, Miss B.M. Baker, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Marshall, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Thoday.

MINUTES of meeting on September 25th were confirmed, after the following modifications had been made:-

On page 2 2nd paragraph delete the words "The old system was retained by which the Consultative Members remain Consultative and can only vote once a year" and insert "The present system was retained, in which members of the Consultative Committee vote once a year in an Executive capacity and once a year in a consultative capacity only."

On page 2 3rd paragraph, delete "of Miss Pye" and in place of "her" put "the."

On page 3, 3rd paragraph, delete "pointed out" and insert "maintained."

On page 3 4th paragraph delete "action" and insert "decision."

On page 3 paragraph 4, 4th line delete "not."

Miss Marshall sent the following comment on the 4th paragraph, page 2, beginning "A difference of opinion":-

"The whole paragraph gives unintentionally a misleading impression of the French point of view, I think. I cannot remember exactly what Mrs. Innes said, but the point is that the French felt the acceptance of our phrase about "violence" would be understood in France to mean that we condemned not only "bloodshed" but such things as a general strike and "mass resistance." They do not believe that the social transformation envisaged by us in our Statement of Aims can be achieved without some such action, and they think it is "naive" of us to imagine that the Military will not be used against strikers and mass demonstration even if the strikers and demonstrators are unarmed, as they still are in France, and as our French Section is doing its utmost to persuade them to remain."

1314. BUSINESS ARISING. Gresford Mine Disaster. Reported a letter of thanks from our Wrexham W.I.L. Group and a press cuttings from the Wrexham Advertiser of Miss Sheepshanks's letter on behalf of the Executive Committee.

1315. FINANCE. Miss Chick presented the attached Statement of Accounts, which was adopted. She was very encouraged by the response to her appeal. To date we had received £260, including one anonymous donation of £100, and many letters expressing appreciation of the W.I.L. work. Our Brighton Branch



have very generously sent £10. Miss Chick reminded the Committee that we had not paid the rent to International House for the June and September quarters, nor was the loan of £100 repaid. It was AGREED to pay the rent but to leave the question of repaying the loan for the present.

1316. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. It was AGREED to ask our Solicitors to collect the rent each quarter from the New Europe Group.

1317. MEETING FOR MISS HORSBRUGH. Reported that the ten tickets sent to the W.I.L. had been given to those members of the Executive who had made application for them.

1318. MEETINGS FOR MRS. LAURA PUFFER MORGAN. It was reported that Mrs. Morgan was coming to England and would be speaking in London, Birmingham and Manchester for the W.I.L. At the London meeting on October 30th Miss Courtney was also speaking and Miss Freda White was taking the Chair. About 50 people had accepted invitations to be present.

1319. DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. Reported a letter urging us to take action on the American Proposals for the drastic control of the manufacture of and trade in arms as a part of a general disarmament treaty. It was agreed after consideration of points which Miss White consented to submit, to urge the Government to accept these Proposals as a minimum measure, and as a step towards a disarmament convention. Further, it was AGREED to inform the Branches that they could get copies of the American Proposals from Allen & Unwin (Conf. D/c.G. 171), and also to ask them to write to the Government on lines to be decided after study of Miss White's comments, and to make the proposals known as widely as possible.

1320. CONFERENCE ON DEMOCRACY. It was agreed to hold such a Conference the day before the Annual Council Meeting in 1935, and the following sub-Committee was appointed to consider the matter and to bring plans to the November Executive:-

Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Duncan Harris, the Officers, with power to co-opt.

1321. NATIVE RACES CONFERENCE. It was reported that the final programme had been sent out but there had not yet been time to receive replies from Societies. The question of having a stenographic report of the whole Conference or only of important speeches was referred to the Native Races Committee. Miss Dickinson undertook to ask Kensington College if they would provide one or two stenographers, if it was agreed to have a report. It was thought that a report would be of great value in the Office for future reference.

1322. NATIONAL DECLARATION. Miss Sheepshanks reported that 25% of L.N.U. Branches had objected to the blue leaflet and the Committee were instructed to sell the Guide for Canvassers at 1d and to print a new authorised leaflet for general use (see attached).

1323. INDIA. It was reported that the pamphlet "Mother India's Daughter" had not sold as well as was hoped and the India Committee were making fresh efforts to sell the remaining copies before it was out of date.

It was also reported that at the Liaison Committee in September the Manifesto which had been sent by the All India



Women's Conference to the International Labour Office at Geneva had been considered. There had been a difference of opinion on the subject of the protective legislation, as the Manifesto asked for special treatment of women in work in mines, etc. Miss Harrison had said, in view of first hand knowledge of conditions, that some measures of protection were necessary for women until their social conditions were greatly improved. Miss Harrison's view was ENDORSED by the Executive Committee.

It was reported that Dr. Royden and Mrs. Corbett Ashby had definitely decided to attend the All India Women's Conference at Karachi on December 22nd. It was hoped that arrangements would be made for a big "send off" meeting for them early in December. AGREED to support such a meeting.

It was further reported that Miss Hilda Cashmore was attending the Conference and it was suggested that she be asked to represent the British W.I.L. She was formerly a member of the Manchester Branch and is now a London Headquarters member. She is now in India. AGREED.

1324. TRAFFIC IN ARMS. Reported that the Washington National Council for the Prevention of War is proposing to issue a booklet on the United States Inquiry into the arms trade, and the N.P.C. will be acting as the distributing centre in this country.

Miss White said she was opposed to an investigation being asked for in this country as she felt that with the present Government no Commission would be given sufficient powers to find out any real facts. In this country public opinion is sufficiently informed to demand that there should be legislation to remove private profit from the traffic. Mrs. Innes reminded the Committee that we had endorsed the N.P.C. resolution calling for an official investigation, but the resolution safeguarded us by saying that the investigation should be public, and should have the fullest power to obtain and produce such evidence as is essential to the effectiveness of the inquiry.

