

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee held on Tuesday, 14th January 1936 at 104 Gower Street from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The Chairman announced with deep regret the death of Lady Unwin's son, and the Committee asked that a message of sincere sympathy be sent to her. This announcement was made before Lady Unwin came to the Committee.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Dr. Hilda Clark, Miss Mary Chick, Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Pye, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Sturge, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Greenwood, Lady Unwin, Miss Dickinson, Miss B.M. Baker, Miss Marshall.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Hawkin, Mrs. Ormerod, Mrs. Thoday.

MINUTES of meeting held on 10th December, 1935, were confirmed after the following had been added to paragraph 3 of Minute 145: Lady Layton's resignation.

"She would make clear, in saying that the failure to carry out article 8 vitiated the Covenant, she had meant that it vitiated the full carrying out of Art. 16."

160. FINANCE. Miss Chick presented the attached Statement of accounts which was passed. It was reported that our Marazion Branch had sent a donation for Headquarters work, and the Committee expressed its sincere appreciation of this help.

161. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Miss Chick reported that an underlease was being granted to the Misses Brownsmith and Murray for the Maisonette for nine years at £160 per annum (with option to sub-let at the end of five, if desired), on condition that the alterations they required, and were prepared to pay for, were permitted by the Bedford Estate Surveyor and the Town Planning Committee. The Bedford Estate approved the suggested alterations but the representative of the Town Planning Committee had not been favourably disposed to them. He said, however, that he would try to get the matter through in about three weeks' time. It was hoped that Miss Baker might be able to see the Town Planning Committee representative with a view to trying to get approval and quicker action.

With regard to the proposed partition in the ground floor room, the Bedford Estate Surveyor did not approve the construction we wanted and said we must have a wood and glass partition. The builder states this will cost more and he is letting us know how much. The Committee suggested that the builder should be asked to estimate for a folding partition. Lady Unwin said that Sir Raymond Unwin would be very pleased to advise us in any way, if possible.

162. INDIA Mrs. Lankester reported that the India Committee had met again since the last Executive on December 10th, and considered further the question of bombing on the Indian Frontier and alternative methods of pacifying that area. They had decided that the National Peace Council should be urged to arrange for a small Conference on the subject, preferably before the meetings of the Annual Council. A letter was read from Mr. Gerald Bailey saying that he was putting the suggestion before his Council on the 16th, but that he was afraid that in any case it would not be possible to arrange for such a Conference as soon as the end of February.

Agreed that Mr. Bailey should be informed that this

Executive understood the difficulty of calling a Conference at short notice and on further consideration felt that it would be better to wait until preparations could adequately be made and expert speakers secured. Further, it was agreed that it should be suggested that Miss Harrison and Mrs. Lankester might be co-opted on to the N.P.C. Committee making arrangements if it was decided to hold the Conference.

Letters on the subject in answer to those sent by the Secretary of the India Committee were reported from Dr. Delisle Burns, Dr. Gilbert Slater and the Bishop of Birmingham. Also after an interval of a month a letter had been received from the Secretary of State for India which gave the Government's reasons for the use of bombs on the Frontier, and at the same time the assurance that these were only used for the villages and troops of hostile tribes and that warning was given, while roads were being made which the Government hoped would ultimately have a civilising effect in that area.

Agreed that no answer should be sent until the matter had been considered in all its bearings at the Conference which it was hoped the N.P.C. would arrange.

Miss Harrison said that she had talked over the matter of bombing on the Frontier with Dr. Datta when he was in England recently and he had promised to get further information when he returned to India. He was glad that the matter was being taken up by the peace societies.

Reported that Mr. C.F. Andrews was probably writing a pamphlet on the subject for the Friends' Peace Committee.

Mrs. Lankester reported that Miss Solomon of the British Commonwealth League, representing the Liaison Group working in co-operation with the All India Women's Conference, had attended the annual session and that Miss Muriel Lester was also there.

The Women's Advisory Council on Indian Questions were arranging to give a Reception in honour of Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, Miss Solomon and Miss Lester on their return from India in March.

163. PERSECUTION OF JEWS. Miss Pye spoke of the courageous letter in the Times by Mr. Macdonald (U.S.A.) resigning his Chairmanship of the Committee of the League of Nations for the care of refugees, and speaking very frankly about the persecution of Jews in Germany.

The Report of the Committee of Five was not yet out, but it would be before the League Council on January 20th. But it is understood that the Nansen Office may come to an end in 1938 and a Central Office will be set up in the League to deal with Passports and legal status. There is a suggestion that a Conference of States be called to consider the repartitioning and distribution of refugees. It is hoped that an appeal will be issued next month for funds to start a Colony in Colombia for the non-Jewish and non-Aryan refugees, but particulars are not yet available. It was felt that the Churches had not realised their responsibility of the Christian Refugees, and the Bishop of Chichester was taking up the matter.

It was agreed that no action could be taken until the Report of the Committee of Five was available, but that the subject should be put on the Agenda for the February Executive Committee.

tive Committee.

With regard to amnesties granted to political prisoners in Austria, Yugo-Slavia, Greece, etc. it was agreed to send a letter to the Press calling attention to the favourable effect this had had on public opinion, but urging the Governments to extend the amnesty to all political prisoners. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the respective Embassies. Mrs. Innes undertook to write these letters.

164. ABYSSINIA

Reported good press notices of the Statement on The Crisis in the Italo-Abyssinian Dispute issued by the Executive on December 10th. Formal acknowledgments from Government Offices were also reported.

The Joint Chairmen of the W.I.L.P.F. had submitted a letter re the Laval-Hoare Peace proposals to the President of the Council of the League of Nations urging him to ask the members of the Council to impose an oil embargo against Italy without delay and to continue it until the Italian troops have evacuated Ethiopia. The French Section also sent to the President a letter and telegram.

Reported also a resolution on the Abyssinian situation adopted by the Executive Committee of the National Peace Council on December 19th, 1935.

Dr. Clark pointed out that the Oil Embargo question is to come before the Council on January 20th, and the papers are asserting that the British Government will not take the initiative in pressing for the embargo. After discussion it was agreed that letters should be sent to the Government urging it to press energetically at Geneva for the imposition of the oil embargo. Agreed also to urge the Branches to write immediately to the Prime Minister, Mr. Eden and their own Members of Parliament on similar lines.

Dr. Clark was asked to see if the Women's Peace Crusade could approach anyone else.

165. LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE.

The Chairman reported that she had thought that a dramatic deputation might be made to the London Naval Conference, to urge that the outcome of the Conference must be a reduction of armaments. She had consulted Mrs. Laura Morgan on the matter who had replied that she did not feel a demonstration at this moment would meet the situation or be useful. She thought, however, a deputation would be excellent and suggested it should ask to see Mr. Eden, who was also President of the Conference. Mrs. Morgan thought that the most important thing to do was to work for a standstill agreement on battleships. She enclosed with her letter a draft resolution (filed with the Minutes for reference) for extending the life of battleships which Lady Horsley was submitting to the Women's Liberal Committee on the 14th January.

The Chairman also reported that she had had a talk with Mr. Gerald Bailey who is in touch with organisations not particularly interested in the technicalities of naval disarmament. He thought that a deputation to the Government might be useful to urge that in trying to reach any agreement at the Conference they should press for a reduction of armaments in all countries.

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Dr. Clark said that the Peace Organisations must be-
ware, in asking for a reduction of armaments, that the Con-
ference does not agree upon a reduction of tonnage only.

After discussion it was agreed not to organise a demon-
stration, or to ask for a deputation to be received, but to
send a letter to the Government based on the resolution sub-
mitted by Mrs. Laura Morgan, emphasising the importance of
the Conference arresting the race in armaments and moving in
the direction of all round reduction of armaments. Dr. Clark
undertook to write this letter.

166. JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL FUND. Reported that in response
to our appeal in this country donations for the Memorial
Fund amounted to £60. 15. 6d. In addition donations for
the Peoples Mandate, including donations of £21. 3. 4d from
the U.S.A. and £20. 10. 11 from the Dutch Section, amounted
to £98. 13. 9d. A cheque for 500 dollars had also been re-
ceived from the U.S.A.

The expenses for the carrying out of the work for the
Mandate from Paris, etc. amounted to £57. 5. 1d which left
a balance to date of £41. 8. 8d. plus the 500 dollars.

It was agreed to consult Mrs. Rickman as to the best
way of approaching American people in this country, including
the American Ambassador.

167. PEOPLES MANDATE.

Reported that the first list of names for the Honorary
Council had been printed on the back of the Mandate. Addi-
tional names were suggested.

Mr. Lansbury had replied that he would prefer not to
ally himself with the suggestion of a Peoples Mandate, and
Mr. Charles Roden Buxton, expressed sympathy with the Mandate,
but felt he could not sign because he made a universal rule
never to give his name to things in which he did not take a
personal part.

The Right Rev. the Moderator of the Church of Scotland
gladly allowed his name as Moderator to be affixed to the
Mandate.

A letter had been sent to National Organisations invit-
ing support of the Mandate, and a number of replies was re-
ported. Agreed to send a list of those supporting to the
Branches for use in their local work.

In addition, International Organisations supporting the
Mandate was reported and it was agreed to send these also to
the Branches.

Applications for the Mandate were being received and
the Societies and Branches who had already applied for copies
were reported.

The Chairman announced that the Peoples Mandate Committee
was holding its next meeting at The Hague on Wednesday, 22nd
January. At this meeting an extension of time for working
the Mandate would be considered.

In connection with the Mandate, the French Mandates Com-
mittee is organising a large demonstration at Arras on March
15th amid the war cemeteries to press for the abandonment of
the war method, and we are asked to get English peace workers
to attend this demonstration.

It was agreed to make this demonstration known to our Branch and to other peace organisations, and Miss Baker was asked to try to get publicity for it.

168. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Baker reported that as Dr. Royden or Mrs. Corbett Ashby could not be obtained for a Press Tea in connection with the Peoples Mandate, the Officers decided against having a tea. She is making inquiries about the possibility of getting a broadcast. A new membership form was being issued as the present one is out of date.

169. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, March 10-12th.

Reported that the Council Meetings would be held at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, Holborn instead of at the Y.W.C.A. because the cost is considerably smaller - £6.6.0 for the three days, including the use of a room for an Office. This was approved.

The following arrangements were approved:-

(1) Time-table.

Tuesday, March 10th.

3.30 p.m. Tea available.
4 - 6 p.m. Session.

Wednesday, March 11th.

10.15 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Session.
2.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Session.
4.45 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tea and Social for convenience of delegates.

8 p.m. PUBLIC MEETING on PEOPLES MANDATE.

Thursday, March 12th.

10.15 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Session.
2.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Session.
Break for Tea.
4.45 p.m. to 6 p.m. Session.

(2) That no Branch Secretaries' Meeting should be arranged, but a session be devoted to the organisation and development of the W.I.L.

It was further agreed that on Tuesday afternoon, March 10th, a survey of the work of the Royal Commission on the Private Manufacture of and Trading in Arms should be arranged. Agreed to ask Miss Freda White to make this survey, which would be followed by discussion and a resolution.

With regard to resolutions which had to be received by first post on the morning of February 5th, it was agreed that resolutions should be sent in by members of the Executive, subject to their consent, to be adopted by the Executive Committee on February 11th, on the following subjects:

India: Miss Harrison, in consultation with the India Ctte
Colonial Problems: Miss Anderson and/or Mrs. McGregor Ross.
Disarmament: Mrs. Innes.
Traffic in Arms: Dr. Clark, in consultation with Miss White.

With regard to the proposed Public Meeting on the 11th March, the Chairman reported that Miss Bondfield had been approached, and had expressed her willingness to speak at the meeting on the fourth point of the Mandate "To secure international agreements founded on recognition of world interdependence to end the economic anarchy which breeds war."

The Executive endorsed this action, and recommended that other speakers should be approached, in order, as follows:-

- (1) Professor Noel Baker, or (on The using of existing
- (2) Dr. Leyton Richards, or (machinery for peaceful
- (3) Mr. Vyvyan Adams (settlement of present con-
flicts.

Miss Rathbone and Vera Brittain were also mentioned.

Mrs. Eleanor Barton was to be asked to take the Chair.

Annual Report.

Mrs. Innes read the draft Annual Report, which was adopted after amendments and additions had been made. It was decided not to print the Subscription List but to insert a note that the list was in the Office and open to inspection to any one who wished to see it.

170. LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION, Women's Advisory Council. Dr. Clark was empowered to send urgency resolutions to the meetings of the above, particularly to the Annual Council Meeting on the 29th January, endorsed by the Officers.

171. CANADIAN SECTION, W.I.L.P.F. Reported a letter from the President of the Section, Mrs. Sissons, expressing the Section's great appreciation of the help given to the Toronto Branch by Mrs. Clifford Ewen, President of our South East London Branch, during her visit there this year. It was due to her help that a mass open-air Peace Parade was arranged on Armistice Day to the Toronto City Hall.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 11th.

NOTE: It was agreed to have a meeting of the Executive Committee on Tuesday, March 10th at 11 a.m. preceding the meetings of the Annual Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

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Statement of Accounts for December 1935.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance	185. 7. 9.	Salaries	33. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	5. 1. 0.	Wages	4. 0. 0.
Donations	18. 7. 0.	Office Expenses	2. 7. 9.
Affiliation fees	20. 17. 6.	Insurance	13. 8.
Sale of News Sheets & Literature	12. 15. 9.	Lighting & heating	3. 2. 7.
Office Expenses refunded by W.P.C.	8. 9. 0.	Rent (Sept. & Dec. qtrs.)	25. 0. 0.
Refund of expenses re Miss Detzer's meetings	2. 11. 6.	News Sheets & Literature purchased	7. 1. 5.
Greek & French Histories	5. 10.	Stationery	2. 15. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Geneva Subscriptions	<u>21. 1. 0.</u>	Printing	10. 1. 0.
	89. 8. 7.	Affiliation Fee to W.P.C.	1. 0. 0.
		Travelling Expenses	4. 5. 6.
		Postage & wires	5. 17. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Annual Council Mtgs. (deposit)	1. 0. 0.
		Greek & French Histories (June & Dec.)	10. 9.
		Geneva Subscriptions	24. 1. 0.
		Pax	<u>2. 3. 7.</u>
			127. 0. 3.
		Balance at Midland Bank	147. 0. 10.
		Cash in hand	<u>15. 3.</u>
			<u>147. 16. 1.</u>
	<u>£274. 16. 4.</u>		<u>£274. 16. 4.</u>

Telephone Account for 4th. quarter 1935
not yet rendered.

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Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, February 11th, 1936 at 55 Gower Street, London, W.C. 1. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Pye, Miss Anderson, Miss BLM. Baker, Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Dickinson, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. nHawkin, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Marshall, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Thoday, Lady Unwin.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Paul Sturge, Mrs. Elgie, Dr. Clark, Miss Chick.

172 DEATH OF KING GEORGE Vth. The Chairman reported messages of sympathy from the Hungarian and Dutch Sections of the W.I.L.P.F. copies of which had been sent with a covering letter of sympathy from the British Section, to Queen Mary through the Earl of Cromer. An acknowledgment had been received from her Private Secretary.

MINUTES of meeting of January 14th were confirmed, having been previously circulated.

173 BUSINESS ARISING: Reported that the Daily Herald and the Manchester Guardian had published our letter to them re the amnesty of political prisoners in Austria, Jugo-Slavia and Greece. A copy had been sent to the Legations concerned, and an acknowledgment received from the Greek Minister.

Miss Pye said she had hoped to get information about action in Germany regarding political prisoners from Mr. Catchpole who was making inquiries but as this had not been received she proposed waiting until it came before taking any action in the case of Frau Claus. Miss Gertrud Eaton had been privately and personally to the Germany Embassy telling the Ambassador that there were many Organisations much concerned in this particular case. The Embassy gave Miss Eaton some information and promised to make further inquiries.

174 FINANCE. It was reported that the Account Books were in the hands of the Auditor, but that the balance shown in the attached Statement of Accounts agreed with the Bank Pass Book. As soon as the signed Statement was received it would be sent to the Officers and printed in the Annual Report in readiness for the Annual Council Meetings.

The balance in the Bank on February 11th amounted to £184. 7. 5.

175 INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. The Statement of Accounts for International House was also presented, and adopted. It was agreed that the House Committee, with the Officers, should be asked to look into the question of whether it would be advisable to keep a balance of £500 in International House Account and allow the remainder to be used for the normal work of the W.I.L.

176 FEDERATION OF PROGRESSIVE SOCIETIES. Mrs. Innes reported that in the Minutes of the Committee called to arrange for a Public Meeting on Abyssinia by the above, the W.I.L. was mentioned as being 'absent.' As we had not agreed to co-operate Mrs. Innes had drawn attention to the fact that the W.I.L. should not have been mentioned and asking that its name should not be used in any statement unless co-operation had been promised. A letter of explanation and apology was reported. Agreed to take no further action.

177. THE WOMEN'S WORLD COMMITTEE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM. The Chairman reported an interview between Miss Gardiner of this Society and several members of the W.I.L. Committee, with the object of seeing if the two Societies could co-operate in each other's work. It had been felt at that interview that co-operation might be possible from time to time in specific pieces of work but not on any more general lines. The Executive endorsed this action.

178. W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Prague April 29th to May 3rd. with sub-Committees commencing on the 27th. The question of appointing Consultative Members was considered. A special need this year was for two members who would be willing to speak at meetings in Prague immediately after the Executive Committee Meetings. Mrs. Duncan Harris agreed to be one Consultative Member as she would be going to Prague for a meeting of the Peoples Mandate Committee. Miss B.M. Baker and Miss Karleen Baker agreed to consider the possibility and other members were asked to let the Office know if they felt able to attend. Miss Pye, who is an International Executive Committee Member, was doubtful about being able to go and would not know for certain until nearer the time. The decision as to who should be the second Consultative member was left to the Officers. It was agreed that half the total expenses of two people, or the full travelling expenses of one person attending the Meetings should be paid.