After further discussion it was AGREED to inform the Branches that we have discussed the subjects of traffic in arms very fully and realise now the dangers for pressing for an investigation, and to suggest that they should press for legislation to remove private profit.

AGREED to make known to the Branches the lecture and slides on Aerial Warfare issued by the London Regional Federation, L.N.U., the hire of which is 5/-.

Mrs. Innes urged that we should not forget the necessity for the abolition of naval and air forces, on which subject she had drafted a leaflet for consideration by the National Peace Council. The leaflet was read in Committee and it was AGREED that if the N.P.C. did not take it the W.I.L. should publish it for their own use.

Attention was drawn to the publication of the Statistical Year Book of the Trade in Arms and Ammunition (Allen & Unwin, price 12/-) and to the issue of a 1d booklet "Dealers in Destruction" by the London Regional Federation, L.N.U.

1325. SEDITION BILL In view of the third debate in the House taking place on the 30th October, it was AGREED to write again to Sir Thomas Inskip saying that we had carefully considered the amendments to the Bill which, however, still failed to meet our objections, and urging him to withdraw the Bill entirely.



It was further AGREED to urge our members where possible, to lobby their Member of Parliament on the day of the Debate, or failing that to write to him urging him to press for its withdrawal.

Attention was drawn to a meeting at Trafalgar Square on 28th October at which Miss Marshall was to be one of the speakers.

1326. PUBLICITY. Miss Baker reported a leaflet had been drafted for the Friends of Peace and Disarmament Movement but it was felt that it was not suitable for the purpose, and the Committee had suggested a leaflet on the National Declaration. After discussion the Executive PROPOSED that the yellow leaflet issued by the National Declaration should be sent to members, with a covering letter, but that Mrs. David Pye and Mrs. Unwin should first be consulted.

It was reported that Mrs. Pye had been unable to give time to the F. O.P. & D. work for a long time, owing to holidays and illness, and it was AGREED that she should be asked if she could make any suggestions for carrying on the work in her absence, especially as Mrs. Unwin felt she could not take any responsibility for it, though she was very willing to work under Mrs. Pye and always sent out letters over Mrs. Pye's name. Mrs. Pye had been the link between the Movement and the Executive Committee but now she was not on the Committee there was no direct contact.

1327. SUGGESTIONS FOR IMMEDIATE WORK. Reported a letter from Mrs. Vipont Brown saying that the Manchester Branch felt (1) the urgency for continued work on the Traffic in Arms; (2) the need for action for the abolition of aerial warfare, with the internationalisation of civil aviation; (3) the need to study the present "social system" and to prove that democracy is not dead; (4) that Branches might co-operate with other Societies in a Peace and Disarmament Demonstration similar to the one recently held in Manchester.

It was AGREED to inform Manchester of the Committee's decision (1) to work for the American proposal and for legislation against private profit; (2) to arrange a Conference on Democracy in the New Year, and to ask the Secretary for particulars of their Children's Peace Week, which should be sent to other Branches.

A letter was reported from Mrs. Adams recommending (1) a Manifesto emphasising the W.I.L. outlook and stating where we believe the social changes are most needed; (2) the study of international finance and the part it plays in politics; (3) to work in support of Litvinov's proposals for a special organ of the League to deal with peace questions.

The Committee expressed its gratitude to Mrs. Vipont Brown and Mrs. Adams for their suggestions, and with regard to the proposed Manifesto members were asked to put into writing any suggestions for a Manifesto which might occur to them. Mrs. Barrs Davies undertook to consult Miss Marshall about an acquaintance with special knowledge regarding the question of international finance.

Mrs. Innes reported that Litvinov's proposals were again brought before the Geneva Assembly and would undoubtedly have to be considered, but it was AGREED to defer discussion until Miss Marshall was able to be present at the Executive. It was however, AGREED to ask Miss Courtney if she would kindly deal with the proposals at the meeting on October 30th.



1328. W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, September, 1934.

First Treasurer. The Sections were asked to recommend someone willing to serve as First Treasurer. The Executive considered this but regretted they had no suggestions to make.

Co-operation with First Treasurer. The National Sections were asked to appoint a representative to act as a link between the Section and the International Treasurer. Miss Horscroft was appointed.

Munitions Investigations: Reported (1) that Madame Drevet was appointed Referent to revive our 1919 Resolution, which is as follows:-

"This International Congress of Women asks the League of Nations to appoint an International Commission to sit in public, with power to take evidence on oath and to command the attendance of any witness it may desire to call, to inquire into the facts regarding profit-making due to war and preparation for war."

(2) that Madame Waerne-Bugge was appointed Referent to get a good Arms Convention;

(3) that Mrs. Innes was appointed Referent on Air Disarmament.

Miss Anderson said she had been appointed Referent for the coming Naval Conference in 1935; she was also referent for Minorities in place of Dr. Clark.

Mrs. Beesley undertook to be Correspondent on the Chemical Warfare Commission.

With regard to the Naval Conference in 1935, it was reported that Mr. Arnold Forster was writing a memorandum which would be available mid-December.

Consideration of action to be taken on Congress and Executive resolutions and decisions:-

( Abolition of Concentration Camps. Miss Pye reported on Mrs. Olmsted's visit to Germany. She said that we were asked not to lose sight of the possibility of sending other groups and she thought we ought to try to get women of Miss Rathbone's calibre to go. She hoped women's organisations would send deputations to Germany on the subject of women in concentration camps. After discussion Miss Pye and Dr. Clark were asked to draft a resolution to the Women's Advisory Council of the L.N.U. urging that women's organisations in this country should take steps to make clear to the German Government their abhorrence of the principle of confining women in concentration camps, without trial. Mrs. Barrs Davies undertook to consult the National Council of Women.

( Participation with other Anti-war organisations. Reported it was carried nem. con. that the W.I.L.P.F. is in favour of making use of any platform open to it, when it thinks it can present its cause usefully and without compromising W.I.L.P.F. principles.

( Consideration of proposed Scandinavian Conference AND also of W.I.L.P.F. Round Table Conference. Mrs. Innes reported a letter from Miss Daugaard giving details of the



proposed Scandinavian Conference. She thought the object of the meeting should be to discuss (1) internal matters; (2) political and social questions of international importance, including the minority question. The Conference might be held in the Northern part of Sealand in the early summer for 6 to 8 days, attended by representatives from the Scandinavian and Baltic countries, from Holland and Great Britain. Special invitations to be sent to such people as Miss Balch.

Unfortunately Miss Marshall, who had been asked to collect information concerning the W.I.L.P.F. Conference, was not present and therefore no discussion could take place.

Dr. Clark expressed the view that the Conference should consider specially how the W.I.L. can work for peace in and through democratic means and she thought the Conference should be open to all those who were willing to attend on that basis.

After further discussion it was agreed ~~xxxx~~ to suggest that this Conference should be held as a preliminary to the official W.I.L.P.F. Conference and should be open to all members, and that the latter Conference, if held, should be not earlier than the Autumn of 1935.

1330. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION RE RELATION OF BRITISH SECTION TO W.I.L.P.F. Dr. Clark proposed that the

1935 Annual Council should be held as early in the year as possible to consider the future of the British Section in order that a decision may be taken before the next meeting of the International Executive. She also proposed that ample time be given for the discussion at the Council of:-

(1) A practical policy for the British W.I.L. to work for social and international peace through the development of true democracy;

(2) A limited number of questions of urgent international importance decided on, if the Branches agree, beforehand;

(3) Urgency matters arising after the date when the above questions are decided on.

After discussion it was agreed to hold the ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS in the week beginning Monday, 4th February.

Dr. Clark also proposed that a letter should be sent to Branches setting forth the chiefpoints in the new Constitution. Mrs. Innes reported that Miss Pye had drafted such a letter. On consideration it was AGREED that a letter should be sent to members nearer the time of the Council showing the various differences between the old and the new Constitution. It was AGREED that any member of the Executive might make clear her own views on the present relations to the W.I.L.P.F. and that stencilled copies should be available at the Council if members concerned so wished.

It was AGREED that a letter be sent to Miss Balch saying that the statement in her letter of September 20th that the Constitution was agreed on unanimously, was a misrepresentation of facts. Unanimity was only obtained after every clause had been fought, and then the British Section agreed to it only



because it preferred the new to the old Constitution and it was anxious for an outcome of all the discussions. AGREED to inform her that the Constitution will be considered at our Council Meetings in February.

1331. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. The W.I.L. was asked to state its opinion regarding the question of collaboration between the British Anti-War Movement and the N.P.C. AGREED that we maintain our attitude against working with the Anti-War Movement.

1332. CORRESPONDENCE. Reported that the Cheltenham W.I.L. had asked for information as to the attitude Branches should take towards the British Section of Women's World Committee Against War and Fascism. Reported a reply had been sent that the greatest care should be used in any dealings with this organisation and that judging from the Paris Congress the impression is gained that it is a strong Communist body. Their Pledge is:-

"I pledge myself to oppose capitalist war and Fascism and to support all united action against these menaces."

The W.I.L. is opposed to all war and to all violence.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. November 13th.

R. P. James  
Nov 13/34



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1934.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure.</u>	
Balance	96.18.11.	Salaries	28. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	1.14. 6.	Travelling Expenses	4.10. 9.
Donations	3. 6.	Postage & Telegrams	4.19. 2½
News Sheets & Literature	3. 9. 1.	Stationery	1.19. 2.
Zurich Congress Expenses Refd.	3.15. 6.	News Sheet & Literature	4.10. 2.
Meeting Tickets (Youth Mtg. & Native Races Conf.)	8. 0.	Printing	7.16. 6.
Geneva Subscrip- tions	1. 0. 0.	Lighting & Heating	5.10. 0.
	10.10. 7.	Office Expenses	9. 6.
		State Insurance	13. 2.
		Wages	<u>3.10. 0.</u>
			61.18.5½
		Balance at Midland Bank	38. 2. 5½
		Cash in hand	<u>7. 8. 7.</u>
			<u>45.11.0½</u>
	<u>£107. 9. 6.</u>		<u>£107. 9. 6.</u>

Approximate Statement of Accounts for  
October 1 - 15th.1934.

Balance	45.11. 0½	Petty Cash & Salaries	26. 5.0.
Subscriptions	17. 5. 0.	Balance	310.17.4½
Donations	235.15. 6.		
Affiliation fees	2.16. 0.		
Geneva Subscrip- tions & Pax	31. 2. 0.		
W.P.C. rent			
Telephone etc	2.17. 9.		
News Sheets, & Literature	1.19. 3.		
Office Expenses	15.10.		
	<u>292.11. 4.</u>		
	<u>£337. 2. 4½</u>		<u>£337. 2.4½</u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Geneva Subscriptions & Pax	32. 2. 0.
W.P.C. Rent	6.12. 6.
Telephone	2.19.10.
Lighting	12. 8.
Stationery	1.16.11.
Printing (Appeal Letter)	2. 2. 6.
News Sheets	3.13. 9.
	<u>£50. 0. 2.</u>

BALANCE      £260.17. 2½

(NOTE: Loan from House Account of £100.0.0. not refunded and June and September quarters' rent not yet paid to House Account.)



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 13th, 1934 from 11 to 4.30 p.m. at the B.W.T.A.U., 104, Gower Street, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Miss Pye, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Chick, Lady Unwin, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Dr. Hilda Clark, Miss Sheepshanks, Miss Harrison, Miss Dickinson, Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Miss Marshall, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss B.M. Baker, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Rinder. *Ms Beesley.*

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Adams and Miss Courtney.

VACANCY ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. It was agreed to co-opt Mrs. Hutchinson of Cambridge to the Executive Committee in place of Miss Joan Creyke.