Agreed also to inform Gertrud Baer that Muriel Lester was expected home shortly from India, and suggest that she might be persuaded to give a week for meetings in Czecho-Slovakia.

179. INDIA. Mrs. Lankester reported (1) that Mr. Gerald Bailey hoped to get a Conference on India towards the end of March and that he was in correspondence with various people who knew the Frontier who might be willing to speak at it; (2) a Reception was being held on March 20th at the Queen Mary Hall from 5 - 6 p.m. to welcome home the British delegates from the All India Women's Conference; (3) a private interview is being arranged with the new Viceroy on behalf of the Liaison Group to make him aware of the strength of the Indian Women's Movement.

Miss Harrison reported on Mr. Nehru's meeting at Friends House, the outcome of which would probably be the calling of a Conference of interested organisations in the near future with a view to getting greater co-ordination. It was agreed that a W.I.L. representative should attend any such Conference as an observer, and report to the Executive.

It was further agreed to ask the India Committee to consider whether the W.I.L. should make any protest or suggestion concerning political prisoners in India, and to consult Miss Eaton on the subject.

180. ABYSSINIA. Mrs. Innes reported that in reply to the appeal to Branches asking them to urge the Government to press at Geneva for the immediate agreement to stop the supply of oil and petrol to Italy, the following had notified us of their action:-

Brighton, North Wales, Liverpool, Tunbridge Wells,
Edinburgh, Croydon, Bristol, Manchester, Cheltenham.

Formal acknowledgments from the Government had also been received, and also a copy of a resolution on Oil Sanctions passed by the Executive Committee of the Women's National Liberal Federation.

Liberal Federation.

Reported a letter from Gertrud Baer saying that she had heard from different quarters in Geneva and in Paris that the pressure to push through the Embargo on Oil is somewhat loosened in Great Britain at present, and asking if her information is correct.

Agreed to inform her of action taken recently in this country urging an Oil Embargo.

181 LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE. Reported the receipt from the National Peace Council of an extract from the Manchester Guardian of January 30th of the Statement of Mr. Norman Davis (the chief U.S. delegate to the Naval Conference) to the effect that the United States would be glad to see an extension of the "life" of battleships from 20 to 26 years. Enclosed also was a copy of Mr. Bailey's letter to the Press on the subject.

182 UKRAINIAN TERRORISTS IN POLAND. It was reported that shortly after the January Executive Miss Sheepshanks was appealed to by a correspondent of the Manchester Guardian to try to get a shortening of the sentences of the Ukrainians who were tried for complicity in the murder of General Pieracki. Mrs. Innes had, therefore, written to the Polish Legation urging that the sentences might be shortened, at the same time expressing thankfulness for what Poland had done in the releasing of political prisoners.

In replying to the letter on behalf of the Ambassador, the Secretary enclosed a copy of her letter to the Six Point Group on the same question, in which he said that the guilt of the twelve accused Ukrainians ~~xxxxxxx~~ has been established before the Court beyond any doubt, not only of aiding and abetting the assassins of the Polish Minister of the Interior, on June 15th, 1934, but in the organising the crime of set purpose. Miss Sheepshanks agreed to draft a letter saying that while we fully realised all the facts and did not condone terrorist murders, this particular crime belonged to a former era and now there were better relations between Poland and the Ukraine it would be in the interests of conciliation to further meet the Minority by reducing these sentences.

Miss Sheepshanks reported she had brought the matter before the Minorities Committee of the League of Nations Union.

183 PEOPLE'S MANDATE. The Chairman reported that at the Meeting in the Hague on January 22nd it had been agreed to present a Golden Book of Peace to the Governments in each country, in which different countries should have separate sheets. The Book would be presented by as representative a deputation as could be obtained in each country between the middle of May and the middle of June. It is intended to present the Golden Book, signed by the representatives of Governments who had received it, to the Assembly of the League of Nations in September, in conjunction with the evidence of support from the Western Hemispheres. The Czecho-Slovakian Section would send a deputation to its Government with the support of the International Executive when it meets in Prague. The various Embassies in Prague of those countries where work had not been possible would also be approached.

All this had been reported to America, but Miss Vernon had cabled asking ^{for} further extension of time till America was ready. Mrs. Innes had written to point out that if we delayed now we should not be ready to present it at Geneva but the Campaign would be held up for twelve months, by which time all interest would have died. Miss Vernon was being asked

if U.S.A. could send a delegate for our deputations.

184 ARRAS DEMONSTRATION. Reported that the date had been changed to April 19th. Agreed that members of the Executive should have full particulars and asked if they could arrange to go over and those Societies who had been asked to send representatives should be informed of the change of date.

185 JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL FUND. Reported that to date £70. 5. 6. had been received for the permanent Memorial. The balance in hand for the People's Mandate work amounted to £11. 11. 3, plus the 500 dollars from America, which had not yet been cleared through our Bank.

The American Women's Club in London was inviting contributions by means of a notice on their Board.

186 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Place. Mrs. Duncan Harris reported that a doubt as to the suitability of the Small Conway Hall having been raised, she had visited Conway Hall and on her own responsibility booked the Large Hall for the meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. She thought the Small Hall would be possible for the Tuesday afternoon session. The total cost, including the Hall for the Public Meeting and the Small Room for Teas and an Office would be £20. The Committee endorsed the Chairman's action.

Agenda. This was considered and the following amendments made:-

- (1) Movers of amendments as well as of resolutions should be allowed ten minutes, and seconders five minutes.
- (2) The presentation of the Annual Report should be made on Wednesday morning instead of Tuesday afternoon;
- (3) The resolutions should be numbered consecutively.

The following decisions were reached regarding resolutions:

Resolution ; (Traffic in Arms) to be moved by Miss Freda White at the end of her Survey, on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Resolution 2. Dr. Clark asked leave to withdraw this in favour of an urgency resolution.

Resolution 3. Edinburgh Branch to be asked to agree to amendments proposed.

Resolution 5, last paragraph amended to "trade and commerce which has to be observed in the Mandated territories,"

Resolution 7 Sanctions, withdrawn.

Resolution 11. Mrs. Lankester asked to consult Liverpool Branch over resolutions on India with a view to printing one resolution on Final Agenda.

Resolution 15 paragraph 3 add "India and" before "many British Colonies."

187 PUBLIC MEETING, Wednesday, March 11th. Reported that Miss Margaret Bondfield and Mr. Charles Roden Buxton would be the chief speakers, with Mrs. Eleanor Barton in the Chair. Mrs Innes agreed to give a short account of the background of the Campaign before Miss Bondfield spoke.

188 FRIENDS OF PEACE AND DISARMAMENT MOVEMENT. Reported the following proposals of the Sub-Committee:-

- (1) That the movement should be continued and extended;
- (2) that a wider distribution of the simple leaflets be attempted.

After discussion it was agreed to continue the Movement on the lines suggested by the Sub-Committee for twelve months.

It was reported that Miss Isabel Fry had offered to pay the deficit of £15. 9. 6 on the Movement Accounts. This offer the Sub-Committee had gratefully accepted on behalf of the Executive.

189 WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE.

Reported that a meeting of the Women's Peace Crusade Council was meeting on February 14th to consider whether further efforts should be made to carry on a continuous campaign or whether the organisation should remain in being ready to take emergency action should a situation arise.

Mrs. Duncan Harris was attending the meeting in place of Mrs. Innes, and Miss Marshall would also be present. They were asked to put the following to the meeting:-

- (1) that the W.P.C. should remain a skeleton organisation;
- (2) that the Executive and the Branches are of opinion that a permanent organisation would not be of use to the W.I.L., but we should be glad to co-operate in any emergency work that may arise. We foresee the need for such action when the Budget is announced if agreed action can be obtained to protest against any increase in arms expenditure.
- (3) That the W.I.L. could not help to raise funds.

190 CORRESPONDENCE:

British Commonwealth League. Agreed (1) to send two delegates to the British Commonwealth League Annual Conference on May 26th, 27th and 28th; (2) to send in resolutions on Diplomatic and Consular Services under "Women at Work in Government Services;" and on Girls Education in Africa under "Changing Africa." Mrs. Innes consented to draft the first and Mrs. McGregor Ross the second, both of which would be considered at the special Executive on March 10th.

The Six Point Group. Agreed to join with the Six Point Group in sending a letter to the Prime Minister on the Status of Women reminding him that the 16th Assembly of the League of Nations asked the Governments of the Member States to study the question in their respective countries. The Six Point Group urged that the study be undertaken at once and that the Government should invite the collaboration of the organisations concerned.

National Declaration Committee. Reported the W.I.L. was asked to give their opinion regarding the following resolution which the National Declaration Committee had passed at their last meeting:-

"That any future negotiation for peace should be carried on through the machinery of the League and not by private talks between the Ministers of two or more of its States Members.

Agreed to inform the National Declaration Committee that we have already sent resolutions to this effect to the Government and that we endorse their resolution.

Presentation to Mr. & Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Reported a letter from Miss Newsome saying that friends of Mr. & Mrs. Pethick Lawrence were desirous that they should receive some public recognition for their services in the causes of sex equality and of international goodwill. The recognition suggested is the presentation to them of their portraits which, it was hoped, would eventually hang in the National Portrait Gallery. It was hoped that the W.I.L. would allow its name to be used in sending out the Appeal.

Agreed to reply that we warmly support the idea of a presentation but suggest that the presentation should be something more definitely associated with internationalism and women, e.g. a yearly scholarship, a bursary, etc.

Council of Action. Reported an invitation from Lady Layton to appoint a Liaison Officer on to a Committee of women members of the Executive Committee and the National Council. Agreed to reply that we should be willing to send a Liaison Officer but to emphasise that it must be understood that such an appointment did not imply W.I.L. agreement with policy, and that it must at no time be quoted as in agreement. Agreed to ask Miss Sheepshanks to act as Liaison Officer.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. March 10th at 11a.m. at 55 Gower Street.

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Statement of Accounts for January 1st. - December 31st. 1935.

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>
Balance on Jan. 1st. 1935 240. 1. 9.	Rent 50. 0. 0.
Subscriptions 427. 13. 8.	Lighting & Heating 14. 4. 11.
Donations 359. 15. 4.	Office Expenses 2. 1. 2½
Affiliation Fees 35. 8. 0.	Wages 46. 10. 0.
Sale of News Sheets & Literature 63. 0. 0.	State Insurance 8. 17. 10.
Proceeds of Meetings 44. 11. 1½	Travelling Expenses 36. 12. 9.
Council Mtgs. 2. 14. 6.	Affiliation & Delegation Fees 8. 14. 2.
<u>Geneva</u>	Telephone & Postage 103. 13. 4½
Subscriptions 33. 2. 0.	Audit Fee 7. 17. 6.
Pax " 3. 17. 0.	Press Agency 4. 4. 0.
Jane Addams Pax. 1. 17. 4.	Stationery 27. 5. 0.
38. 16. 4.	Printing (including News Sheet £42. 1. 3, & Annual Report £23. 2. 10.) 129. 9. 1.
Greek & French Histories 10. 9.	Purchase of Literature 26. 17. 6½
972. 9. 8½	Office Salaries 420. 5. 0.
	Expenses of Mtgs. 83. 7. 6.
	Council Meetings 19. 10. 0.
	Grants Geneva 24. 0. 0.
	Subscriptions 33. 2. 0.
	Pax " 3. 17. 0.
	Pax 13. 10. 0.
	50. 9. 9.
	Greek & French Histories 10. 9.
	1064. 10. 4½
	Balance at Midland Bank 147. 5. 10.
	Cash in hand 15. 3.
	148. 1. 1.
	£1212. 11. 5½
	£1212. 11. 5½

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE ACCOUNT
January 1st. - December 31st. 1935.

Balance pf January 1st. 1935	Rent 225. 0. 0.
Midland Bank 94. 5. 4.	Insurance 5. 12. 1.
Co-operative Permanent Bldg Society 414. 17. 4.	Rates 101. 17. 0.
509. 2. 8.	Repairs to Railings 14. 0. 10.
Rent Received 325. 0. 0.	Repairs 5. 10. 5.
Insurance for repairs to railings 14. 0. 10.	Miscellaneous Exps. 2. 8. 0.
Interest on investment in Co-operative Permanent Bldg. Society 14. 1. 9.	Legal Charges 1. 1. 0.
353. 2. 7.	Land Tax 2. 15. 0.
£862. 5. 3.	358. 4. 4.
	Balance at Midland Bank 75. 1. 10.
	C.P.B.S. 428. 19. 1.
	504. 0. 11.
	£862. 5. 3.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
MARCH 10th. 1936 at 11 a.m. at 55 Gower Street, London W.C.1.

PRESENT Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes,
Miss Karleen Baker, Miss B. M. Baker, Miss Chick, Dr. Hilda
Clark, Miss Pye, Miss Dickinson, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Lankester,
Mrs. Hawkin, Miss Freda White, Lady Unwin, Mrs. Vipont Brown,
Miss Sheepshanks and Miss Marshall.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Thoday,
Mrs. Binyon, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Greenwood,
Mrs. Thornycroft.

191. ANNUAL REPORT. A few verbal corrections were made in
the Annual Report. Agreed that a paragraph on the Staff
and voluntary workers should be inserted.

192. RESOLUTIONS FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

- (a) Traffic in Arms: Dr. Clark asked leave to move
resolution 2 on the Agenda in an amended form.
This resolution was adopted by the Executive
Committee.
- (b) A resolution re an Amnesty for Political Prisoners
in India was submitted and the Committee agreed to
ask leave of the Council to submit same as an
urgency resolution. This to be moved by Miss
Harrison on behalf of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Mrs. Innes submitted a draft resolution on Proposed
Armaments Increase. The Committee suggested that
a paragraph be inserted with reference to Mr. Baldwin's
speech on the White Paper, and Mrs. Innes was asked
to move this as an Executive Member.
- (d) European Situation. Dr. Clark and Miss Freda White
both submitted resolutions on the European Situation,
and it was left in the hands of Dr. Clark and Miss
White either to merge these two resolutions or to
submit both to the Council as they thought best.
- (e) Italo-Abyssinian Dispute. Miss Sheepshanks reported
that she had not yet drafted this resolution. Dr.
Clark, Miss White and Miss Sheepshanks agreed to
draft same in consultation immediately at the close
of the Committee.
- (f) It was agreed that Miss Pye ask leave of the Council
to move a resolution congratulating Sir John Simon
on the stand he was taking regarding the persecution
of the Jews in the East End of London.
- (g) Mrs. Hawkin read a cutting from The ^{Morning Post} Times of March 6th.
giving an extract of a speech made by a Norwegian
Minister and it was agreed that Mrs. Hawkin put the
suggestion before the Council that a message be sent
to our Norwegian Section conveying our appreciation
of this Minister's stand for Peace.

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- (h) A letter was read from Mrs. Thornycroft suggesting that a message of sympathy be sent both to the Ethiopian and Italian women in their suffering during the present war. It was agreed that this suggestion should also come before the Council.

In this connection a message from the Ethiopian Women conveying their sympathy with the British women at the death of King George was read.

193. RESOLUTIONS FOR BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

It was agreed that the following resolutions be submitted to this Conference, subject to confirmation of the last paragraph in the resolution on Girls' Education in Africa by Mrs. McGregor Ross.

Diplomatic & Consular Services.

"This Conference of the British Commonwealth League urges the Government to open all posts in the Diplomatic and Consular Services to women on the same terms as to men. They believe that the test of admission should be the efficiency and suitable qualifications of the Candidate and that entry should not depend upon sex".

Girls' Education in Africa.

"This Annual Council of the British Commonwealth League is profoundly dissatisfied with the continued inequality as between boys and girls in provision for education in our African Colonies.

"It urges His Majesty's Government to impress on its Colonial Legislatures

- (1) the need of equality of opportunity for boys and girls in all departments of education, and
- (2) the need for adult education among women.

"It notes with much satisfaction the successful work for girls and women, already accomplished at the Prince of Wales College, Achimota, the Jeanes School in Kenya, and at many notable mission schools aided by Government grants."

referred ----- of the new Executive
At the meeting at 6 p.m. it was agreed that the next Executive Committee Meeting should be on March 31st. at 11 a.m.

B. Duncan Harris

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, March 31st. 1936
at 55 Gower Street, London W.C. 1. from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Duncan Harris, in the Chair, Miss Anderson
Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Chick, Miss Dickinson,
Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Innes,
Mrs. Lankester, Miss Marshall, Miss Pye, Miss Sheepshanks,
Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Thornycroft, Lady Unwin, Mrs. Philip Unwin,
Miss Freda White.

194. ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN:

The following were unanimously re-elected:

Chairman: Mrs. Duncan Harris

Vice Chairmen: Mrs. Vipont Brown and Miss Edith Pye.

On taking the Chair Mrs. Duncan Harris welcomed the new members to the Committee.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Clark, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss B.M. Baker, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Rinder.

MINUTES of meetings held on February 11th. and March 10th. were confirmed, after the adoption of a few amendments.

195 BUSINESS ARISING:

Ukrainian Terrorists. Reported that a second letter, dated 14th. February, had been sent to the Polish Embassy emphasising that the W.I.L. did not condone terrorist crime, and expressing the hope that the better relations between the Polish Government and the Ukrainian Minority begun by the recent amnesty might be further strengthened by an act of clemency in reducing the life sentences of the Ukrainians tried for complicity in the murder of General Pieracki. This letter was formally acknowledged on 22nd. February.

Liaison Officer for Council of Action for Peace and Reconstruction. Miss Sheepshanks being unable to act as Liaison Officer Mrs. Hunter consented to do so.

British Commonwealth League Annual Conference, May 26th/28th. 1936. The following agreed to attend as part time delegates if this were allowed:-

Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Harrison, Miss Sheepshanks. As a non-affiliated Society we are only entitled to 2 delegates.

Equal Rights. Miss Harrison asked that time be given to the consideration of this subject at the May Executive and agreed to collect material on the present position. Agreed.

196. FINANCE. The attached Statement of Accounts was adopted.

197. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Reported that though the licence to underlet and to make the required alterations had not been received, the tenants had taken possession of the Maisonette, with the approval of Mr. Barrs Davies, our Solicitor.

198. ELECTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES. the following were appointed.

India Committee: Miss Anderson, Miss K. Baker, Miss Dickinson, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Polak, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Joyce Tarring, Miss Patterson Dame Katherine Furse, and the Officers ex officio

Publicity Committee. Miss Karleen Baker, Dr. Clark, Miss Chick, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Paul Sturge, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Anthony (subject to her consent) and the Officers ex-officio

Agreed that a letter expressing great appreciation of her work on this Committee should be sent to Miss Mosa Anderson, who had withdrawn on account of pressure of work.

International House Committee. Miss Chick, Mrs. Binyon, Dr. Clark, Miss Dickinson, and the Officers ex officio

Friends of Peace & Disarmament Committee:
Miss Hayes, Miss Fry, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Chick, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Baker, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Thornycroft, and the Officers ex-officio

Native Races Committee.
Miss Anderson, Dr. Clark, Miss Marshall, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Charles Robertson and the Officers ex-officio

199. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS. Reported receipt of (1) formal acknowledgments of resolutions; (2) excellent Press notices.

Agreed that the resolution on Coronation Ceremonies should be sent to the Earl Marshall (Duke of Norfolk,) the HomeOffice and the Lord Chamberlain .

The resolution on Political Prisoners had been sent to the Viceroy of India and to the Private Secretary of the King, expressing the hope that he would bring it to the notice of the King.

200. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. Miss White opened a discussion on the present European situation after which the following resolution was ADOPTED:

" The Women's International League believes that the present crisis can only be relieved by a far-reaching policy of support for international order. With this end in view, they beg to put the following suggestion before His Majesty's Government:

- (1) Britain should assure France of the closest co-operation in re-establishment of the authority of treaty law in return for the whole-hearted support by France for Sanctions against the continued aggression of Italy in Abyssinia. The first measure should be the application of the oil sanction to Italy.
- (2) The Women's International League deprecates the diplomacy which involves military alliances.

- (3) The Women's International League welcomes the British proposal of a Conference to consider all proposals for the establishment of peace. Great Britain should propose measures which would ensure the application of the Covenant in case of a violation of peace whether in Western or Eastern Europe. The Report of the League Committee of Thirteen (dated May 1935) on the organisation of Sanctions, short of food blockade, should be seriously considered. Great Britain should also propose plans for disarmament. She should offer expert and impartial investigation into every specific grievance against the status quo raised by any State.

This policy, taken as a whole, should be pursued as combining a system of security under the League Covenant, open to all States on the basis of equality, with disarmament, and the establishment of justice as the basis of peace."

AGREED to send this to the Government and the Branches, and that an adaptation of (2) and (3) should be sent to the International Executive Committee.

201. W.I.L.P.F. ACTION re EUROPEAN SITUATION. A long discussion took place on the action of the International Chairmen in sending their letter of March 16th. to Mr. Bruce, President of the Council of the League of Nations, when Germany took occupation of the Rhineland. The letter was as appended. This appeared in part in the Manchester Guardian of March 17th. and Mrs. Innes therefore wrote to the Manchester Guardian as appended. This appeared on March 19th.

Miss Sheepshanks and Miss Marshall put forward proposals which were carefully considered, after which the following decisions were reached:-

- I. "The British Section of the W.I.L.P.F. recalling its efforts for many years to secure such an amendment of the Constitution of the W.I.L.P.F. as would ensure that no international action of a controversial nature should be taken without the consent of all the Sections, and firmly convinced that only by such amendment can proper democratic control of policy be secured;

is confirmed in its conviction of the urgency of carrying out a reform of the Constitution, by the recent action of the International Executive in issuing a statement on the present crisis in spite of being informed that the policy therein expressed was strongly opposed by the British Section.

The British Section demands:

- (1) that an undertaking be given by the International Executive Committee that pending a Congress at which the Constitution shall be considered, no international action of a controversial nature shall be taken without the consent of all Sections.

- (2) that if the International Executive Committee is unwilling to adopt the course of action set forth under (1), the British Section shall immediately consult other Sections as to advisable ~~action~~ if united action ~~proved~~ This would not ~~unobtainable.~~ preclude isolated action if united action proves unobtainable.

II. "The the British Section of the W.I.L.P.F. should ask for urgency at the forthcoming International Executive Committee Meeting for the following resolutions:

1. "That the letter of March 16th. 1936, sent by the Chairmen of the W.I.L.P.F. to the President of the Council of the League of Nations gives support to methods which
 - (a) conflict with Congress decisions of the W.I.L.P.F. since the use is recommended of 'every resource of moral, political and economic pressure' without excluding food blockade;
 - (b) conflict with the principles and spirit of the W.I.L.P.F., since in recommending 'the application of economic and financial Sanctions if the German troops do not evacuate the demilitarized zone by a certain date' and the postponement of negotiations until this has been done, support is given to the method of ultimatum and threat as a preliminary to negotiations - a method which we have again and again condemned as fatal to peace."
2. "That in sending the letter of March 16th. 1936, to the President of the Council of the League of Nations without consultation with the National Sections, the Chairmen of the W.I.L.P.F. were acting unconstitutionally, since
 - (a) communication with the National Sections was neither 'impossible' nor 'dangerous'.
 - (b) the application of the League principles in the present international situation is not 'clear' or 'simple'."
3. "That the W.I.L.P.F. shall set up a Committee to prepare proposals in relation to the coming International Conference which has been suggested by the Locarno Powers, and that National Sections be invited to send in nominations of persons to be asked to serve on this Committee. "

W.I.L.P.F. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AT PRAGUE.

The following were appointed Consultative Members:-
Mrs. Duncan Harris and Miss Marshall.

It was agreed to send the following resolution to the Committee:-

"The Executive Committee of the W.I.L.P.F. seeing grave dangers in the existence of imperialist systems in which the interests of the natives are not established as the first claim and in which economic advantages are exploited for sectional interests;

Advocates the extension of the Mandates system to all colonial territories and the encouragement by all the machinery of administration, of preparation for self-government;

And invites the Governments, through the League of Nations, to call a World Conference to deal with the whole subject of the redistribution of raw materials and the opening of markets.

COST OF "PAX". Reported that in future the cost of Pax would be $\frac{3}{4}$ per annum instead of $\frac{2}{6}$. All Headquarter Members paying a subscription of $\frac{7}{6}$ or over received a copy from the British Section which necessitated ordering 275 copies of each issue. These copies had up to the present cost £2. 3. 7. They would now cost £7. 9. 0. In answer to the question as to whether the Office was to continue sending them at the increased cost, it was AGREED to ask members if they would increase their subscription to cover increased cost and that all members subscribing under 10/- would not in future receive it.

202. ITALY ABYSSINIAN DISPUTE. It was agreed that Branches and Headquarter Members should be urged to write to Mr. Eden and their Members of Parliament protesting against the breaking of Treaties and the bombing of open towns, and the use of poison gas, pointing out that Italy signed the Poison Gas Treaty. They should also ask that at the League of Nations the question of refusing oil to Italy should be raised, and reference should be made to the importance of abolishing air warfare.

A suggestion from Miss Fye that Low, the Cartoonist, should be asked to make a cartoon representing the use of poison gas and bombing which could be printed on postcards for distribution through the W.I.L.P.F. Sections to the Mayors of important Italian towns, was considered. Miss Dickinson and Miss Marshall undertook to make inquiries whether this action would endanger the Mayors in any way. Lady Unwin and Miss Fye were asked to consider the matter as regards the safety of the Italians and the cost of the postcards. The question was put to the vote and lost, but Miss Fye was to be asked to give further information at the next meeting of the Executive.

The Secretary reported a letter from Mrs. Edith Bones urging women's organisations to call a mass meeting of women to protest against Italy's barbarities to women and children. Agreed to ask the Women's Peace Crusade to take up the idea and to promise them our support if they decided to organise a meeting.

203. INDIA Mrs. Lankester reported (1), that the members of the India Committee are being invited to attend the Conference on Frontier Defence on April 7th. at the Baptist Church House, Southampton Row: (2) that a meeting for Miss Muriel Lester was being held on April 3rd. at 4.30, organised jointly by the India Committee and the Indian Conciliation Group.

204. COMMISSION ON THE MUI TSAI SYSTEM.

Reported an invitation from the British Commonwealth League to appoint a representative on a Deputation to the Chairman of the recently appointed Commission on the Mui Tsai, which Commission sails on April 16th. Miss Harrison was to be asked to represent the W.I.L.

205. PEOPLES' MANDATE.

Reported (1) cables received from Miss Vernon, organiser of the Campaign in U.S.A. urging delay of presentation of Mandate for one year; (2) visit to London of Madame Drevet to consult the Joint Chairmen; (3) Letter to Miss Balch suggesting that the presentation to National Governments should take place as the countries decide themselves, that information should be sent to other Governments about the progress in other countries, and that the whole should unite with America in a grand presentation at Geneva. We assured her that our Committee is ready to go on working with the American Committee as far as possible, but warned her that money was not coming in and our supply would be exhausted at the end of May.

The Committee endorsed this letter.

(4) Letter from Hungary reporting the collection, in spite of great difficulties, of 10,619 signatures to date; (5) the balance in hand of the Mandate Fund was £49.15. 0. and that of the Jane Addams Fund amounted to £89. 4. 0.

206. CORRESPONDENCE

(1) British Section of Women's Committee Against War and Fascism. invited us to join them in a Statement on the Government's Defence Proposals, and requested copies of resolutions or statements we had issued. Agreed not to accept their invitation to make a joint Statement, but to send them copies of our own pronouncements.

(2) Reported Mrs. Dixon Davies had invited W.I.L. members to a meeting at her house on March 25th. to hear Mrs. Esther Fahmy Wissa of Alexandria on "The Present Situation in Egypt." Agreed to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Dixon Davies.

(3) Australian Section. Reported greetings from Miss Eleanor Moore, Secretary of this Section.

(4) Agreed that the letter from the Anti-Slavery Society dated 27th. February, should come before the next meeting of the Committee at which Mrs. McGregor Ross will be present as she has comments to make on certain paragraphs.

(5) Women's Peace Crusade. Letters were read dated March 18th. and 26th. respectively and attention was drawn to two memoranda on (1) the Government Defence Proposals, (2) The International Crisis and two resolutions to the Government (a) urging every effort to be used to bring about a peaceful solution of the present situation, to be followed by a World Conference, (b) calling upon the Government to support the appeals of the Ethiopian people at the League Council and urging that the application of economic sanctions be continued and the adoption of the oil sanction be no longer delayed

(3) a plea to protest against the use by Italy of poison gas arising out of the telegram from the daughter of the Empress of Ethiopia to Lady Gladstone describing the terrible results of the gas attacks. Miss Baker was asked to put a note of this in the next News Sheet, if possible.

(6) Reported receipt of a copy of a letter urging disarmament from Dutch women to the Statesmen of Holland.

(7) Reported an invitation to join the International Association for Social Progress, which was once the International Association for Labour Legislation. Agreed not to join but to put a notice in the News Sheet in order to give individuals an opportunity to support it if they wished.

(8) Joint Standing Committee and Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations. Reported the amalgamation of these two Committees on 21st. January 1936.

207. OTHER BUSINESS. Reported the following meetings were being held under the auspices of :-

The Association for Moral & Social Hygiene, 50th. Anniversary of the Repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts, 1886 on 23rd. and 24th. April.

The No More War Movement, May Day Conference, May 1st. in the Memorial Hall, E.C. 4.

International Women's Week, Budapest from July 8th. to 15th.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 21st. at 55 Gower Street.

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COPY of letter sent by Madame Ragaz and Miss Baer, Joint Chairmen of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom to Mr. Bruce, President of the Council of the League of Nations, dated March 16th.1936.

Sir,

The Chairmen of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom consider the occupation of the demilitarized Zone by troops of the Third Reich not only as a violation of the Treaties, but as a serious threat to the Peace of Europe.

The moral standing of the League of Nations deeply shaken already by Italy's act of aggression, will be definitely destroyed if the League capitulates before this flagrant assault.

They, therefore, ask you to urge the Members of the Council of the League of Nations assembled in London to:-

- 1) solemnly state the violation of the Treaties,
- 2) demand the withdrawal of the German troops from the demilitarized zone,
- 3) recommend to States Members of the League of Nations the application of economic and financial Sanctions if the German troops do not evacuate the demilitarized Zone by a certain date.

The Chairmen of the W.I.L.P.F. formally declare that they repudiate military Sanctions and therefore do not wish to see the League of Nations to curb military violence by military violence.

They demand, however, that every resource of moral, political and economic pressure be collectively applied to maintain the principles of the Treaties.

The Chairmen of the W.I.L.P.F. trust that after evacuation of the demilitarized territories negotiations will become possible, Such negotiations ought - by the world wide desire of the peoples - now lead to simultaneous and controlled disarmament, but not to an increased armaments race.

We remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Clara Ragaz, Gertrud Baer
Joint Chairmen.

Copy of letter from Mrs. Innes to the Editor of the
Manchester Guardian, dated March 17th.1936.

Sir,

The report in the "Manchester Guardian" of the letter on the European crisis, sent to the League Council by the international chairmen of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom expresses the point of view of a majority of the International Executive, and no doubt its drastic proposals reflect the intense anxiety, especially among the peoples of the Continent, at the threat to peace through a violation of the Treaty of Locarno.

The British section dissents from the point of view taken. While agreeing with the International Executive in condemning the violation of a treaty, it feels that the only wise course to pursue is not to react to the situation by threats of sanctions and penal action, but to explore every possible avenue of approach to a constructive peace, including examination of the German proposals, and a return to negotiation for the achievement of measures of disarmament by agreement.

Yours etc.

(signed) K. E. INNES,
Hon. Secretary, Women's Inter-
national League, British Section.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement for January and February 1936.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Balance	148. 0. 1.	Salaries	74. 5. 0.
Subscriptions	109.12. 6.	Wages	8. 3. 4.
Donations	22. 6. 0.	Office Expenses	5.10. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Affiliation		Travelling "	5.19. 4.
Fees	4.15. 9.	Stationery	6. 6.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sale of News		Printing	9.16. 9.
Sheet & Lit-		News Sheets &	
erature	7.12. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Literature	
Geneva		purchased	9.15. 5.
Subscriptions		Postage &	
12.2.0.		telephone	29. 1. 2.
Fax "	3.5.0.	State Insurance	1.14. 2.
		<u>Meetings</u>	
	15. 7. 0.	Jan.Cttee	7. 6.
		Public Mtg. on	
	<u>159.13.11$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	Mandate	1. 5. 0.
		<u>Geneva</u>	
		subscriptions	
		12.2. 0.	
		Fax	5. 8.7.
			<u>17.10. 7.</u>
			169.15. 2.
		Balance at Midland	
		Bank	132.17. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Cash in hand	5. 1. 2.
			<u>137.18.10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
			<u>£307.14. 0$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Approximate Statement for March 1 - 28th.1936.

Balance	137.18.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	33. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	176. 6. 6.	Wages	3.10. 0.
Donations	17.10. 6.	Insurance	6.10.
Affiliation		Office Expenses	1.19. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fees	10. 0. 0.	Rent	12.10. 0.
News Sheets &		Printing	16. 8. 0.
Literature		News Sheets &	
Sales	3.19. 3.	Literature	
Public Meeting		purchased	6.12. 7.
on Mandate		Stationery	2.16. 0.
Collection	6. 2. 2.	Telephone &	
Geneva		Postage	9.10. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Subscriptions		Audit Fee	7.17. 6.
2. 0. 0.		Affiliation Fee	10. 6.
Fax	2. 6.	Lighting & Heat:	2. 8. 2.
		Council Meetings	22. 1.11.
		Public Mtg.on	
	207.10.11.	Mandate	7. 5. 6.
		<u>Geneva</u>	
		Subscriptions	
		2.0.0.	
		Fax	1.0.0.
			<u>3. 0. 0.</u>
			129.17. 1.
		Balance at Bank	
			214.15. 1.
		Cash in hand	17. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
			<u>215.12. 8$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
			<u>£345. 9. 9$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday,
April 21st, 1936, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 55
Gower Street, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Dr. Clark,
Mrs. Sturge, Lady Unwin, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Thoday, Miss
Chick, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Thornycroft,
Miss Sheepshanks, Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Pye, Miss
Harrison, Mrs. Innes, Miss Dickinson, Miss Anderson.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Vipont
Brown, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Rinder, Miss
Freda White, *Mrs. Lancaster.*

MINUTES of meeting on 31st March were confirmed after
the following correction had been made to Minute 201
top of page 4, line 5:-

after the word "advisable" insert "united action.
This would not preclude isolated action if united
action proves unobtainable."

208. BUSINESS ARISING.

1. Reported formal acknowledgments from the Gov-
ernments and letters from Headquarter Members and
Branches concerning the resolution on the Present
European Situation dated 31st March.

2. Miss Harrison reported on the Deputation to
the Mui Tsai Commission on April 3rd. She had urged
the idea of representation of responsible Chinese
opinion through Chinese assessors. The Committee
endorsed Miss Harrison's suggestion (The report of
the deputation is in the Office files for reference).

3. Jane Addams Photograph, Miss Dickinson pre-
sented suggestions for framing ^{this} and after considera-
tion Mrs. Unwin agreed to help Miss Dickinson and Mrs.
Binyon in the final arrangements,

4. Reported a formal acknowledgment from Lord
Cromer of the Council resolution on the Coronation
Ceremonies, and a letter from the Earl Marshal's Sec-
retary saying that it would be put before the Earl
Marshal when the arrangements are being considered.

209 W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, PRAGUE,
April, 1936.

Reported a letter from the International Chair-
men to National Sections deprecating the action of
the British Section in sending the National Sections
the resolutions passed by the Executive Committee at
its meeting on 31st March, which will be discussed
at the Prague Meetings. Miss Pye had gone to Paris
to meet Gertrud Baer, Frau Ragaz and Madame Duchene
where they had discussed whether the resolutions should
be circulated as they had reached the Geneva Office
after 1st April, the last date on which resolutions
should have been received. It was explained that our
Executive did not meet until 31st March. Miss Pye
realised that the Geneva Office could not be expected
to duplicate and circulate all the correspondence re-
ceived on the subject to National Sections and had

said that the British Section would send its resolutions to Sections before the meeting.