1333. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 1328. Abolition of Concentration Camps. Miss Sheepshanks reported that she had seen Miss Glazebrook with regard to the resolution which the Women's Advisory Council, L.N.U. had been asked by the W.I.L. to adopt re women in concentration camps. Miss Glazebrook having consulted Mrs. Wilson Fox, the Chairman, Lady Gladstone, the Vice Chairman, and Professor Murray as representing the Executive Committee, reported they did not feel able to consent to the resolution being brought before the Women's Advisory Council, but Professor Murray would be willing to write himself to the German Ambassador provided he were furnished with the necessary data. Miss Pye said Mrs. Barrs Davies was trying to collect facts in support of statements made. It was agreed to ask the German Refugee Committee in Upper Woburn Place if they could provide evidence with regard to the treatment of political prisoners in concentration camps or other places where they are imprisoned, without trial.

1334. URGENCY was asked by Mrs. Abbott for the consideration of a protest from a number of Societies to M.Ps. in connection with the suggestion in Captain Euan Wallace's Report on the Durham & Tyneside area that consideration should be given to limiting the fields of women's employment. AGREED to support this letter of protest.

1335. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was adopted. Miss Chick reported that in response to the Appeal £320 had been received, which included (a) £10.4.4 the result of a house-to-house collection at Lochgelly on November 1st, initiated by one of our members, Mrs. Ritchie, and supported by the Provost and Magistrates of Lochgelly, who were in sympathy with our work. Notices were announced in the Churches; (b) £5 from our Hampstead and Golders Green Branch. Miss Chick also reported that several Branches had written to say they hoped to be able to send contributions before the end of the year. Letters of thanks had been sent.

Subscriptions from Geneva Headquarters Members living in Great Britain had been collected and a cheque for £45 sent to Miss Balch.

1336. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Reported that the June and September rents had been paid from the W.I.L. to International House Account. Miss Chick reminded the Committee that £100 was still owing to the International House Account. AGREED that the Officers and Trustees should meet together to discuss this and other questions relating to the House with a view to putting recommendations to the December Executive.



1337. ANNUAL COUNCIL & CONFERENCE ON DEMOCRACY. The following arrangements were AGREED to:-

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 2-4 p.m.; 4.30 - 6 p.m.; 7-9 p.m.  
for CONFERENCE ON DEMOCRACY.

Wednesday, Feb. 6th, ( ) morning and afternoon.  
Annual Council Meetings.

Wednesday, Feb, 6th. evening.  
Entertainment if arrangements prove possible.

Thursday, February 7th - morning and afternoon.  
Annual Council Meetings.

Thursday, February 7th, evening.  
Branch Secretaries' Meeting.

Friday, February 8th - morning only.

Place: Queen Mary Hall, Central Club, Y.W.C.A.

with regard to hospitality for delegates, it was AGREED that Branches should ask their delegates if they could make their own arrangements in London this year, but if it were quite impossible the Office would endeavour to obtain hospitality.

The following Sub-Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the Council, including the Agenda for the meetings:-

Dr. Clark, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Chick, Miss Sheepshanks, Lady Unwin, Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Beesley.

1338. W.I.L.P.F. Constitution. It was reported that the W.I.L.P.F. Constitution adopted at Prague in 1929, the British Section's amendments to that Constitution, made in June 1934, and the Constitution adopted at Zurich, September 1934, had been collated in readiness for the Council Meetings. The Officers were asked to consider this with a view to having it printed, either entire or abbreviated, for the use of delegates and Headquarter Members at the Council. Dr. Clark very kindly promised to contribute towards the cost of printing. The Office was instructed to get estimates.

1339. CONFERENCE ON DEMOCRACY, February 5th, 1935. A programme recommended by the Sub-Committee was discussed. Amendments were suggested, additional speakers proposed, and the matter referred back to the Sub-Committee to deal with.

1340. INDIA. Miss Harrison urged that more time should be given to the discussion of Indian problems at the December Executive in view of the fact that the Report on the Constitution will be out and the result of the Elections known.

There is to be a public meeting on December <sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~13<sup>th</sup>~~ at 2.30 p.m. at which Dr. Royden and Mrs. Corbett Ashby will discuss proposals for the Women's Franchise. Organisations are invited to send six delegates. The India Committee made recommendations for W.I.L. representation which were accepted.

Reported that Mrs. Corbett Ashby had suggested that "Mother India's Daughters" should be sent to all Members of Parliament. After discussion it was AGREED that Lady Astor and Miss Rathbone should be approached to see if they would send copies out with a covering letter from themselves.



Reported also that a "Send Off" meeting for Mrs. Corbett Ashby and Dr. Royden was being held at the Central Club, Y.W.C.A. on December 12th. AGREED to leave the India Committee free to send a suitable message for them to take to India.

1341. NATIVE RACES COMMITTEE. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported on arrangements for the Conference on November 20th, including plans for publicity. It was AGREED that verbatim reports of the speeches should be made and the best use that could be made of them should be considered after the Conference. Miss Anderson had AGREED to write a general report of the proceedings, quoting from the verbatim reports when necessary.

Luncheon hostesses were required for the speakers and members of the Executive were asked to write to Mrs. McGregor Ross if they could be hostesses mentioning the guests they would like to have if they had any preference. Miss Karleen Baker was asked to see about reserving tables at the Y.W.C.A.

It was AGREED that no resolutions should be put to the Conference.

1342. DISARMAMENT. It was AGREED that letters should be sent to the Government to inquire what action it is taking with regard to the American proposals on the Traffic in Arms. Reference should also be made in the letters to the unsatisfactory character of the debate in the House on Thursday, November 8th.

AGREED to recommend to the Branches that they take similar action, and to offer to send them more information if needed about the U.S.A. proposals.

Miss Freda White CONSENTED to write a summary of criticisms of the proposals and of the points which should be supported.

Reported that Mrs. Basil Williams of Edinburgh Branch had suggested that the W.I.L. should be prepared to recommend names of women to sit on a National Board if one is appointed to make a similar inquiry to that of the U.S.A. AGREED to inform Mrs. Williams that we should be prepared to put forward the names of Miss Freda White, Miss K.D. Courtney and Mrs. Innes.