The Chairmen's letter also referred to a letter from Miss Balch to the President of the Council of the League of Nations dated 25th July in which she had used the phrase "every resource of moral, political and economic pressure." They asked if exception were to be taken to the phrase used by Miss Balch when used by other Officers. Miss Balch had sent the letter after consultation with the Officers only. Miss Pye and Miss Sheepshanks assumed that copies of it would have been sent to the National Sections at the time. Mrs. Innes explained that no trace of it could be found in the Office files and it had not been brought to the notice of the Executive either because it had never been received, or if it had been received pressure of other business had crowded it out at an Executive Meeting.

Dr. Clark pointed out that the essential point of our complaint was the Chairmen urging a policy in one of the most critical situations ever faced since the war without consultation with the Sections. The Constitution is not met by consulting the Executive Committee and acting by majority. At the Zurich Congress it was agreed that action should not be taken without consulting National Sections unless it was impossible or dangerous. The Constitutional point is one that must be insisted upon.

Miss Pye said that Gertrud Baer would report on Political Activities on Wednesday, April 29th. This would be followed by a survey on the international political situation by a British member and Madame Duchene and then comments from Consultative Members would be given.

The Officers had asked Miss Marshall to give the survey on the international political situation based on Notes she had prepared for the consideration of the Executive, if they were approved. Mrs. Duncan Harris will give the British attitude as required at the Committee.

Mrs. Innes reported a letter from the Czech-Slovak Peace Committee, representing 36 Pacifist, Cultural and Progressive Associations, concerning the entry of German troops into the Rhineland, and urging English friends to be aware of the situation of Czechoslovakia and the other small States who are faced with the prospect of giving up their independence and dearly won freedom. The letter said that the widespread conception in England that the proposals made by Hitler are designed to serve peace are false. The conception, they feel, is due to the distance we are from the Continent. The danger comes from the present German regime and not from the German people. They further urge English friends to adopt all the measures which collective security can pursue.

It was felt that the views of the Czech-Slovak Peace Committee probably represented a generally-held opinion on the Continent. The British Section agrees as to the danger of bilateral Pacts and regional Pacts generally. Our position is a difficult one because we cannot wholly support Article 16, but when it is a question of taking the next step we shall be on less dangerous ground in supporting the Covenant than in supporting bilateral Pacts. Dr. Clark reminded the Committee that the Editorial Notes in the April News

Sheet showed we appreciated the danger.

Dr. Clark feels that the only basis of security from the point of view of the world in general is to limit armaments and to have a supervisory commission to control them, and that certain economic measures should be taken in the event of a Treaty being infringed. Miss Sheepshanks spoke of the attractions in Germany to the young people of this country who visited Germany, which she believed accounted for a certain amount of British support of Hitler's proposals.

Proposals to be considered at the W.I.L.P.F. Committee Meetings were then discussed. With regard to Madame Drevet's proposal on COLONIAL PROBLEMS it was agreed that the British Section would support the resolution. Attention will be drawn to our own resolution on the subject of COLONIAL PROBLEMS when a resolution put forward by the Swedish Section is discussed.

With regard to proposals for a REFORM OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, it was agreed that the suggestion should be made that Sections should study the question of reform of the League in view of the changed situation and the experience of the last 16 years, and bring proposals to the next Congress.

The British Section's resolution on the ECONOMIC WORLD SITUATION, and in paragraph No. (3) suggest the word "disabused" instead of "cured."

Miss B.M. Baker agreed to prepare a short memorandum as the British Section's contribution to the discussion on the FOUNDATION OF A COMMITTEE FOR PEACE EDUCATION. Agreed to put the Austrian Section in touch with Miss Baker.

The British Section's attitude in regard to SANCTIONS was shown in recent pronouncements and resolutions. Miss Marshall asked for advice on the Section's attitude regarding Article 16, Section 4:-

("Any Member of the League which has violated any Covenant of the League may be declared to be no longer a Member of the League by a vote of the Council concurred in by the Representatives of all the other Members of the League represented thereon").

Should we urge our Government to press for the application of this Clause in the Covenant? Agreed to leave the Consultative Members free on this point as no decision had been made.

Mrs. Thoday put forward a resolution regarding Sanctions, as a basis for discussion, after which the following was adopted:-

"In view of Italy's defiance of her League obligations, the British Section of the Women's International League urges His Majesty's Govern-

ment at the meeting of the Council in May, to put forward a definite proposal that oil, coal and steel Sanctions be imposed - (and nickel if not already imposed). It further urges that, in accordance with Article 16 of the Covenant of the League of Nations Ambassadors should be withdrawn."

It was agreed that the sending of this resolution should be left to the discretion of the Officers, if they deemed it expedient before May 11th.

Arising out of Miss Marshall's Notes on the International Political Situation created by Hitler's denunciation of the Locarno Treaty and the re-militarisation of the Rhineland, a letter was read from Miss White containing helpful comments and suggestions. A discussion on the Notes then took place.

It was agreed that ~~SANCTIONS must not be put into operation for the prevention of war; that Articles 8, 19, and 11 of the Covenant should be used more; before considering further plans for Sanctions the first step should be to secure the application of the Sanctions already agreed upon.~~

210. INDIA. Miss Harrison reported on the Conference organised by the National Peace Council in collaboration with the W.I.L. India Committee and the Indian Conciliation Group, on the question of the bombing on the North West Frontier. At the N.P.C. Executive meeting on 23rd April a Committee will be appointed to explore the situation further. Our representatives on the Council were asked to put forward again the proposal that these problems should be included in the Programme of the N.P.C. Congress at Leeds in July, in its discussion on Empire.

Miss Harrison reported letters from (1) the King's Private Secretary saying that our resolution on Political Prisoners in India had been sent to the Secretary of State, Home Office, for submission to His Majesty; (2) the India Office saying that the resolution had been laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Miss Harrison suggested that a resolution on the subject might be sent from the International Committee at Prague to the new Viceroy and the India Office in this Country.

211. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Karleen Baker reported that Headquarter Members had been sent three membership forms with a request to try to get new members, and that a similar letter was going to Branches for their information and possible action. Mrs. Duncan Harris urged Executive Members to use the Form to obtain new members. She had found it very helpful in interesting people in our work.

212. PEOPLES MANDATE. The Chairman reported that the "Golden Book" would be ready for the Mandates Committee in Prague. It was proposed that a contribution be made from the British Section.

Reported that Miss Sutherland of the Women's Section of the Labour Party had been informed by us that the International Trades Union Federation had endorsed the Mandate in Paris. She had been asked again if the Women's Section

Not sent

the Mandate would endorse/and had replied that the letter will have to be placed before the Executive Committee of the Party.

The Branches of the National British Women's Total Abstinence Union throughout the country have been circularised this week.

The balance in hand for the Peoples Mandate is £12. 4. 6. and that for the Jane Addams Fund £93. 12. 6.

213. FINANCE. The Treasurer presented the attached Statement of Accounts which was adopted. She hoped that the Campaign to enrol new members would result in an increased balance. After the meetings at Prague she thought she might send a letter to Headquarter members and to Branches.

214. CORRESPONDENCE. The following letters were dealt with:-

(1) from Lady Harris of the Women's International Boycot to Prevent War urging women not to buy anything from Italy and Japan. Mrs. Innes had replied that the W.I.L. does not feel it can support a boycott but individuals are free to do as they like. This reply was endorsed.

(2) from the British Section of Women's World Committee against War and Fascism, informing us of a demonstration in Trafalgar Square on May 17th. Agreed to make this known.

(3) from the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations, announcing a Tea Reception on May 15th in honour of Dr. Georgina Sweet, who has been President of the Joint Standing Committee in Australia. Tickets 1/6d. The W.I.L. had been asked to be responsible for selling eight.

(4) from Edith Roberts, suggesting the issue of a stamp in this country in aid of Armenian refugees. Miss Pye said efforts had been made to get our Government to do this. Mrs. Innes agreed to answer this letter.

(5) from the Birmingham Branch Secretary, suggesting that the W.I.L. should be identified in the Protest against Italy's criminal methods of warfare, issued in the Manchester Guardian of April 7th, 1936. Mrs. Innes had written to explain that owing to the speed with which the letter was prepared and to the fact that our representative on the Women's Advisory Council of the League of Nations Union had not been able to attend the meeting, the W.I.L. had been omitted. She thought no purpose would be served now in asking to be associated since the letter is finished with. After discussion Mrs. Innes was asked to send a letter to the Manchester Guardian and a copy of the Women's Advisory Council associating the W.I.L. with the protest, and connecting our taking action now with the definite pronouncement of the League Council that Italy has broken the Covenant. Agreed to send a copy to the Italian and Abyssinian Ministers in London.

(6) from the Women's Peace Crusade, embodying a Statement to the President of the Council of the League

of Nations on Germany's action in sending troops to the Rhineland.

215. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Mrs. Paul Sturge brought greetings from Lilli Pollatz of Haarlen, formerly of Dresden. She drew attention to a children's pamphlet printed and issued in Germany called "Die Weisse Feder" the only peace paper circulated in Germany. Mrs. Sturge was asked to reciprocate greetings.

Miss Harrison, on behalf of the Committee, expressed thanks and appreciation to the Consultative Members for attending the Prague International Executive Meetings.

B. Duncan Harris

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH 29th. to
APRIL 20th. 1936 inclusive.

Balance	215.12. 8½	Salaries	27.15.0.
Subscriptions	16.18. 0.	Wages	2.12.6.
Donations	1. 0. 0.	Insurance	12. 5.
News Sheets & Literature	6. 4.	Office Expenses	18.3.
		Postage & Wires	8.13.3.
		News Sheets & Lit- erature purchased	1. 2.5.
<u>Geneva</u>		Stationery	1. 3.6.
Subscriptions	1. 0. 0.	Travelling Expenses	2.14. 0.
Pax "	2. 6.	Delegates Fees	9. 0.
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		Balance at Midland	
		Bank	187.13. 0.
		Cash in hand	1. 6. 2½
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OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Annual Reports	26.15. 0.
Geneva Subs. & Pax.	1. 5. 0.
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Balance £160.19. 2½

Cheques sent to Geneva,	
for Printing of Mandate Page	114 Swiss Francs
" Affiliation Fee	50 " "

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, May 12th, 1936, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 55 Gower Street, W.C.1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Sheepshanks, Miss Harrison, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Lady Unwin, Miss Dickinson, Miss Pye, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Thornycroft.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Sturge, Miss B.M. Baker, Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Marshall, who was detained in Prague by ill-health.

MINUTES of meeting held on April 21st were confirming, having previously been circulated.

216. BUSINESS ARISING:

Membership Campaign. Representatives from the Manchester, Golders Green and North Wales Branches reported plans for getting new members or groups, while Headquarters had obtained 36 new members since the 20th April. Many Branches had ordered the membership form and it was hoped that in the near future reports would be received of new members secured.

Mrs. Hodgkin of Broxbourne had forwarded proposals by Mrs. Grey and Mrs. Pollard for a simpler women's peace movement, and Mrs. Innes and Mrs. Duncan Harris were meeting them to discuss the plans and to try to get their co-operation in the work of the W.I.L. Another proposal had been received suggesting that women should unite to declare "that they do not wish for military protection."

It was reported that "Dick" Sheppard's Peace Movement was being thrown open to women. It was agreed to ask him how he proposed to keep in close co-operation with existing peace societies, as indicated in an article in "Peace" by General Crozier.

217. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was passed. The Treasurer pointed out that the balance of £103.18.6 would not last long and that efforts to raise money would need to be made shortly. The Officers, Miss Dickinson, Miss Baker, Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. Sturge (subject to her consent) were appointed to serve on a Committee to consider money-raising plans. They had power to co-opt other members.

218. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Reported a balance in hand of £404. 11. 6d.

219. W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PRAGUE, May 1936. Mrs. Duncan Harris and Miss Pye reported on the proceedings of this Committee Meeting at which 31 members were present. They spoke highly of the way in which the Czech Section made arrangements for the meetings, and of their reception of the Executive Committee. They reported big propaganda meetings organised in Reichenberg, ^{Gablonz} Carlsbad and Brun numbering up to 3,000 in the audience at which sometimes women of fifteen different nations took part. A broadcast by four members of the W.I.L.P.F. had also been given.

Gertrud Baer had given a report on the position of the W.I.L.P.F. Twenty one Sections had paid their affiliation fees up to and including 1935. Greece had not paid since 1927 and Haiti had never paid. These two last countries will

be warned they may be removed from the list of Sections on account of their inactivity. Miss Pye also reported that Gertrud Baer had been successful in recovering over 14,000 Swiss francs of money owing to the W.I.L.P.F. and as a consequence the budget was a balanced one and even showed a surplus.

Application for membership had been received from Egypt, Honduras and San Salvador, and subject to their constitution conforming to the W.I.L.P.F. rules they will be admitted provisionally at the September Executive Committee.

Reports were also given on questions of finance, Pax and the Maison Internationale. It was agreed that the latter should be open through the summer for guests and in the autumn should be given up, and the work moved to more convenient offices. Miss Baer had made a summary of some of the many letters which had been received in Geneva from the Sections, arising out of the letter sent to them from the British Section. In this had been embodied the resolutions the British Section were putting forward at Prague, including the notice that at the Committee our Consultative members would ask that an undertaking be given by the International Executive Committee that, pending a Congress at which the Constitution shall be considered, no international action of a controversial nature shall be taken without the consent of all Sections. The following summary gives the attitude of the Sections towards the action of the Chairmen in sending their letter to the President of the Council of the League of Nations when Germany entered the Rhineland.

<u>In favour of action.</u>	<u>Opposed to action.</u>	<u>Divided.</u>
Germany.	Sweden, with one exception.	France.
Czecho-Slovakia (but were not united)	Norway.	Austria.
	Tunis.	U.S.A.
Hungary.	Bulgaria.	
	Holland.	
	Poland.	
Switzerland.	Finland.	
	Great Britain.	

After discussion Miss Balch moved the following amendment:-

"In view of the letter of March 16th, 1936, sent by the International Chairmen of the W.I.L.P.F. to the President of the Council of the League of Nations the Executive Committee calls attention to the provisions of the Constitution contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Art. IV, and notes that the word "impossible" must be understood in its literal sense, and that in regard to the last clause of par. 5, the application of the League principles is "not clear" when such application is disputed by any member of the Executive Committee or by any member of the Executive Committee or by any National Section."

The British members moved the following addendum:

"We ask the Chairmen to agree that action on such questions be taken only with the agreement of all Sections."

This addendum was not accepted on the grounds that it touched upon an alteration to the Constitution and was therefore out

of order. It was asserted that consultation with Australia, the U.S.A., etc. would prevent action. The amendment was lost, 14 for, 16 against, the two Chairmen voting against. The Norwegian member was not present when the voting took place but would have voted for the amendment.

On account of the Chairmen's conception of their autocratic powers, Miss Pye sent in her resignation from the International Executive Committee. On receiving this the two Chairmen also resigned. These resignations put the Committee in a very serious difficulty, for their acceptance meant that there was no one to carry on the work at Geneva until the next Congress. Miss Birch, the new administrative Secretary was new to the work and would be unable to continue without help and advice.

Many plans were considered which would give the British Section a substantial guarantee that in future such action as was taken by the Chairmen should not occur again, and finally, it was agreed to appoint Madame Ramondt Hirschmann to act as third Chairman. This the British representatives considered as the most substantial guarantee that could be given because action cannot be taken without the unanimous agreement of the Chairmen. Madame Ramondt accepted, fully realising the importance of her position. Madame Duchene was strongly opposed to this course and her criticism directed particularly towards Miss Pye, alienated her from the rest of the Committee. Fraulein Heymann at one stage stated that if the British Section withdrew, there were other groups in England who would co-operate with the W.I.L.P.F.

Mrs. Duncan Harris pointed out that there were two distinct currents of thought operating within the W.I.L.P.F., one inspired by the communist mentality to work "against Fascism" by any and every means, the other the really pacifist trend of thought which sought to find a constructive solution on really peaceful lines even in the difficulties of the present time. The result of the discussion over the action of the International Chairmen in demanding instant and unqualified economic and financial sanctions against Germany because of her occupation of the Rhineland, had revealed a substantial majority of the sections to be working on really pacifist lines. She said that in her view the substance of the British request for a guarantee against future action of a like character to the disputed letter had been obtained in the appointment of a third Chairman who shared the British point of view to a very great extent. The two Chairmen had refused to give any such undertaking, but she was sure that they had realised that the bulk of the League had not been behind them, and that they would not again take such action. The Committee had been sympathetic with the British Section and had made real effort to meet the point of view.

Miss Pye withdrew her resignation on the appointment of Madame Ramondt as Third Chairman.

Miss Pye agreed that the British Section did not get absolute security but it was the best they could do for the moment and that there was a definite advance in the Committee. Renewed efforts must be made at the next Congress.

A discussion followed this report, several members expressing the view that the British Section had not achieved the substance of its resolution and that the appointment of a third Chairman until the next Congress did not meet the difficulty. They thought the other Sections should be approached

with a view to further action.

Mrs. Innes reported that she had before her a letter already drafted to the Sections and she suggested a draft should be prepared for next Executive. It was agreed to put the whole subject on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Executive and Mrs. Duncan Harris and Miss Pye agreed to prepare a report for circulation before the meeting. Miss Marshall would then, it was hoped be present also.

On the motion of Miss Harrison, seconded by Lady Unwin, the British delegation to the International Executive were given a warm vote of thanks for their attendance at the Prague meetings.