It was AGREED to recommend Mrs. Innes's draft leaflet on the abolition of naval and air forces to the Friends of Peace and Disarmament Movement.

1343. W.I.L.P.F. Reported that at the request of our Geneva Headquarters we had sent a letter to the Press regarding aerial bombardment in Spain. Unfortunately no papers had inserted it. On the advice of Miss Balch it was AGREED to write to the Spanish Government, preferably in Spanish, enclosing a copy of our resolution of August 1933 regarding the bombing of the North Western Frontier Tribes of India.

AGREED to send this letter to the Press.

Reported that at the request of the Geneva Headquarters, the Officers had sent a letter to the Members of the Plebiscite Commission for the Saar urging that the two Scrutinéers attached to the Plebiscite Committees should not be of one political outlook. The letter stated that we realised every effort was being made to get an accurate voting list, but expressed the hope that the Plebiscite should be deferred if there was not sufficient time for adequate preparation.

A reply had been received from the Commission saying



that it would do everything to ensure order in the Elections; that the number of false names stated to be in the provisional list of voters is exaggerated and the revision of the list regulated by special procedure and the Commission will see that the scrutineers are fairly representative of both sides. It was hoped the date of the Plebiscite would not have to be deferred.

1344. INCITEMENT TO DISAFFECTION BILL. Reported that many W.I.L. members had written to their M.Ps urging the withdrawal of the Bill, while others had lobbied in the House. AGREED to write our appreciation to those Lords who had made great efforts to get rid of the Bill.

1345. FRIENDS OF PEACE AND DISARMAMENT. Reported that the Friends of Peace and Disarmament Committee proposed sending a letter to all local Secretaries asking their opinion and advice on the progress of the Movement. The letter was read and discussed and it was AGREED to add a form for reply at the foot of the letter.

Reported arrangements had been made regarding the preparation of future leaflets between the Publicity Committee and the Friends of Peace Committee. AGREED to recommend that the subject of one leaflet should be "Has Britain disarmed more than any other country?"

1346. CORRESPONDENCE. Madame Drevet. Reported that on behalf of the Committee Mrs. Innes had sent a letter of congratulation to Madame Drevet on her appointment with the Comité de Vigilance des Intellectuels Anti-fascists in Paris. Madame Drevet's letter of thanks was read, and it was decided to send her the News Sheet regularly.

Women's Peace Crusade. In response to an appeal for funds or voluntary affiliation fees from co-operating Societies, from Mrs. Zangwill, Hon. Treasurer, it was AGREED to send one pound.

Mrs. Alan Gardiner and Grace Darling Centenary, 1938. Reported an invitation to send a representative to a Ceremony in Battersea Park on November 24th at 3 o'clock when an oak tree will be planted in memory of Grace Darling. AGREED to ask if one of Miss Harrison's sisters could represent the W.I.L.

Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations. Mrs. Innes reported a request from Miss Balch asking her to see that the W.I.L.P.F. was represented at the meeting of the above on November 12th. Unfortunately no one was able to attend. Mrs. Innes said that Miss Courtney and Gertrud Baer were the officially appointed representatives. It was pointed out that if Miss Balch wished to correspond about this representation she should write to Miss Courtney direct, as the appointment is made by the International Executive.

National Council of Women, Moral Welfare Committee. Reported that Dr. Franklin was unable to continue to represent the W.I.L. on this Committee and another representative was therefore needed. AGREED to ask Mrs. Lankester if she would act as our representative.



Women's Ukrainian Society in Poland. Reported a letter from Madame Rudnycka expressing great satisfaction and appreciation at the appointment of Miss Sheepshanks as our delegate to their Congress in July.

National Council for Equal Citizenship. Reported invitation to send delegates to Conference on Marriage Law Reform on November 19th. AGREED no action be taken.

Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations. Reported that at the request of Miss Dingman, President of the above Committee, we had agreed to be the distributing centre for 1,000 copies of a postcard they had issued, believing it would help in the campaign for the international regulation and control of the Munitions Industry. We had promised to take 900 on sale or return and 100 for our own use. Miss Dingman had already notified the Affiliated Societies that they could be obtained from the W.I.L. This action was APPROVED by the Executive.

Jewish Representative Council for the Boycott of German Goods and Services. Reported an invitation to send delegates to a Conference on November 26th and 27th to consider the boycott of German goods. AGREED to take no action.

1347. OTHER BUSINESS. Reported that Rita, our Office Girl, was leaving the W.I.L. to take up work with the Friends Peace Committee. It was AGREED to get a new Office Girl at 10/- a week and to increase this by 2/6d every six months, if she gives satisfaction. It was understood that we could not expect to keep Office Girls more than two years at the most.

Miss B.M. Baker AGREED to write to Mrs. L. Roberts protesting against the Gas Mask Drill for Children which had taken place in Camberwell. The Office would supply Miss Baker with a copy of Miss Sheepshanks's letter to Commandant Allen on the subject of the use of Poison Gas Masks.

Miss Pye reported on the Armistice Day Meeting organised by the British Section of Women's World Committee against War and Fascism, at which the following resolution had been passed:-

"We, who have met together on this Armistice Day, 1934, to declare our opposition to War and Fascism, hereby pledge ourselves:-

To active resistance against war and against the imperialistic and nationalistic propaganda which breeds war, and also to teaching of this character in the schools;

To fight for the diversion of the money now poured out on war preparations to the economic and social needs of working class mothers and children, thousands of whom are suffering to-day from malnutrition and its results;



To resist every attack on existing civil liberties in this country and every attempt to impose or maintain economic, political or social sex inequalities;

And further, as a practical step towards these ends we each pledge ourselves to carry on this struggle by the fullest co-operative effort in our own neighbourhood or sphere of work."

It was AGREED that this resolution should be brought to the notice of our Branches, in particular to Cheltenham who had asked for information as to the attitude of the W.I.L. towards this Organisation (see Minute 1332).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: December 11th.