At the afternoon session Miss Pye reported that the International Executive Committee had agreed that Pax must be continued, if possible. It was proving of great value to many countries; the U.S.A. depended on it for its news of Europe and nothing would take its place. It was impossible for it to be edited from Geneva at any rate for the present as Gertrud Baer would not be there and only Miss Birch in charge. Miss Karleen Baker's suggestion that it should be edited and printed in this country was fully discussed and it was agreed that for the next three numbers Karleen Baker should be asked to take complete charge of it, with the help of a Committee in this country. The material would be sent in bulk from Geneva. The distributing of Pax will be done by the printer, to whom the wrappers will be sent from Geneva as the removal of the addressograph from Geneva to London would be too costly.

The Committee agreed to consult Miss Baker before approaching an Editing Committee. Facilities for helping her in the Office would be arranged.

Mrs. Duncan Harris reported that the W.I.L.P.F. Colonial Commission had been revived and the British Section was invited to provide a member on that Commission. Agreed to ask Miss Mosa Anderson and Mrs. McGregor Ross to serve on it.

Reported that the Norwegian Section is approaching the Nobel Committee to try to arrange for an International Peace Essay. The Yugo-Slovan Section have asked their Minister of Education to revise their History books from a peace point of view.

Mrs. Duncan Harris reported that the British Section's resolution on the present European Situation had been withdrawn from the International Executive Committee, and that all resolutions dealing with a peace settlement had been referred to a Commission, of which Miss Marshall is a convener, with a view to sending to Sections for their comment any constructive proposals for a new peace. Sections were to be asked to send proposals and the British members were authorised to invite Mrs. Innes to go to Geneva in July to prepare from the Section's replies, a document on constructive peace which would be laid before the International Executive Committee in September. Mrs. Innes consented to do this and, on behalf of the Committee, Dr. Clark expressed grateful thanks to her for her willingness to do this.

Mrs. Duncan Harris reported that the following resolution had been agreed upon in principle by the International Executive Committee:-

Refusal of Financial Assistance to Germany.

"In view of the grounds given by the present German regime for serious apprehension as to its intentions, and especially for fear of a new coup following on its re-armament, re-establishment of conscription and re-militarisation of the Rhineland in open defiance of its Treaty obligations;

And in view of the fact that only financial stringency prevents even more intensive and rapid building of bombing planes and other instruments of war than that which is already in progress;

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom would consider any loans or financial assistance strengthening the present German regime as an international catastrophe and as seriously increasing the danger of war.

The Executive Committee therefore urges all the National Sections of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to use their utmost influence to prevent such financial assistance being given - for instance by democratic pressure on political leaders, by publicity, and above all by the creation of a public opinion which will make such loans impossible."

In consultation with Mrs. Innes she had written to ask Mr. Francis Williams if he would be willing to talk to a small group of women interested in the subject in the near future. His reply has not yet been received. Failing him Mr. Pethick Lawrence was suggested. It was agreed to try to get two meetings to deal with different aspects of the subject, one of them to be held immediately before or after the Executive Committee. The Officers were authorised to act between Committees. It was agreed to leave the drafting of a letter until after Mr. Williams or Mr. Pethick Lawrence had been approached.

A resolution was also passed on the attitude of the W.I.L.P.F. to Sanctions, but the final wording had been left to a drafting Committee and could not be reported fully until this was received.

The resolution passed in September on conditions of re-entry into the League of States that had left it, was reaffirmed, and Sections were asked to make use of it with their own preamble when it became appropriate. Discussion on the reform of the League of Nations took place and the question was referred to the Commission appointed to consider a New Peace.

Miss Pye reported that the Danish and Norwegian Sections were having a Flag Day to raise funds for their peace work.

It was reported that until September the Mandates Committee should continue work as a sub-Committee of the W.I.L. and the Committee has guaranteed up to 750 Swiss francs for the work. About sixteen countries have good results to show. Some of them have worked under very great difficulties. The Hungarians are afraid to present the signatures of their people to their Government, while the Czechs since the Rhineland incidents, were being told by those who had signed the Mandate that they did not know whether they would allow their signatures to stand. In

Tunis Madame Fichet is working with the Arabs and the Mandate is to be translated into Arabic. Yugo-Slavia has made a good beginning, but they are anxious that Great Britain should make its presentation as early as possible as it will be a help to others. Each Statesman who receives the Mandate will be asked to sign the sheet saying he has received the evidence of support in his country. The French Committee is presenting the Mandate to their Government on or about the 15th June. In September the results will be taken to Geneva and the U.S.A. will be asked to send a delegate to speak for their results to date. Countries who have only just commenced to work will continue after September if they wish, and work will be continued in countries not yet touched.

Mrs. Innes presented a summary of the signatures collected in Great Britain. Plans for a deputation to the Prime Minister were considered. Agreed to invite the following to go on the deputation:-

The Honorary Council, a representative from each National Organisation which has endorsed the Mandate, and some members of the W.I.L. Executive,

and to tell them that they will be informed if and when Mr. Baldwin will receive the deputation. It was agreed to write to the Prime Minister asking him to receive the deputation, giving some indication of the international work, and telling him it will include representatives of the Societies who have endorsed the Mandate.

Emphasis was laid on the necessity for press publicity. Some countries will use a photograph of the Golden Book.

Reported that the Arras Demonstration in connection with the People's Mandate would take place on May 24th, and that we had been invited to send a delegate. Agreed to ask Miss Karleen Baker to go officially from the W.I.L. and to get as many others as possible. Agreed travelling expenses for one delegate should be paid.

221. INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. Mrs. Innes reported on the N.P.C. Conference called to try to get united action amongst the Peace Societies on the present crisis. There were not two united speeches throughout the evening and she thought the W.I.L. must work on its own special lines.

Dr. Clark reported that the W.P.C. Executive Committee had passed a resolution on the Italo-Abyssinian situation and sent it to the Government, the Press and to other Organisations in the hope that they would take similar action. She proposed that it should be sent by the W.I.L. Executive.

Miss Pyc moved an addendum to the Women's Peace Crusade resolution and the following was passed nem. con.:

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League

Appalled at the successful invasion of Abyssinia by Italy in defiance of her obligations under the Covenant and at the barbarous methods of warfare employed,

Urges H.M. Government to insist at the Council of the League upon the adoption of such measures as shall prevent Italy from profiting by her aggression, and upon a solemn condemnation of her use of poison gas, renounced in the Protocol of 1925,

"And considers that the representatives of the Italian Government should have no further place in the deliberations of the Council or the Assembly of the League of Nations until their Government is prepared to accept the principles upon which the League is founded."

Agreed to send it to the Government, the Branches, the Press, the W.I.L.P.F. Geneva, Signor Grandi, Dr. Martin, and to the Secretary General, League of Nations, Geneva, for his information.

The North Wales Branch had passed a resolution protesting against the establishment in Great Britain of Bombing Bases for the practice of bombing.

In answer to a question from Miss Sheepshanks as to whether the W.I.L. ought not to be working for collective security, or for the amendment of the Covenant, and other important questions, Mrs. Innes replied that the W.I.L. was being asked to co-operate in an international peace campaign, with a great meeting in September in Geneva, and she thought we ought to consider the following four points which would then be put forward:-

1. Sanctity of Treaties.
2. The reduction and limitation of armaments by international agreement.
3. Collective security by mutual assistance.
4. The provision for peaceful change.

The Campaign is being worked under the auspices of the L.N.U. in this country, which has to approve of anything that is done, and if it does not the Movement will have to find its own offices. Dr. Clark is representing the Women's Peace Crusade and Mrs. Innes the W.I.L. The W.I.L.P.F. have already appointed the full Executive to take part in the meeting. Miss Sheepshanks said she hoped the Committee would have opportunities of discussing these four points before the meeting in Geneva. It was agreed to co-operate in the Campaign, making clear our attitude towards military sanctions under point 3.

Miss Sheepshanks urged that current international questions should be put in the forefront of the Executive Committee Meetings and the Chairman invited members to send in notice of any particular subject they wished discussed, and to come prepared to open the discussion.

222. INDIA. Miss Harrison reported a letter from Lord Linlithgow's Private Secretary thanking us for the copy of the resolution passed re Political Prisoners at the Council Meeting. Also one from North Wales, saying that the resolution was to be discussed at a meeting in Colwyn Bay.

A short summary was given of the Lucknow Congress session and the main points raised by Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru in his Presidential speech. A split in Congress circles had been forecast, but this had been avoided and decision about taking office under the new Constitution had been postponed until later in the year. Miss Harrison said that to understand what lies behind all that took place at Lucknow, Mr. Nehru's recently published Autobiography (Messrs. Lane) should be read, and urged all W.I.L. members to see that it is placed on the shelves of all Public Libraries.

Reported a letter from Mrs. Lankester explaining that owing to great pressure of domestic and other work she felt unable to continue to be the Hon. Secretary of the India Committee and that she ought also to resign from the Executive Committee. It was agreed to urge Mrs. Lankester to remain on the Executive Committee and to pass on her letter to the India Committee.

223. EQUAL RIGHTS. In view of the shortness of time Miss Harrison asked that this should be put on the next Agenda.

224. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE. Miss Sheepshanks regretted she would not be at this Conference and so could not move the resolution on the Diplomatic Services. Agreed to inform Miss Todhunter and to inquire if she wished us to try to get another Mover.

225. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL CONGRESS AT LEEDS. Mrs. Binyon and Miss Harrison agreed to attend, if possible.

226. INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS, Cardiff. Reported invitation to send delegates. Agreed that as we are affiliated to the National Peace Council we abstain from sending a delegate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: June 16th at 11 a.m. at 55 Gower Street.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

B. Juneau Harris

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts for April 1936.

Income		Expenses.	
Balance	219. 4. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	33. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	19. 5. 8.	Wages	3.10. 0.
Donations	2. 1. 8.	Office Expenses	16. 9.
Sale of News Sheets & literature	4. 8.	Insurance	13. 8.
Council Expenses Refunded	1.17. 3.	Printing	41.12. 6.
<u>Geneva</u>		Stationery	4. 2. 5.
Subscriptions	1. 0. 0.	Telephone	5.14. 7.
Pax	<u>2. 6.</u>	Postage	11.12. 7.
	24.11. 9.	Press Agency	2. 2. 0.
		Lighting & Heating	18. 8.
		News Sheets & Literature pur- chased	4.19. 2.
		Travelling Exps.	4.14. 0.
		Affiliation Fees	5.10. 7.
		Grant to N.P.C.	2. 0. 0.
		Meeting for Peoples Mandate, March 10th.	5. 0.
		Delegates Fees to B.C.L.	<u>9. 0.</u>
			122. 0.11.
		Balance at Midland Bank	120.16. 6.
		Cash in hand	<u>18. 4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
			121.14.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£243.15. 9$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>£243.15. 9$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Approximate Statement of Accounts for May 1 - 12, 1936.

Balance	121.14.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenditure	26.10. 0.
Income	<u>23. 2. 2$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	Balance	<u>118. 7. 1</u>
	<u>£144.17. 1</u>		<u>£144.17. 1.</u>

Outstanding Accounts

Geneva Subscriptions & Pax	1. 5. 0.
Hodgson (Friends of Peace leaflets)	3.17. 6.
Franklin (Coalite)	15. 0.
May News Sheets	3.15. 6.
Stationery	1. 1. 8.
North Wales Branch for Printing Welsh Mandates	1. 8. 6.
Lighting & Heating	<u>3. 5. 5.</u>
	<u>£ 15. 8. 7</u>

BALANCE £102. 18. 6.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, June 16th. 1936, at 55 Gower Street, London W.C.1. from 11 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Miss Dickinson, Lady Unwin, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Thornycroft, Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Mary Chick, Mrs. Binyon, Miss B.M. Baker, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Rinder, Dr. Clark, Miss Marshall, Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Anderson. Visitors present: Mrs. Muter Wilson of Manchester Branch, Madame Stoicheva of Bulgaria, Mrs. Wilkins of New South Wales, The Chairman gave a warm welcome to these visitors and asked Madame Stoicheva and Mrs. Wilkins to take greetings back from the Executive Committee to their Sections.

Apologies for Absence were received from Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Pye and Miss White.

226 MINUTES OF MEETING on 12th. May were confirmed after correcting the first paragraph on page 3 in the sense proposed by Miss Marshall that "the two Chairmen had previously decided to resign the Chairmanship but had not wished to prejudice the discussion by making their intention known beforehand."

227. BUSINESS ARISING.

1. Meeting re the refusal of financial assistance to Germany held on May 26th. at the Office. Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Thoday, Dr. Clark and the Chairman reported on this meeting at which Mr. Francis Williams spoke, and a letter was read from Mrs. Anthony of our Golders Green Branch asking for help in drafting a resolution against granting a loan to Germany, for consideration at their meeting on July 9th.

After discussion it was agreed that further information was needed, and as Mr. Pethick Lawrence was unable to speak at a meeting for us, it was decided that Mrs. Barbara Wootton should be asked if she would do so, and if she would help draft a resolution for consideration at the meeting. Miss K. Baker consented to help over this, and Mrs. Anthony was to be invited to the meeting.

2. The Chairman reported that she and Mrs. Innes had met with Mrs. Hodgkin and others to talk about women's work for peace. A further meeting is being held on June 18th. when some members of the Committee for the Friends of Peace and Disarmament Movement will be present. Letters from two members were reported on the same subject.

3. Council of Action. In Mrs. Hunter's absence Mrs. Thoday reported on the meeting which Mrs. Hunter attended as the W.I.L. Observer. Mrs. Innes reported that in response to a letter asking for our closer affiliation she had replied by repeating the decision made at the February Executive (Minute 190) that the appointment of a Liaison Officer did not imply agreement with all the policy of the Council of Action, and that we must not be quoted as co-operating. It was agreed to have at the next Executive a copy of their new Statement of Peace Policy to see if it modified our position.

4. Reported acknowledgements of the resolution on the Italo-Abyssinian Dispute passed at the Executive Committee on May 12th. (Minute 221) from Government Offices and the Ethiopian Minister.

Miss Dickinson reported that on the arrival of the Emperor of Abyssinia, and the Princess, in London, she had, after consulting the Chairman, taken a bouquet with greetings from the Women's International League, to Princes Gate for the Princess.

Reported an invitation from Mrs. Corbett Ashby to send 15 to 20 names of people to be invited to a Garden Party to welcome the Emperor. This list had been sent and several members were present at Mrs. Seligman's house on June 8th. It was agreed to contribute £1.0.0. towards the expenses.

Reports were given of the Queen's Hall Meeting on June 15th. at which the Princess Tsahai spoke on behalf of the women and children of Abyssinia. Dr. Clark wished to record her appreciation of the help given to the W.P.C. by the W.I.L. Staff, both before and at the meeting.

Miss Harrison wished to record that she came away appalled at the implications of what was said at the meeting. She could not feel that the speeches were made in the spirit of Jane Addams.

5. Reported that a copy of the Council resolution on the Coronation Arrangements had been sent to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, who was the Chairman of the Committee responsible for the arrangements. Lady Unwin in conversation with him later, said that he mentioned he had received the resolution and the matter was receiving attention.

228. FINANCE The attached Statement of Accounts was passed. Lady Unwin reported that £43. 6. 6. had been received in response to her appeal, together with several offers of help to raise money by lending of rooms, providing refreshments, readings, etc. It was agreed to hand these offers over to the sub-Committee appointed for this work.

It was reported that the W.I.L. Pass Book in the Co-operative Permanent Building Society was in the names of Miss K. D. Courtney and Miss Chick. Miss Chick had taken the place of Mrs. Binyon on her resignation from the Executive Committee in March 1933, and it was suggested that an Officer should take the place of Miss Courtney as she was now not on the Committee. It was agreed that the Pass Book should be held in the names of Miss Mary Chick and Mrs. K. E. Innes on behalf of the Women's International League.

229. INTERNATIONAL SURVEY.

Mrs. Innes brought forward the question of Sanctions, particularly in relation to the Italo-Abyssinian dispute. She thought that the W.I.L. ought to be taking some other longer sighted line than that of insisting on the maintenance of sanctions. She believe the Government was just marking time, and she would suggest a declaration that the League has failed, in this instance, because the Covenant was not carried out and effective measures against the aggressor taken at the beginning. The League needs more support and more determination

to end war as such and it should again take a pledge that the States Members do mean to renounce war as a system. Dr. Clark could not bring herself to this conclusion. She said two-thirds of Abyssinia was not occupied by the Italians and it was probable that Mussolini's efforts to get Sanctions raised means that unless they are he is in a very dangerous position. She believes it to be practical politics to keep on the pressure.

Mrs. Duncan Harris said she agreed that if we were considering taking off Sanctions we must be prepared with a constructive line of action. She thought a World Conference should be called and on behalf of the W.I.L. she had acted on the suggestion of the Friends Peace Committee and sent a letter to The Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden urging the representatives of the British Government at the League Assembly this month, to take the initiative for setting up Commissions of Investigation to collect material for a World Conference in the hope that constructive efforts to meet the world's needs should be started as soon as possible, and urging that use should be made of all the machinery of the League of Nations to assist in the work.

Mrs. Innes agreed that to lift Sanctions in such a way as to seem to condone aggression would be very harmful.

A long discussion followed from which emerged a strong feeling in support of this view. Miss Chick proposed the endorsement of the resolution passed at the Queen's Hall Meeting on June 15th. Other suggestions were also considered, and later in the afternoon the attached resolution was adopted and instructions given for it to be sent to every Member of the Cabinet and to the Branches.

In referring to the situation in South Africa and Kenya Mrs. McGregor Ross spoke on the breaking of pledges to the natives given in the days of Queen Victoria and the taking away of the vote from the natives. A sinister development is that the Union Government is willing to spend 35 thousand pounds out of its revenue to prepare the way to take over the three Protectorates. The Commission appointed to go into the question of land in Kenya, suggests that huge tracts of the best land should be given to the whites, and that no Africans should be allowed to buy or lease land. Against this the Africans have no chance of protecting themselves. The whole question of a white settlement in Africa needs to be taken up. She said it was doomed to failure. Friends in Southern Rhodesia and Kenya had to desert their farms, and where they did succeed it was due to subsidies. A discussion followed, after which Mrs. McGregor Ross was asked to draw up a letter on the subject, in consultation with the Officers, for the Press, to be signed by herself as Hon. Secretary of the W.I.L. Native Races Committee.