DATE OF MEETING IN JANUARY: January 8th, 1935.

This concluded the business.

K. P. Jones  
Dec: 11/34.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for October  
1934.

<u>INCOME.</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
Balance	45.11.0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	32.10. 0.
Subscriptions	44.12. 6.	Rent	50. 0. 0.
Donations	291.13. 0.	Office Expenses	1. 7. 0.
Affiliation Fees	4.19. 6.	Wages	3.10. 0.
News Sheets & Literature	4. 7. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	State Insurance	13. 8.
<u>Meetings</u>		Lighting & Heat:	1. 6.10.
Native Races	14. 0.	Telephone	1.18. 1.
Oct. 30th.	1.17. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Postage & Wires	13. 9. 5.
Rent	1.11. 6.	Stationery	4. 6. 7.
<u>Geneva</u>		Printing	3. 4. 0.
Subscriptions	45. 1. 0.	Travelling Exps.	9. 7.
" to Pax	<u>3.17. 0</u>	News Sheets & Literature	4. 5.10.
	398.13. 2.	Zurich Congress Expenses	6. 6. 0.
		Committee Room	7. 6.
		<u>Meetings</u>	
		Tickets for Oct.	
		15th. & 29th.	9. 6.
		October 30th.	1.16. 6.
		Native Races	2. 9. 9.
		<u>Geneva</u>	
		Subscriptions	40. 1. 0.
		" to Pax	<u>3. 4. 6.</u>
			171.15. 9.
		Balance at	
		Midland Bank	269.4.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Cash in hand	<u>3. 3.6.</u>
			272. 8.5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£444. 4. 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>£444. 4. 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Approximate Statement of Accounts for November  
1 - 9th. inclusive

Balance	272. 8. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenses	23.17. 6.
Subscriptions	1. 2. 6.		
Donations	13.10. 0.		
Geneva Subs:	2. 0. 0.		
Office Expenses etc.	<u>1.12.10.</u>	Balance	266.16. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	18. 5. 4.		
	<u>£290.13. 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>£290.13. 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Printing (F. of P.)	2.15. 6.
November News Sheet	3.17. 6.
Stationery	3. 6. 3.
	9.19. 3.
Due to Geneva	8.12. 6.
	<u>£18.11. 9.</u>

BALANCE ~~£272. 2. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$~~

NOTE £100.0.0. loan from International House Account not yet repaid.

266.16 3 $\frac{1}{2}$   
18.11. 9  
£248.4. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$   
1.6. 6



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, December 11th, 1934,  
at 104 Gower Street from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Pye,  
Lady Unwin, Miss Chick, Miss Courtney, Dr. Clark, Mrs.  
Corbett Fisher, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs.  
Adams, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Dickinson, Miss Karleen Baker,  
Mrs. Duncan Harris, Miss Harrison, Miss Rinder, Miss White,  
Miss Anderson.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss B.M. Baker,  
Mrs. Vipont Brown and Miss Marshall.

MINUTES of meeting on November 13th were confirmed, after a  
correction had been made in Minute 1340: India.

1348. BUSINESS ARISING.

Reported a letter from Mrs. Hutchinson regretting her  
inability through pressure of work to accept co-option to  
the Executive Committee.

Concentration Camps. It was reported that material about  
women in concentration camps had not yet been supplied to  
Professor Gilbert Murray who had promised to approach the  
German Ambassador if sufficiently detailed information could  
be given him. After discussion Miss Sheepshanks undertook  
to send the information already collected to him.

Saar Plebiscite. Reported a letter from Miss Sarah Wam-  
baugh, Member of the Plebiscite Commission, in reply to ours  
of 25th October, assuring us that every effort is being made  
to secure a free and fair plebiscite. Agreed to send copy of  
her letter to W.I.L.P.F. Geneva. Agreed also to send letters  
to Sir John Simon, Mr. Eden and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald.

Moral Welfare Committee of the National Council of Women.  
Reported that, owing to pressure of work, Mrs. Lankester was  
unable to serve on this Committee. It was agreed that from  
the list of London members, names should be brought to the  
next Executive, for consideration.

Office Girl. Reported that Florrie Chapman had been  
appointed.

URGENCY was asked for:

1349. Settlement of Yugo-Hungarian Dispute. On the sugges-  
tion of Miss Courtney it was agreed to send letters of  
appreciation to the Foreign Office and the British Delega-  
tion, particularly to Mr. Eden, for the important part played  
by them in connection with the above.

1350. Nobel Peace Prize. Agreed to send letters of congratu-  
lation to Mr. Henderson and Sir Norman Angell.

1351. FINANCE. Miss Chick presented the attached statement  
of accounts, which was accepted. The Appeal had brought in  
£345.10.4d, which included a generous contribution of £3. 15. 0  
from our Acock's Green Branch. Sincere appreciation was  
once again expressed at the way in which so many of our  
Branches had given substantial help to London Headquarters.  
Miss Chick reported (1) that the Officers recommended that  
the £100 owing to International House should not be repaid,  
but should become a Grant from the House Account to the W.I.L.  
Account; (2) the W.I.L. rent to International House Account  
should in future be only £50 per annum; (3) that arrangements  
had been made to let the Japan Evangelistic Band have the



use of the top small front room for 7/6d per week, including lighting. The Women's Peace Crusade were moving into the larger front room. These recommendations were accepted.

1352. NATIVE RACES. Miss Chick reported that the receipts of the Conference were £7.13.11, while the expenses were £7.14.4, not including Postage, Telephone and Stationery.

Mrs. McGregor Ross reported good attendances at the Conference on November 20th. She thought it had been the means of bringing many new people into touch with the W.I.L. and she recommended ways in which the Conference could be followed up. Good reports had appeared in some papers, including the Manchester Guardian and "West Africa."