Mrs. McGregor Ross was also asked to draft a resolution to be sent to the Government.

230 INDIA. Mrs. Lankester reported that the India Committee had agreed not to disperse but to ask her to act as Convener rather than Secretary in future. They would be glad to have the secretarial help of Miss Horscroft if this were possible. In the meantime Miss Harrison, Mrs. Polak and Mrs. Lankester had been given a watching brief on Indian matters on behalf of the Committee. On such occasions when it was advisable

to bring Indian matters before the Executive Committee it was agreed that Mrs. Polak should be invited to be present and take part in the discussion. The Secretarial help was promised.

Mrs. Lankester also reported that as a result of the special Conference called by the National Peace Council various people had been asked to serve on it, but it had not yet met. Mrs. Polak was asking Mr. Gerald Bailey if the question of the bombing on the North West Frontier could be discussed at the Leeds Congress under the heading of Peace and the Empire.

It was also reported that the Child Marriage Restraint Act is not working well in India, one reason being that in Indian States this Act is not in force and it is easy for a man to cross the frontier to marry his girl wife. An Indian member of the Legislative Assembly is bringing up a Bill to amend the Act (the exact terms of which are not yet known) in September, and it is important that support should be obtained for it. Women's Organisations in India are in favour of it. Mrs. Lankester will write to India for further information on the subject.

The British Commonwealth League is organising a deputation to Lord Zetland in July asking if the Government will support the Bill and the W.I.L. is invited to be one of the co-operating Societies. The India Committee was authorised to accept this invitation.

231. PALESTINE. Mrs. Innes asked if the W.I.L. ought to be taking any action regarding the situation in Palestine. It was deplorable that the Mandatory Authorities should take the line that they will not negotiate until all is quiet, as they should always be open to negotiate. Agreed to ask Mrs. Barrs Davies if she is still studying Palestine and if so, whether she would send us a report on it for the July Executive. Mrs. Thoday undertook to approach Miss D. Brown of the Y.W.C.A.

232 WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL. A resolution on the Prevention of War which the L.N.U. has placed on its Agenda of their Annual Meeting at Scarborough on June 19th. - 23rd. is being considered by the Women's Advisory Council at its meeting on the 25th. with a view to its endorsement. One paragraph of the resolution reiterates the opinion of the L.N.U. that the repression of aggression committed in breach of the Covenant of the League, requires, as part of the League system, the imposition of economic, financial, and if necessary, military sanctions upon the aggressor.

Dr. Clark, the W.I.L. representative on the Women's Advisory Council was asked not to vote for this, and to reaffirm the position of the W.I.L. regarding military sanctions.

233. ANTI SLAVERY AND ABORIGINES PROTECTION SOCIETY. On the proposal of Miss Marshall it was agreed to endorse the attached resolutions passed by the Annual Meeting of the above on June 10th.

234. ROYAL AIR FORCE DISPLAY AT HENDON, June 27th. Attention was drawn to a Press notice announcing as one of the features of this Display a bombing attack by R.A.F. men on Tribesmen. It was agreed that if the facts of this could be obtained immediately strong protests should be made by means of letters to the Press, signed by influential people, and to the Air Ministry, and that a question should be asked in the House.

Mrs. Lankester agreed to write to Lady Layton asking her to give the facts, if obtained, to Sir Walter Layton and Miss B. M. Baker would try to bring them before the Conference of the Women's Co-operative Guild at Bristol. Mrs. Unwin would try to get it brought before the Church Assembly now in Conference.

235. MRS. WILKINS OF NEW SOUTH WALES, gave an account of her work for peace in Australia and South Africa during the tea interval.

236. W.I.L.P.F. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT PRAGUE. These were reported (see attached) With regard to Sanctions, paragraph 1, it was agreed to ask that the exact wording from the Hague Congress, 1915, should be quoted correctly and fully, as the reference to it in the resolution gives a wrong impression of the quotation.

In Paragraph 4 of the same resolution, objection was taken to the words "and markets should be closed to her exports." The delegates who had been present had no record of the phrase being accepted, and could not remember any agreement to that effect. It was agreed that we should query the phrase, and point out that Great Britain is invariably concerned wherever markets are closed as it trades all over the world, and the British Section requests that no action be taken on that point without being consulted. It was pointed out that in fact all sections would be affected and should be consulted.

Mrs. Innes was asked to bring a draft letter to National Sections about the British views on the Constitution, to the first Executive Committee after the date of the next Congress has been fixed.

It was agreed to ask Miss Marshall to give her impressions gained during her recent visit to Czecho-Slovakia and Germany at a meeting on Monday, July 13th. at 5 o'clock in the W.I.L. Office.

This concluded the business.

B. Innes Harris

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of the
WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM
in Prague, April 29 - May 3 1936.

Sanctions

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, in Session in Prague, April 29 - May 3 1936, accepts the following points of policy in the matter of Sanctions:-

1. We reiterate the claim first made at the Hague Congress in May 1915 that all international disputes should automatically come before a judicial tribunal or a court of arbitration. In the event of a Treaty-breaking Government refusing to accept a priori the decision of such a tribunal or court, moral, diplomatic, financial and economic sanctions should be applied.
2. We are opposed in all cases to military sanctions.
3. We are opposed to the use of hunger as a means of political pressure, i.e. to famine blockade or the refusal of food needed by the people.
4. When there are grounds for serious apprehension that the Government of any country intends to take action which "threatens to disturb international peace or the good understanding between nations on which peace depends" we should urge that measures should be taken to prevent the export of war materials to that country and to refuse transport facilities for war materials, there should be no increase of exports to that country, and markets should be closed to her exports.

Methods cannot be prescribed beforehand. The Sanctions mentioned above could include the breaking-off of communications, the closing of railways, post, telegraph etc. and quite particularly the application of the Mineral Sanction.

We urge the L. o. N. to work out practicable plans, prepared beforehand, for automatic and effective application of sanctions in appropriate cases.

We realise that certain Sanctions mentioned can be made effective only by the active support of the Trade Unions and workers' organisations.

We urge that in any Agreement as to restriction of armaments a provision should be included for sanctions in case of violation. Sanctions in the shape of a refusal of war materials should be applied immediately.

Refusal of Financial Loans to Germany.

In view of the grounds given by the present German regime for serious apprehension as to its intentions, and especially for fear of a new coup following on its re-armament, re-establishment of conscription and remilitarisation of the Rhineland in open defiance of its Treaty obligations;

And in view of the fact that only financial stringency prevents even more intensive and rapid building of bombing planes and other instruments of war than that which is already in progress;

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom would consider any loans or financial assistance strengthening the present German regime as an international catastrophe and as seriously increasing the danger of war.

The Executive Committee therefore urges all the National Sections of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to use their utmost influence to prevent such financial assistance being given - for instance by democratic pressure on leaders in the political and financial world, by publicity, and above all by the creation of a public opinion which will make such loans impossible.

Colonies.

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meeting in Prague from April 29th. to May 3rd. 1936 demands that no population shall be handed over as a colony to any government which bases itself on racial discrimination as being on that account unfitted to prepare a native population for self-government.

Award of Nobel Peace Prize to Carl von Ossietzky.

To the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, Oslo.

The W.I.L.P.F. meeting in Prague from April 29 to May 3 this year repeats the opinion often expressed before, that there is hardly another pacifist who has for the sake of his conviction endured such a long and cruel martyrdom as Carl von Ossietzky. For more than three years he has courageously defied the terrible sufferings of a concentration-camp in Hitler-Germany, and refused over and over again to put an end to the inhuman torture and regain his freedom by denying his pacifist ideals.

We women, met together in Prague and all these people who are fighting for the same ideals as Carl von Ossietzky, for Peace, Freedom and Justice, express the confident hope that the Nobel Peace Prize Committee will award the Peace Prize for 1936 to Carl von Ossietzky.

We would finally remind the Committee that Jane Addams, the late President of the W.I.L.P.F. and the recipient in 1930 of the Nobel Peace Prize, proposed in 1935 that that honour should be conferred on Carl von Ossietzky - a proposal which is receiving world-wide support.

Women's International League for Peace
and Freedom, Geneva.

12 Rue du Vieux College.

For the Release of C. v. Ossietzky.

To the German Chancellor:-

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meeting in Prague April 29 - May 3 1936 addresses to you Herr Reichskanzler, a very urgent request for the release of Carl von Ossietzky, who in 1933 was condemned to detention in a Concentration Camp.

On the strength of your oft-repeated assurances that Germany's policy is a policy of peace we and millions of people throughout the world who know Carl von Ossietzky as a fighter for peace and reconciliation, are expecting eagerly that he will now be set at liberty.

Women's International League for
Peace and Freedom,

12 Rue du Vieux College.

Trials in Wuppertal.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom deeply regretting the Wuppertal Trials and the sentences passed on people innocent of any crime, urge that the condemned shall be set free at the earliest date.

Resolution on Situation in Tunis.

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meeting in Prague April 29th. to May 3rd. 1936, having watched with concern the suppression in one of the Colonies of democratic France, of the conditions essential to a liberal regime - sees great hope in the measures recently adopted in favour of political victims and of the students.

The W.I.L.P.F. looks forward with confidence to the cancellation of the decrees against freedom of the Press, and hopes that in the near future an Amnesty will be declared for all those who have suffered illegally under an autocratic regime.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for May 1936.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Balance	121.14.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	41. 5. 0.
Subscriptions	13. 8. 2.	Office Expenses	1.16. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Donations	23.16. 6.	Wages	4. 7. 6.
Affiliation		State Insurance	17. 1.
Fees	2. 0. 0.	Postage	6. 1. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sale of News		Stationery	1.18. 2.
Sheets & Lit.	1.14. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Lighting & heating	4. 0. 5.
Printing refd.		Printing	1. 8. 6.
from Jane Addams & Mandate		News Sheets & Lit. purchased	4. 6. 0.
Funds	4. 3. 4.	Travelling Expenses	6. 3. 6.
Telephone refd.			
from ditto	1. 0. 8.		
Geneva Subscriptions	2. 1. 0.	Balance at	72. 3.10.
		Midland Bank	93.16. 8.
		Cash in hand	3.18. 6.
	48. 4. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$		97.15. 2.
	£169.19. 0.		£169.19. 0.

Approximate Statement for June 1-12.

Balance	97.15. 2.	Expenses	26.12. 6.
Income	37.13. 3.	Balance	108.15.11.
	£135. 8. 5.		£135. 8. 5.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

Geneva Subs. & Pax	3. 6. 0.
June News Sheet	3.13. 6.
Printing (Friends of Peace leaflets)	5.13. 8.
Rowley Gallery	1.10. 0.
Stationery	18. 5.
	£15. 1. 7.

BALANCE £93.14. 4.

Resolution on the Italo Abyssinian Dispute passed at the Executive Committee of the Women's International League at its meeting on Tuesday, June 16th. 1936.

The Executive Committee of the Women International League expresses its consternation at the implications of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's recent speech, which it believes indicate the abandonment by our Government of the League system in definite breach of Mr. Baldwin's election pledges. The Committee considers that it is entirely untrue that Sanctions have failed. What has been lacking is the energetic and united application by States Members of the League of those economic measures, the effective application of which could prevent and end war.

It sees great danger in any implication, through the raising of Sanctions, that the aggression is condoned, and it urges that unless the Italian Government agrees to a settlement as regards Ethiopia which the League can accept, Italy should not remain a member.

Positive measures of reconstruction are more than ever urgently necessary if the League system, the future of and indeed/civilisation, are to be saved; and we ask that the Government will at once take up energetically the proposals for an economic world conference hinted at by Sir Samuel Hoare in his speech at Geneva last September and made more explicit by the Locarno Powers in their Statement of last March.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Executive Committee held on Tuesday, July 14th. 1936 from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. at 55 Gower Street, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Miss Pye from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.: Miss Anderson, Miss B.M. Baker, Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Mary Chick, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Dickinson, Miss Pye, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Agatha Harrison, Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Thornycroft, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Sheepshanks, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Unwin, Lady Unwin, and Mrs. McGregor Ross. Mrs. Humphrey of New Zealand as a visitor.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Hunter, Dr. Clark and Mrs. Vipont Brown.

MINUTES of meeting held on June 16th. were signed, having previously been circulated.

237 BUSINESS ARISING

a) Minute 227: Miss Karleen Baker reported that Mrs. Barbara Wootton had sailed for America on July 1st, and had therefore been unable to speak at a meeting on Financial loans to Germany.

It was agreed that a further meeting should be held in the early autumn to consider the question of Financial Loans in general, and that Mrs. Honor Croome should be approached to speak. ✓

b) Minutes 227: Mrs. Duncan Harris reported on the meeting re a Mothers' Campaign. One or two people had agreed to approach the Women's Peace Crusade on this proposed campaign, but no further report had come to the Office.

c) Minute 227: Mrs. Thoday reported on the meeting of the Council of Action, and copies of the Council's Statement of Policy were circulated to the Committee. It was agreed that we adhere to our original decision made at the February Executive (Minute 190).

d) Minute 229. Reported formal acknowledgements of resolution on Italo-Abyssinian Situation.

e) Minute 234: In accordance with the Committee's decision Miss Rinder had drafted a letter re 'Bombing of Natives' item in Hendon Air Display, which was signed by a number of prominent people and sent to the Manchester Guardian, the New Chronicle and the Daily Herald. The former paper had published this letter and the following day a leading article on the same subject. The following telegram was sent to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Air on the day prior to the Air Display:-

"Women's International League urges withdrawal of Bombing Natives item from Hendon Air Display to-morrow."

Our League was also successful in getting questions asked in the House of Commons on this subject.

As a result of these protests the character of the item had been changed.

(Mrs. Duncan Harris welcomed Mrs. Humphrey of our New Zealand Section to the Executive Committee)

238. FINANCE the attached statement of accounts was adopted. It was agreed, on the suggestion of Lady Unwin, that a Bring and Buy Sale, with possibly a reading by a well-known author, should be held in the Office. If possible this should be held either the afternoon or evening preceding an Executive Committee meeting, so that country members could attend if they wished.

Mrs. Duncan Harris then read a letter from Lady Unwin, informing the Committee that she would be out of England for some months, and asking for an assistant or deputy Treasurer to be appointed. Lady Unwin also gave notice that she would definitely be retiring from Treasurership at the next Council meeting. Neither Miss Chick nor Mrs. Binyon felt able to take on this work at present, and the whole matter was referred to the next Committee Meeting.

239. INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

South Africa and Kenya. Reported a letter signed by Mrs. Ross as Secretary of the W.I.L. Native Races Committee had appeared in the Manchester Guardian.

Mrs. Ross reported that during the Colonial Office Debate Mr. Ormsby Gore had said that his "mind was still open about the Order in Council". If this Order in Council were passed the colour bar in this part of Africa would shut out Indians as well as Africans, and the India Office had been bringing pressure to bear on the Colonial Office. The following resolution was adopted, which was to be embodied in a letter to the Prime Minister and the Colonial Secretary and signed by Mrs. Duncan Harris and Mrs. McGregor Ross.

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League,

Believing that the security of the British Empire depends on the goodwill with which it is regarded by the races under its dominion and by the outside world;

Urges that the Order-in-Council by which it is proposed to put into effect the findings of the Morris-Carter Report on land in Kenya is such as to arouse suspicion in our good faith among the Natives of Kenya and in every part of the world;

Calls attention in particular to the proposal to lay down by law that no African or Indian shall own or lease land in the European Highlands;

And begs H.M. Government to refrain from perpetuating for all time an allocation of Kenya land which is indefensible from the point of view of justice, and of peaceful relations in the Empire and in the world."

It was agreed that the resolution should be sent for information to Mr. Polak, and that the Native Races Committee should make any further use of the resolution they felt necessary.

Mrs. Ross reported an interview with a Mr. Lewis of Gambia. Mr. Lewis is very anxious for the women of Africa to co-operate with women in this country doing Peace work. Mrs. Ross suggested that we might ask, through Mr. Lewis, some educated African women to write an occasional article for the News Sheet. It was left for Mrs. Ross to try to follow up this suggestion, and to find out whether the people suggested were really reliable.

not done
Mrs Ross
doing this.

Mrs. Duncan Harris was asked to get into touch with Lady Barton, who had recently returned from Abyssinia.

Mrs. Ross reported on a meeting called by the Pan African Federation, and said she thought it would be as well to send an observer to another meeting of this Federation, if we were invited.

Palestine. In reply to a request from the Committee Mrs. Barrs Davies had sent a letter in which she stated that she felt the term "National Home for the Jews" should be defined, carrying with it a limitation of immigration. Mrs. Sturge agreed with this point of view, and suggested that all immigration should be temporarily suspended pending an enquiry into the present problems. Miss Pye did not agree to any limitation of immigration under present circumstances as Palestine is the only possible outlet at present for Jewish Refugees. Another suggestion was that a Commission of Enquiry should be set up by the Mandates' Commission and not by the British Government. It was finally agreed that the Committee should not make a public statement, but that a letter should be sent to Mr. Ormsby Gore in the following sense. The W.I.L. Executive is very disturbed about the present situation in Palestine, and regrets that negotiations are being held up pending the cessation of violence. We feel that the only hope for getting rid of violence is to find a basis of negotiation between the three parties, and we further hope that this is being carried on, even if it is not possible to make it public at present. We feel that our colonies and other parts of the world ought to be open to refugees. Miss Anderson and Mrs. Sturge to draft the letter to be signed by the Chairman. x

Miss Harrison asked permission of the Committee to report this matter to Miss Ruth Woodsmall of the World Y.W.C.A.

240. PEOPLES MANDATE. Mrs. Duncan Harris reported on the presentation of the British Mandate to Lord Cranborne on Monday, July 13th. at 11 a.m. at the Foreign Office. The Deputation consisted of 20 people including representatives of National organisations and the Honorary Council. The W.I.L. was represented by Miss Pye, Mrs. Thoday for North Wales, and Miss Karleen Baker as Press Secretary. Mrs. Duncan Harris as Chairman of the European Committee introduced the deputation, and Rev. Henry Carter was the spokesman. Excellent notices had appeared in the Press, and it was mentioned in the B.B.C. News Bulletin. x

Mrs. Harris reported that she was writing to thank all the National Organisations which had endorsed the Mandate for their co-operation in the campaign and was at the same time appealing for financial help. It was agreed that any contributions received should be for the International Mandate Fund. x

241. W.I.L.P.F.

Resolution passed at Prague Committee re Financial ^{an} Loans to Germany. After much discussion it was agreed to ask Miss Rinder if she could have a talk with Mr. Pethick Lawrence on this subject, and Miss Marshall offered to try to see Sir Henry Strakosch, but not as from the Committee.

It was agreed that the following statement be sent forward for the September International Executive Committee.

"The British Section having considered the W.I.L.P.F. resolution for the withholding of loans from Germany, considers that in view of the rapid development of the whole European situation since that resolution was passed, it would be inadequate to-day as being too temporary and partial a contribution to the solution of the armament problem, and that nothing short of a World Conference to deal with all outstanding political and economic problems and to provide for reduction of armaments by all countries as a first step towards general disarmament, is a suitable object for constructive work by the W.I.L.P.F. "

International Executive Committee, Geneva September 7th, - 12th. 1936.

Consultative Members: Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. Innes, and Miss Karleen Baker were nominated. Miss Baker said that she hoped to be in Geneva during the Committee meetings, and could attend as Editor of Pax; Mrs. Duncan Harris agreed to attend if possible, and Mrs. Innes was appointed subject to her consent.

Reform of the League of Nations and a Peace Plan for the World.

Mrs. Innes had submitted some notes for the Committee's consideration, and after some consideration and discussion it was agreed to ask Mrs. Innes to prepare a statement for the next Committee, which might be forwarded to Geneva. The following members agreed to send suggestions to Mrs. Innes for incorporating in the Statement. Miss Anderson, Miss Marshall, Miss Rinder, Miss Sheepshanks and Lady Unwin.

It was agreed not to make any recommendation re the date of the next Congress at present, but as this was on the agenda already, it might be again considered at the next British Executive.

Reported a letter from Geneva Office reporting on one received from Mr. Nehru re regular information which will be published by the Foreign Department of the All India Congress, and asking for close co-operation between the Congress and the W.I.L.P.F. Miss Harrison said she thought that any news sent by this Foreign Department might be used in "Pax" from time to time, and in other ways, but she hoped to be going to India in September and would be in touch with the writer of the letter and would be willing to report on the matter to the International Executive as to possible co-operation.

Reported a letter from Geneva Office saying that Mlle. Madeleine Rolland, chairman of the Colonial Committee would be glad to have Mrs. McGregor Ross's collaboration. Miss Anderson stated that she was willing to serve on this Committee.

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Coronation Conference; Mrs. Lankester reported that the B.C.L. hoped to arrange a Conference during the week prior to the Coronation Ceremonies next year. The suggested subject being "The Rights & Duties of Women under Democracy in the British Empire." They had agreed that the subject of Peace and War should be included under this heading. All societies

co-operating would be asked to guarantee financial help, probably about £3.3.0., and to sell a certain number of tickets. On the proposal of Miss Pye, seconded by Miss Sheepshanks it was agreed that the W.I.L. should co-operate in the Conference. ✓

Deputation to Lord Zetland. Lord Zetland had refused to see the proposed Deputation to him re the Child Marriage Bill, and it was now suggested that

- a) signatures of prominent women should be obtained to a letter, and
- b) organisations should be asked to sign a letter to be sent to Lord Zetland, and a similar letter should also go to the Viceroy of India urging government support for this bill which was being supported by Indian Women. ✕

243. INTERNATIONAL PEACE CAMPAIGN: Miss Baker reported that Dame Adelaide Livingstone was anxious for British delegates to be appointed, but it was agreed that until the place of meeting was settled delegates could not be appointed.

244. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL, L.N.U. (Minute 232). Miss Pye reported on behalf of Dr. Clark, that the resolution in question was simply a statement of fact and a question of interpretation. She had left before the resolution on Sanctions had been discussed, but several people had abstained from voting, and it was finally carried "nem con".

245. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE COUNCIL. Mrs. Paul Sturge reported on this meeting.

246. CORRESPONDENCE

British Committee Against War & Fascism invitation to a meeting re the International Peace Campaign on July 25th. Miss Marshall agreed to attend as an observer, if possible.

National Peace Council, letter enclosing resolution adopted at Leeds Congress, and copy of a statement on Peace & Colonial Policy. Agreed to circulate copies of the latter to Committee members. ✕

Croydon Branch W.I.L. suggesting that the British Medical Association should be approached "to urge upon the Government the total abolition of fighting aircraft, rather than to call upon doctors to mend (if possible) the broken pieces of humanity left after an Air Raid". It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the B.M.A. in this sense. ✕

Embassies of Goodwill & Fellowship. Our Dutch Section had been in communication with us about the Embassies, and at their request we had obtained information that a group from Holland would be visiting this country in October. It was agreed that we will do our best to help them.

Olympic Games in Berlin: A letter from Erwin Kraft re Olympic Games in Berlin requesting the W.I.L. to give its signature to a leaflet to be distributed at the White City on Saturday, July 18th. and also to help in its distribution. While it was felt that the leaflet was excellent the Committee did not see its way to sign it, but promised to try to get people to help in its distribution. It was suggested that the words at the foot of the leaflet "Stay away from the Olympic Games" might be deleted.

The following were noted:-

A Memorandum from "For Intellectual Liberty"
Notice of British Commonwealth League Conference
report, price 2/-

Notice of Annual Memorial Service for Mrs. Pankhurst
on July 16th. at St. John's Church, Westminster.

247. OTHER BUSINESS.

Miss Dickinson suggested that QUARTERLY MEETINGS should be held in the Office for members and friends. It was agreed that the first of these should be the meeting on Financial loans at which Mrs. Croome is being asked to speak. Invitations to these meetings to include Letchworth members. x

It was AGREED that a letter of congratulation should be sent to Mr. Philip Noel Baker on his return to Parliament in the Derby By-Election, expressing the pleasure of the W.I.L. that such a champion of Disarmament was again in the House of Commons.

Miss Dickinson suggested that the W.I.L. should consider having Posters displayed in the Underground Stations, at the foot of which should be boldly printed "Join the Women's International League, 55 Gower Street, London W.C. 1." This suggestion was referred to the Publicity Committee. x

Before leaving Mrs. Duncan Harris reported that she was speaking to our Birmingham Branch in the evening, at a meeting arranged by a member in Shrewsbury on Wednesday, and at the inaugural meeting of a new branch in Leicester on Thursday. She also hoped to be able to report soon the formation of a branch in Sutton.

Friends of Peace & Disarmament leaflets. Mrs. Thoday asked when the next quarterly leaflet would be published and suggested it should be the history of the Mandate and its Presentation.

Status of Women. Miss Harrison reported that she suggested sending on rota to Executive Members an article on the "Status of Women" as she felt this was so much better than anything she could write herself.

Date of next meetings, Tuesday, July 28th. and Tuesday, September 1st. both at 11 a.m.

This concluded the business.

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Statement of Accounts for June 1936.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
Balance		97.15. 2.	Salaries	51. 7. 6.
Subscriptions	35.15. 6.		Wages	3.10. 0.
Donations	73.13. 0.		Insurance	8. 4.
Affiliation			Office Expenses	5.15.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fees	5. 0.		Stationery	1.17. 9.
Sale of News			Printing	5.13. 8.
Sheets & Lit.	4.13. 7.		News Sheets & Lit.	
Greek & French			purchased	4.15. 6.
Histories	3. 7.		Postage	6.13. 0.
Geneva			Travelling Expenses	2.10. 7.
Subscriptions	2. 1. 0.		Rent	12.10. 0.
Fax	7. 6.		Grant	1. 0. 0.
			Geneva	
			Subscriptions	4. 1. 0.
			Fax	10. 0.
		116.19. 2.		100.13.3 $\frac{1}{2}$
			Balance at	
			Midland Bank	109.15. 2.
			Cash in hand	4. 5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
				114. 1.0 $\frac{1}{2}$
		<u>£214.14. 4.</u>		<u>£214.14.4.</u>

Approximate Statement for July 1 - 13.

Balance	114. 1. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenditure	23.14.9.
Income	20. 0. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Balance	110. 7.1.
	<u>£134. 1.10.</u>		<u>134. 1.10.</u>

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, July 28th, 1936 at 55 Gower Street from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Miss White, Miss K. Baker, Lady Unwin, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Marshall, Miss Sheepshanks, Dr. Clark, Miss Pye, Miss Chick, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Rinder.

The Chairman welcomed to the Committee as a visitor Miss Reichard, a member of the Graz (Austria) Branch.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: from Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Binyon, Miss B.M. Baker, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Vipont Brown.

MINUTES OF MEETING on July 14th were signed after the deletion of the words "former paper" in Minute 237 (e) and "The Manchester Guardian and News Chronicle" inserted.

248. BUSINESS ARISING:

(1) Reported a letter from Mr. Noel Baker thanking the Committee very cordially for their letter of congratulations on his successful Parliamentary election at Derby.

(2) Deputy Treasurer. Agreed to leave this question to the Officers.

(3) S.O.S. Mothers' Campaign. The Chairman reported that a group of interested women had met several times with some members of the W.I.L. Committee to discuss the possibility of such a Campaign. The difficulty had been that, while they were anxious to secure peace and no more war, some were not prepared to give up armaments. A letter had been received from Mrs. Gye on behalf of the group thanking the Committee for the trouble they had taken, but saying they felt ^{that as} there was no common ground on which they could work ~~they~~ had come to the conclusion that they could take no further action in the matter.

(4) International Financial Loans. Karleen Baker reported that she had not written to Mrs. Honor Croome about the proposed Autumn Meeting as no decision had been made about dates. Agreed to offer her the 12th or 14th October and to ask her to suggest another date if either of these are not convenient.

Reported that Miss Rinder had consulted Mr. Pethick Lawrence about financial loans to Germany. He ^{says} ~~thinks~~ the Government opposes loans to Germany or Italy, but private persons can lend if they wish as the Government doesn't control the City. Their credit ^{is so bad} ~~is~~ that he doesn't think this a practical question. He thinks it unwise to discriminate against one country and says that if he were framing a resolution it would oppose all loans to countries in the present unsettled state, particularly in cases where money was required, or likely to be used, for armaments.

The Consultative Members to the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Meetings were left free to mention Mr. Pethick Lawrence's opinion if they found it might be useful, but it was not to be used as an opinion of the Committee.

(5) Bring and Buy Sale. Date agreed upon: November 9th. Agreed also to arrange for a Reading.

It was further agreed that an appeal letter should be prepared in September to members asking for donations, and that copies should be sent to the Branches with the suggestion that it should be sent to their members.

(6) Palestine. Reported that the letter drafted by Miss Anderson and Mrs. Sturge had been signed by the Chairman and sent to the Rt. Hon. Ormsby-Gore, Secretary of State for the Colonies, urging that every possible opportunity be taken to promote understanding by negotiations with the leaders of the two communities.

In connection with the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the causes of unrest in Palestine, the Officers had sent a letter to Lord Peel regretting that no woman had been appointed on the Commission, and expressing the hope that an appointment would be made; a similar letter was sent to the Press, which was published in the Manchester Guardian on July 25th. On the instigation of the National Council of Women a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for the Colonies from the following Women's Organisations:-

National Council of Women, British Commonwealth League, St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, Women's International League, and the Women's Freedom League.

The Committee endorsed the signing of this letter, which appeared in The Times.

It was agreed to ask Miss Rathbone, M.P. to press for the appointment of a woman on the Commission, and failing that, to urge that a woman should be appointed with official standing as an expert - a woman well informed on the Eastern situation.

249. NEW BRANCH. The Chairman reported that a Branch had been formed at Leicester, with 78 members and 6 Affiliated Societies. It was hoped that shortly a Branch would be formed in Shrewsbury. Agreed that letters of welcome should be sent.

250. W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Geneva, Sept. 1936.
Date of Congress. The Consultative Members were instructed to suggest not later than the end of July, 1937, and if this is agreed to, to invite the Congress to be held in England, on the understanding that the International Office is liable for the expenses of the Congress. If in England places mentioned were Brighton, Oxford or Cambridge.

Reform of the League and a Peace Plan for the World. Mrs. Innes presented her Statement on this, and after discussion it was agreed that the attached should be forwarded immediately for the International Executive Committee. It was also agreed that the Consultative Members should take with them copies of the Resolution adopted on the 29th June by the 26th National Peace Congress at Leeds, not for inclusion in the Agenda, but for information as a document representing views of various bodies in England.

No other suggestions for the W.I.L.P.F. Agenda were made.

251. PEOPLES MANDATE. Reported that good press notices had been received of the deputation to Lord Cranborne, under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Money was badly needed for the continuation of the International Mandates work until the Mandate was presented at Geneva.

252. INTERNATIONAL PEACE CAMPAIGN. Mrs. Innes and Mrs. Duncan Harris were appointed delegates to the World Peace Congress in Brussels, Mrs. Innes would only be able to attend if she could fit it in with her visit to Geneva for the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Meetings.

It was agreed to ask the Branches for a list of their members who were attending the Congress, so that we could send a complete list ~~to Dame Adelaide Livingstone~~ of W.I.L. members to Dame Adelaide Livingstone from this Office. It was understood that each Branch would be responsible for expenses, if any, that had to be met for their own delegates.

253. INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. Discussion took place regarding the Civil War in Spain and the measures enacted by the Senate of the Free City of Danzig in violation of the Constitution. Miss Sheepshanks was given a watching brief regarding Spain and members of the Committee were asked to refer any information they obtained to her. Dr. Clark undertook to draft a letter to the Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden with reference to Danzig. She drew attention to the memorandum on Danzig issued by the Women's Peace Crusade and to a Press article she had recently written. Agreed to send copies to the Branches. The Women's Peace Crusade issued memoranda on international questions every three or four weeks, the price for which was 3/6d per annum.

The general international unrest was considered, and it was strongly felt that the W.I.L. ought to consider its policy in the light of the present development of international affairs. With this end in view it was agreed that members of the Committee should meet together at Jordans or Hitherwood, if possible, on October 10th, 17th or 24th, and the Office was instructed to find out which date suited the majority of the Committee.

254. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Karleen Baker urged the publication of new leaflets, particularly one on the present problems, to be followed by another answering those problems.

255. CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) Women's Advisory Council, L.N.U. Reported that Dr. Clark and Miss Pye were representing the W.I.L. at the Meeting for the Woman Delegate (Miss Graves) to the Assembly of the League of Nations. We had asked that the following points might be included in the Agenda for this meeting on July 29th:-

Italy-Abyssinian question; Reform of the Covenant; The need to constitute the 3rd (Disarmament) Cttee, with a special view to Air Disarmament; Refugees.

(b) British Commonwealth League. Reported a letter asking Organisations to pay in advance half the sum of three guineas guaranteed for the organisation of the Conference on "The Rights and Duties of Women under Democracy." Agreed to send £2.2.0 from the £3.3.0 guaranteed.

(c) Mr. Cecil H. Wilson on Manifesto on Peace and A World Conference. Mrs. Innes, who had left the Committee for a meeting, had asked that the attached Manifesto might be considered and signed. It was agreed to circulate it to members for consideration at the Committee on September 1st. The Manifesto has to be sent to Mr. Wilson not later than 5th September.

(d) Women's Freedom League. Reported an invitation to send delegates to a one-day Conference on October 23rd on "The Status of Women." Resolutions to be sent in not later than October 9th. Agreed to defer action until September Committee.

(e) The Peace Pledge Movement. In reply to our letter of 10th June asking Dr. Sheppard how he proposed keeping in close co-operation with existing peace societies, and whether his appeal to women was being responded to, his Secretary had replied on his behalf that they have special Pledge Cards for women who are asked to sign it in exactly the same way as the men sign. Most of the Groups already include women who are admitted on the same terms as men. Women are joining in great numbers.

This concluded the business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING; September 1st.

B. Duncan Harris

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NOTES AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION ON THE REFORM OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, at the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee at Geneva in September.

REFORM OF THE LEAGUE:

Those who advocate this are in opposing camps;

1. Those who wish to loosen its structure and lessen the obligations of members.
2. Those who wish to strengthen it by making the obligations more water-tight.
3. A third group wishes to scrap the present League and start afresh.
4. There is also a group which wishes to leave the Covenant as it is.

1. Point 1 can only mean reframing the Covenant to suit the low existing levels of international co-operation - a futile surrender which we cannot support.
2. Pacifists and all peace workers should, it seems to me, resolve to try to strengthen the League as a machine for the avoidance of war. Pacifists will be told it cannot be strengthened unless war is envisaged as a last resort against an aggressor. What have we to say?
3. As regards the third group (H.G. Wells) - since the League is only a machine, to scrap the present one and start another for use by the same people who have failed to use this one, - (unless they too could be eliminated!) seems no more helpful a suggestion.

STRENGTHENING THE LEAGUE AS IT IS.

I. GENERAL.

- A. The essence of the League system is not (as both its friends and its enemies sometimes insist) the obligation ultimately to go to war against an aggressor, but the obligation not to resort to war and to refer every quarrel in the first instance to peaceful settlement.

The realisation of this among all peoples would strengthen the League enormously. This obligation must be retained and propaganda for its execution carried on in every crisis.

- B. The League cannot hope to function properly in a fear-ridden world (i) The piling up of arms is both a sign and a cause of this fear. The vicious circle must be broken by getting back to disarmament. To secure this we must get plans for the internationalisation of civil aviation. (ii) Governments aiming at peace frequently act in a way that fosters fear - and fear leads to war and aggression. The desire of domination and the search for prestige have psychological causes. A scientific study of these causes should be made and urged on every Government.