It was agreed that a booklet should be printed giving the substance of the speeches and having an Introductory Note. One estimate had been obtained from a London printer but it was agreed that another should be got from a well-known firm in Rochester. It was also agreed that 500 copies should be printed to be sold at not more than 6d each. Dr. Clark agreed to give a grant towards the cost. Miss Anderson was to be consulted about sending copies to a number of Members of Parliament.

It was agreed that non-W.I.L. women who had attended the Conference should receive notices of meetings and be invited to join the W.I.L.

Mrs. Ross gave notice that the Native Races Committee would like to send in resolutions on Kenya Land, South African Protectorates and Australian Aborigines for the Annual Council Meetings.

With regard to a proposed resolution on the Australian Aborigines, it was agreed that this should be put last on the Council Agenda, and if passed it should be sent to the Association for the Protection of Native Races, W.I.L.P.F. Sections, and certain individuals. In the meantime a letter should be sent to our Australian Section congratulating them on recent action taken in Australia in regard to the Aborigines.

Mrs. McGregor Ross also reported that Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister had only sent a formal acknowledgment to our letter of June 13th regarding the collection of Hut-Tax in Kenya Colony. He has now passed a law to make it legal for widows to be taxed. The Native Races Committee were asked to give this subject further consideration.

1353. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Mrs. Innes, on behalf of the Sub-Committee arranging the Annual Council, reported recommendations as follows. (The decisions of the Executive follow each recommendation).

- (1) That Miss Pye should be asked to give a survey of the work of the International Executive Committee and of Geneva Office.

This was AGREED to and Miss Pye consented.

- (2) That Miss Courtney should be asked to give a survey of the Political Situation.

This was AGREED to and Miss Courtney consented, if she were not in Geneva at the time.



- (3) that a report should be given on changes in the Constitution made at Zurich, to be followed by discussion on relations of the British Section to the W.I.L.P.F.

It was AGREED that the printed summary of the old and new Constitution, with the British Section's proposals for amendment, should be sent out with a covering letter.

- (4) that the number of subjects for resolutions should not be limited but that it should be announced beforehand that any resolutions not dealt with in the time allotted at the Council, should be referred to the Executive Committee.

AGREED.

- (5) that urgency resolutions must be in the hands of delegates the session before the discussion takes place.

AGREED.

- (6) that the Executive be asked to draft resolutions on the following subjects (the order below not to be taken into account):-

- (a) the manufacture of and private traffic in arms;
- (b) the abolition of military and naval aviation, and the internationalisation of civil aviation;
- (c) the Naval Conference, 1935;
- (d) India;
- (e) Native Races;
- (f) Political Prisoners.

After discussion, it was AGREED that urgency be asked for a resolution on the Manufacture of and Private Traffic in Arms, and that Miss Freda White should speak to it. Urgency should also be asked for India - which resolution should be taken early in the Council - And urgency for the Naval Conference, a Statement on which it was thought might be better than a resolution. Resolutions on Native Races would be proposed by the Native Races Committee (See above Minute 1352). It was also agreed that a resolution on Political Prisoners should be left to the Golders Green Branch or to individual members of the Executive Committee living in Golders Green, if either of them wished to send it in.

Dr. Clark proposed a resolution for the Council on the Internationalisation of Civil Aviation, which the Committee, after some alteration, agreed to send out in its name.

It was AGREED that a summary of the reasons for asking for urgency should be sent out with the preliminary Agenda.

- (7) that no special arrangements for Meals be made this year but a list of Restaurants in the neighbourhood be sent to delegates, and that the lunch interval should be from 12.30 to 2 o'clock.

AGREED.

- (8) that the Branch Secretaries' meeting should be open to members and should include reports on the progress of the Peace Ballot.

AGREED.



- (9) that the sympathetic Press should be invited to the Democracy Conference and to the session of the Council dealing with resolutions.

AGREED that the Press generally should be invited to the above meetings.

- (10) that no special entertainment be arranged but that a list of Plays and Films be sent to delegates.

AGREED.

- (11) that a special feature of the Council and Democracy Conference should be the Book Stall.

AGREED.

- (12) that the existing Vice-Presidents be invited to stand again for re-election, with the exception of one member whose present views make continuance of her membership doubtful.

AGREED.

1354. INDIA. Mrs. Lankester reported on behalf of the India Committee. She again pleaded for concentration on the study of the whole position of India, particularly between now and the Spring. Mrs. Innes consented to sign a letter to Branches urging them to study Indian questions while the India Bill is before Parliament, and to see that a meeting on India is included in their Spring programme. Miss Harrison had already addressed meetings organised by our Branches at Bristol, Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester, but many more meetings were needed. The India Committee would undertake to get speakers.

The India Committee asked that time should be given to Dr. Royden at the Council Meetings to give her impressions on India, and to propose a resolution.

The Executive unanimously AGREED that Dr. Royden should be invited to address the Council, but that the resolution should be moved by another delegate. The day and time should be fixed before she leaves for India on the 22nd.

It was further reported that a Message signed by 25 Societies, including the W.I.L. had been inscribed on an illuminated scroll which will be taken to the women of India.

Some useful press work had been done in connection with the visit to India of Dr. Royden and Mrs. Corbett Ashby.

At the request of the India Committee Mrs. Lankester reported on correspondence with Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Robertson regarding the forthcoming Broadcast talks on India. No Indian speaker has been included in the programme. Mrs. Hamilton had replied that the question of including an Indian speaker had been carefully considered but it had been decided not to do so. After discussion it was agreed that letters should be sent to Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir John Reith and the Manchester Guardian, and that one or two members of the India Committee should see Mrs. Hamilton.

A Reception organised by the Women's Advisory Council on Indian Questions for Mrs. Corbett Ashby and Dr. Royden was re-



ported for the 12th December. A Reception for Mr. George Lansbury on the 21st December was being organised by the India League at which important speeches on India will be made.

1355. DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE, February 5th, 1935. Dr. Clark on behalf of the Sub-Committee, reported on lists of speakers already obtained for the Conference. AGREED that the preliminary Programme should be printed as soon as possible.

1356. DISARMAMENT. Dr. Clark reported replies from Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, Mr. Henderson and Mr. Eden to our letter of November 19th, referring to the Government's policy with regard to the proposals by the American Delegation for the national and international control of the manufacture of arms. She explained that at the time of writing she felt it unwise to make any reference in her letter to the unsatisfactory character of the debate in the House on November 8th. Dr. Clark also reported on letters she had ventured to send on behalf of the Committee to Mr. Hankey, Private Secretary to the United Kingdom Delegation on the same subject.

With regard to the proposed National Board of Inquiry into the Traffic in Arms: Miss Courtney said that she felt she could not allow her name to be sent forward from the W.I.L. as a member of the Board as she did not think that the terms of reference of the inquiry would lead to any useful result. She thought instead it might be better to endeavour to work up some really good evidence than sit on a Board where the position might be an impossible one. The other nominees (Miss White and Mrs. Innes) were in sympathy with this point of view.

1357. W.I.L.P.F. Mrs. Innes reported a letter from Miss Balch asking the views of the Executive Committee regarding the holding of the Spring Executive Committee in Copenhagen before April 14th, preceding or following the proposed Scandinavian Conference. After discussion it was agreed to reply that we feel it would alter the nature of the Conference but that we must defer a more detailed reply until we had received news from Denmark.

It was reported that the W.I.L.P.F. had sent a telegram to Spain concerning the proposed extradition of certain German Refugees/and that news had been received later that two had been released.

Dr. Clark reported that (1) letters had been exchanged between the Geneva Office and the British Section concerning Disarmament, Protests against Death Sentences in Germany, Concentration Camps and Prisoners, Lynching in the United States and the Manufacture of Arms;

(2) copies of the new Constitution could now be obtained; Minutes of the Congress were also obtainable price 2 Swiss francs; Copies of letters to National Sections will be sent from Geneva to Branch Secretaries if desired, on payment of 3 Swiss francs a year.

It was also reported that Miss Jane Addams would be grateful for any material bearing on the psychological effects of war to be used in connection with something she is writing.



1358. FRIENDS OF PEACE AND DISARMAMENT MOVEMENT. Miss Chick read a report prepared by Mrs. Unwin on the work achieved since the Movement was inaugurated. On the whole the results were not encouraging but the Committee of the Friends of Peace were to be asked to consider the report and to suggest to the next Executive plans for future developments. It was reported that owing to illness Mrs. David Pye was obliged to resign the Hon. Secretaryship. Agreed to invite Mrs. Unwin to carry on the work of Hon. Secretary for the next six months.

It was decided to ask the Friends of Peace to consider whether they would use a leaflet issued by the Friends Peace Committee "Gas Drill" for sending to their members. In this case arrangements would have to be made with the Peace Committee.

1359. PUBLICITY. Miss Baker reported that an up-to-date leaflet had been issued for sending out with the Membership Form.

1360. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Six Point Group. Reported a request from the Six Point Group to sign a letter to be sent jointly from English Societies who have taken action in favour of the Montevideo Nationality Treaty to about 100 prominent women in the Dominions. Arising out of this request Miss Courtney gave a report of the meeting of the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations which she had attended the previous day on behalf of the W.I.L.P.F. Miss Doty, who had also been present from Geneva to represent the W.I.L.P.F. had urged the support of the Montevideo Nationality Treaty. After discussion it was AGREED not to sign the proposed letter from the Six Point Group.

The League of Nations Union. Reported a Conference on Social and Economic Planning, February 19th and 20th.

Mr. F.C. Lust of Northampton. Reported an appeal for co-operation on the question of Slavery. Agreed to reply that we have an active Committee studying the question of Native Races and have always been interested in the subject of Slavery and have worked with organisations also interested, e.g. the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society, the League of Nations Union, etc.

Madame Avril de Sainte Croix. Reported a request to sign a joint letter with other Organisations in reply to a Questionnaire on the Traffic in Women and Children. AGREED that Mrs. Innes should sign this letter.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. AGREED the Office should be closed from Friday evening, December 21st to Thursday morning December 27th.

This concluded the business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Tuesday, January 8th, 1935.

K.P. Innes.  
Jan: 8/34.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for November 1934.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance	272. 8. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	39. 7. 6.
Subscriptions	10. 11. 6.	Office Expenses	5. 4. 6.
Donations	46. 7. 8.	Travelling "	2. 0. 10.
Affiliation		Wages	4. 7. 6.
Fees	5. 0. 0.	State Insurance	19. 9. 0.
News Sheets & Literature	4. 11. 4.	Postage & Wires	5. 12. 1.
Native Races Conference	6. 0. 0.	Stationery	2. 17. 4.
Geneva Subscriptions	3. 0. 0.	News Sheets & Literature	4. 6. 11.
" Pax "	7. 6. 0.	Printing	6. 12. 0.
	71. 3. 0.	Grant to W.P.C.	1. 0. 0.
		Mrs. Morgan's meeting expenses	1. 1. 0.
		Committee Room	7. 6. 0.
		Native Races Conf: 1935 Annual	3. 8. 1.
		Council Mtgs.	5. 0. 0.
		Geneva Subscriptions	9. 0. 0.
		" Pax "	12. 6. 0.
			91. 17. 6.
		Balance at Midland Bank	247. 8. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Cash in hand	4. 5. 4.
			251. 13. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£343. 11. 5<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>£343. 11. 5<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Approximate Statement of Accounts for  
December 1 - 8th. inclusive

Balance	251. 13. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenditure	10. 0. 0.
Income	16. 4. 1.	Balance	257. 18. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£ 267. 18. 0<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>£267. 18. 0<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Geneva Pax Subscriptions	7. 6. 0.
" "	2. 3. 7.
December News Sheets	3. 16. 3.
Stationery	1. 1. 6.
"Spectator" (Advert: for Native Races Conf.)	1. 6. 0.
	<u>£8. 14. 10.</u>

BALANCE £249. 3. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

£100. 0. 0. on loan from House Account