II. SPECIAL MEASURES OF REFORM

In general - a great need is universality, with members anxious to see the League succeed and flourish. Without this proviso universality has great dangers. For example, would a Japan steadily aggressing in China be worth getting back to the League? (Questions about Italy and Germany are easy to frame also). To ensure the proviso - U.S.A. doubts would have to be met - a very difficult problem, and membership of the League would have to be made more valuable and worth while. Some such lines as economic privileges and arrangements between League Members might be thought out.

A. U.S.A. (i) It is not possible to delete Article X, or to leave in the pledge to "respect" etc. without "preserve", but other articles do cover one of its essential points and it is a stumbling block to U.S.A. The text of Article 10 is as follows:-

"The Members of the League undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all Members of the League. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression the Council shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled."

(ii) Ask U.S.A. Government to make a study of the Covenant and indicate what features are a hindrance to U.S.A. adherence. (This would probably reveal the fact that it is a general distrust of co-operation with Europe on political lines that keeps them aloof and may at present be insuperable).

B. How could membership be made more worth while? This needs a good deal of thinking out and most steps that occur to one have their dangers. Some possible lines are:-

(i) Economic and commercial advantages between League Members (the nearer the League was to being universal the less dangerous this would be). The advantages to be cut off automatically from any aggressor. Until there is some sort of federation, progress in disarmament is unlikely. M. Briand's plan for Europe should be examined afresh and pressed.

(ii) Mandates (and Colonial possessions) to be under League administration with a civilservice open to nationals of all members - the nationals of any aggressing State to be immediately suspended from any positions they hold.

(This suggestion is included although it is a matter of much difference of opinion among experts).

C. Reform of points of procedure and of the Articles of the Covenant have been much discussed.

(i) Certainly no State involved in a quarrel before the League should have a vote under Articles X, XI or XVI.

- (ii) Article XVI. par 1 must either be altered - or observed. Amendments which would have helped, in my view, were once proposed in 1922, but not ratified by enough members to come into force.

Further, definite plans should be worked out before hand for the prevention of aggression by any State, by the cutting off of things lacking to it, but essential for the making of war, and all members should undertake that these supplies should be cut off automatically when aggression is pronounced. (As a matter of fact, it is only necessary really to consider how to stop the Great Powers. The League has shown it can stop small Powers). These plans should be accepted as an annex to or interpretation of XVI by all League members.

Personally, I should like to see substituted for the whole of Article XVI some such Article as:-

"Should any Member...resort to war.... it shall be immediately excluded from all privileges attaching to League membership, and no oil, metals or minerals for use for war purposes shall be supplied to it. Any Member not joining in with these measures shall be regarded as an abettor of aggression and subjected to the same loss of privileges."

The simpler and more direct Article XVI is, the more likely is it to act as a deterrent.

- (iii) Methods of using Article XIX should be worked out in detail, and attached as an interpretative annex.

- (iv) In addition to the Court and the Council a permanent panel for Commissions of Conciliation should be set up to deal with non-judicial disputes - free from the political atmosphere of the Council.

When a state of affairs is judged by the League Council to be a threat of war it should be open to Council decision to proclaim an armistice which might involve the stopping of all movement of arms until the danger is removed.

K. E. INNES.

Women's International League,
55 Gower Street, W.C. 1.
July 29th. 1936.

26th NATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS
LEEDS 26th-29th JUNE, 1936

Resolution adopted 29th. June 1936.

The 26th. National Peace Congress, representing nearly 300 national and local organisations and all sections of the Peace movement, while recognising that on the issue of sanctions there is honest divergence of judgment, affirms nevertheless, in view of the gravity of the world situation, that workers for peace can and should give active support to the following principles and proposals as a basis for practical action:

1. International co-operation on an organised basis through a League of Nations open on equal terms to all countries which sincerely renounce war as an instrument of national policy.
2. Progressive curtailment of national sovereignty.
3. Development of the League as a more effective instrument both for the peaceful removal of inequities and dangers to world peace, and for social and humanitarian activities.
4. Severance of the Treaty of Versailles from the Covenant of the League of Nations.
5. Opposition to the unilateral repudiation of Treaty obligations.
6. Fresh negotiations on economic and colonial questions directed towards removing the tensions largely responsible for increasing armaments and the drift to war.
7. Transformation of the colonial and mandate system into one giving full economic and civil rights to all inhabitants and tending to their most rapid achievement of self-government.
8. Reduction of trade and currency restrictions in the interests of economic internationalism.
9. General disarmament as an indispensable contribution to a peaceful world order: as an immediate step the abolition of military aircraft and the internationalisation of civil aviation.
10. Opposition to the British Government's foreign and armaments policy on the ground that it is likely to increase rather than to lessen the danger of war.
11. Immediate suppression of the private manufacture of and trade in arms.
12. Opposition to all measures, such as industrial conscription, tending to bring the civil population under military control.
13. Opposition to the current Fascist and Nazi ideology of race hatred, militarisation of youth, and glorification of war.

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To Members of the W.I.L. Executive
Committee.

MANIFESTO ON PEACE & A WORLD CONFERENCE.

The following Manifesto on Peace and a World Conference was prepared by a small Committee which was appointed to consider suggestions made at a recent Conference held at the House of Commons of Members of both Houses of Parliament and friends who are opposed to War under all circumstances and for any purpose whatever.

This Manifesto will be considered by the W.I.L. Committee at its meeting on September 1st. Will you, therefore, give it your earnest consideration?

E. HORSCROFT.

We, the undersigned, are united in our conviction that War in any circumstances is a crime against humanity. We are also agreed that the method of War can never ensure lasting Peace and Security. We believe that these statements are true, whether the form of Mass Violence called War is conducted by a single Nation, by an Alliance of Nations or by the League of Nations.

Modern Warfare involves the use of Aircraft with the bombing, gassing and massacre of helpless and innocent Men, Women and Children, as well as the perversion and degradation of human personality. We will neither participate in any acts of War nor prepare for them.

We, therefore, protest against the present policy of increased armaments which, so far from assuring Defence and giving Peace and Security, threatens to provoke an infinitely worse catastrophe than that of 1914 - 1918.

Another World War would mean the end of civilisation. The conscience of humanity demands that such a tragedy shall not overwhelm the World. Multitudes of Men and Women in our own Country will actively resist any War.

The League of Nations should be made an effective instrument for promoting Peace, while its powers for conciliation, treaty revision and territorial change should be increased.

Armed force should be eliminated from the Covenant of the League and its economic, social and humanitarian activities should be more vigorously developed.

There can be no settled Peace until there is justice between Nations and within Nations.

We proclaim the need for the immediate summoning of a World Conference to examine, discuss and settle, with full regard to the real interests of the populations involved, the economic and territorial grievances which lie at the root of most International enmities to-day.

The people of this Country should make it clear to the World that our representatives would go to the Conference prepared to share in any sacrifices which might be necessary, and to rely on the spirit of justice and not on armed force.

We call for support for this policy from all who desire a real and lasting Peace.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, September 1st, 1936
at 55 Gower Street, W.C. 1. from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Chick, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Sheepshanks, Miss White, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Thornycroft.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mrs. d'Auquier, an original member of the W.I.L. and a member of the Committee of the Manchester Branch, Dr. Stoitcheva (Bulgaria), Miss Brate (U.S.A.) Madame Pollatz (Holland), Miss Mackay of Glasgow and Mrs. Burden (Liverpool).

Apologies for absence were received from Miss B.M. Baker, Miss Karleen Baker, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Dickinson, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Pye.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON JULY 28th were confirmed after an amendment to Minute 248 International Financial Loans, was adopted.

Miss Rinder said that Mr. Pethick Lawrence thought it improbable that even private persons would consider granting loans to Italy or Germany at the moment as the difficulty of paying interest and repaying capital is so great, and economic conditions so unstable.

256. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 248 (4).

Autumn Meeting on International Financial Loans. Reported that Mrs. Honor Croome was unable to accept the invitation to speak on this subject, but on her recommendation we had approached Mr. T. Balogh, a young Hungarian who knows German and Central European economic and financial affairs inside out, who had replied that he would be glad to talk on the subject if in London in the middle of October. We had arranged to write to him again at the end of September.

Minute 248 (5) Bring and Buy Sale, November 9th. Reported that some members of the Committee were already preparing their contributions. Several suggestions were made and the Committee appointed to deal with this Sale was asked to meet to consider them. Mrs. Unwin undertook to draft a letter to Headquarter members and friends in which she would embody a list of gifts that would be **specially acceptable**.

Minute 255 (c) Mr. Cecil Wilson's Manifesto on Peace and a World Conference. It was agreed that as there was not complete unanimity in the Committee on this Manifesto, Mrs. Innes should not sign it on behalf of the W.I.L. She had signed it in her private capacity.

Minute 255 (d) Women's Freedom League Conference, 23rd October. The question of appointing delegates to the Women's Freedom League Conference on the Status of Women on October 23rd resulted in a discussion on the W.I.L. attitude to protective legislation in industry. There was general agreement that there should be provision for maternity, but it was felt that the women workers should decide whether they wanted protective legislation, or not. It was agreed to consult Miss Elliott and Miss Bondfield of the Women's Industrial Organisations and Miss Dorothy Henniker of the International Business and Professional Women, as to the views of the women concerned in the matter. Miss Sheepshanks agreed to draft a statement on the lines of general agreement in the W.I.L. for consideration at the October Executive. If women's

organisations are quoted as opposed to protective legislation a question should be put to the Conference asking which women's organisations have pronounced in this sense. The following consented to act as delegates to the Conference; Miss Sheepshanks, and Mrs. Thornycroft and Mrs. Duncan Harris, subject to their confirmation. Miss Marshall will fill a vacancy, if required.

257. INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS. In response to an appeal for funds from Dame Adelaide Livingstone it was agreed to send £5. A voluntary collection in the Committee resulted in £1. 16. 6 towards the £5.

Miss Harrison reported that the Indian National Congress had asked Mr. Krishna Menon to be their representative at the Brussels Congress, at the open meeting of which he had been asked to speak. She urged Mrs. Duncan Harris and Mrs. Innes to bear in mind Mr. Menon's difficult task in presenting India's point of view, and to help him in any way possible. ~~Mrs. Rama Rau will attend as an observer.~~

258. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £76. 17. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ was adopted. Reported that Lady Unwin had gone to America for five months but she was willing to leave her name as Treasurer, if the Committee wished. The Committee were very glad to leave the matter as it stood, the question of appointing an Assistant Treasurer being left to the Officers (see July 28 Minutes). Before leaving Lady Unwin had sent a cheque for £25 to the general Funds, which had been acknowledged by Mrs. Innes.

259. INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

(a) Spain. Reported a letter from Miss Louie Bennett asking if the Peace Organisations in England are organising a campaign for mediation in the Spanish civil war. Statements on the Spanish situation were also reported from the Union of Democratic Control, and the Socialist League.

After a long discussion the following Statement was adopted, and instructions given for it to be sent to the Government, the Spanish Ambassador, organisations likely to take similar action. A letter was to be sent to Miss Bennett with a copy of the Statement.

SPAIN.

"The British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom condemns the use of armed violence in the attempt to upset the democratically constituted Government of Spain, thereby plunging the country into the horrors of Civil War. It urges that Parliament should reassemble and remain in session during the crisis.

The Spanish War has been recognised as a threat to international peace which has necessitated an agreement for non-intervention by other Powers.

The Women's International League calls upon the British Government to take the initiative in proposing that the League of Nations should, under Article 11 of the Covenant, establish an expert and independent body whose task should be to see that non-intervention in the War is observed and to report continually and publicly to the League Council on the progress of events.

The League Assembly should mobilise world opinion in support of any measures by which the sufferings of the people of Spain may be alleviated."

(b) Graz W.I.L. Group. Reported that the Graz Branch of the W.I.L. has been dissolved by the police on the grounds that it was (1) irreligious; (2) that it had quoted communist speeches made at a meeting; (3) that its tendencies were entirely Left. The leaders had replied that the W.I.L. was not irreligious, but they condemned the support of war by the Priests; the quotations from the speeches had been misunderstood, and that they were not party-political. It appeared the police had based their complaints on the fact that the President had received a Socialist paper from England asking her to subscribe to it. This showed the extreme care needed in sending papers abroad. Agreed to pass on this information to the News Sheet Committee.

(c) Bulgaria. Miss Anderson reported a Petition she had received from Madame Tchkatrova and others at Sofia concerning a young student confined in prison in Macedonia since 1927 because he would not give up his Bulgarian nationality. It was agreed that Miss Anderson, with Miss Eaton, if possible, should take a letter from the W.I.L. to the Yugo-Slav Minister.

It was further agreed to try to arrange a meeting as soon as possible of members and friends at which Miss Stoitcheva would speak on Conditions in Bulgaria. Miss Anderson will see if Lady Noel Buxton will lend her Drawing Room for the meeting.

260. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT BRANSCOMBE, October 16/19th. The Chairman very warmly thanked Miss Chick on behalf of the Committee for her invitation to hold the Executive gathering at Branscombe. Nearly all the members had been able to accept. Miss Chick expressed the hope that the majority would be able to get down on Friday afternoon. Suggestions for discussion were reported from Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Vipont Brown and Miss Dickinson. After consideration of these and other suggestions it was agreed to ~~work~~ as nearly as possible to the following programme:-

Friday 8 - 10 p.m. Miss Mosa Anderson to open discussion on "The Haves and the Have Nots" based on Charles Roden Buxton's book "The Alternative to War: a Programme for Statesmen."

Saturday 2.30 - 4.15 p.m.

1. Are we called upon by events in the world to-day to modify our pacifism?
(Collective security, military sanctions, etc.)
Openers: Mrs. Thoday and Miss Pye (subject to her consent)

Saturday 5 - 7.15 p.m.

2. Must we accept as stages to peace, measures we would not advocate?
(International police, Pooling of military forces, etc.)
Opener: Mrs. K.E. Innes.

Sunday 10 - 1 p.m.

3. How do the answers to the above affect the W.I.L. policy?

(i) The problem of the restraint of violence: How should we deal with armed aggression and civil war?

Opener: Miss Marshall.

(ii) The problem of the dissatisfied Powers: How can we deal with this?

Opener: Miss Mosa Anderson.

(iii) How far can we work to uphold and restate true democracy in terms of the new age? The problem of protecting freedom (a) at home and (b) abroad.

Opener: Miss Sheepshanks.

Sunday 5 - 7.15 p.m.

(iv) Ought pathological states of mind in a nation to be taken into account in developing our programme? The bearing of this on our work.

Opener: Miss Rinder.

261. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Reported invitation to send comments or amendments to the N.P.C. Statement of policy recommended as a basis for joint action. It was agreed to accept the Statement, making the suggestion that the words "and markets" should be added at the end of 2 (b).

262. INDIA. The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, expressed to Miss Harrison the wish that her visit to India would be very successful. Miss Harrison sails on the 26th September and she was asked to take greetings to the women of India from the Committee.

It was agreed to ask Mrs. Sturge to act as W.I.L. Liaison Officer on the Liaison Committee of British Women's Societies in place of Miss Harrison.

263. EMBASSIES OF GOOD WILL. It was reported that the Embassies of Goodwill and Fellowship is a society that sends groups of Christian men and women to other countries in order to arrive at a better understanding as between peoples, not as between Governments. An Embassy Group is visiting England from Holland in October and a Reception is being held at Dr. Townley Lord's Church on Saturday, 3rd October, an invitation to which had been received by the W.I.L. Mrs. Hunter and Miss Horscroft agreed to attend on behalf of the W.I.L. Agreed further to co-operate in the Movement wherever possible.

264. CORRESPONDENCE. Rassemblement Universel des Pacifistes integraux. Reported an invitation to send delegates to a Conference in Paris in May 1937. Agreed to defer action.

265. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Agreed to leave to the Officers the summoning of an emergency Committee at a week's notice if necessary. Otherwise it will be held at Branscombe on Monday morning, October 19th.

266. PEACE SYMBOL MOVEMENT. During the tea Interval Miss Brate, a member of the W.I.L. in the U.S.A. explained the Peace Symbol Movement, the aim of which is to get peace-minded citizens of the world to wear peace symbols. In the U.S.A. Pax Prints in dress silk have been manufactured, as

well as Peace Handkerchiefs and Pax Ties, while 25 of the leading cotton converts, members of the Textile Fabrics Association have undertaken a mass project to make and sell cotton fabrics carrying designs symbolical of peace for use in the making of cotton dresses. Miss Marshall illustrated the Peace Symbol by wearing a dress made from the silk fabric.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

B. Duncan Harris

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for July 1936.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance	114.1. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	23.17. 6.
Subscriptions	12.13.10.	Office Expenses	2.13.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Donations	12. 9. 7.	Wages	4. 7. 6.
Sale of News		State Insurance	1. 5.10.
Sheets & Lit.	13. 7. 8.	Stationery	1.14. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Refunded by		News Sheets & Literature	
W.P.C. (removal, rent, cleaning, typewriter contract)	12. 6. 6.	purchased	6. 3.11.
	50.17. 7.	Postage	5. 4. 1.
		Telephone	4. 8. 7.
		Lighting & heating	19. 8.
		Travelling expenses	2. 6. 2.
		Delegates Fee	2. 6.
		Grant (B.C.L. Coronation Conf)	£2. 2. 0.
			55. 5. 9.
		Balance at	
		Midland Bank	105. 4. 7.
		Cash in hand	4. 8. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
			109.12.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£164.18. 7$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>£164.18. 7$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Statement of Accounts for August 1936.

Balance	109.12.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	35. 5. 0.
Subscriptions	1.17. 0.	Office Expenses	17. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Donations	25. 0. 0.	Wages	4. 0. 0.
Sale of News		Insurances	10. 0.
Sheets & Literature	6. 0.	News Sheets & Literature	
Geneva Subs	1. 0. 0.	purchased	4.11. 3.
	28. 3. 0.	Stationery	2. 3. 9.
		Lighting & heating	1. 1. 6.
		Postage	1. 9. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Grant (Mrs. Innes for Brussels & Geneva travelling expenses)	11. 0. 0.
			60.18. 0.
		Balance at	
		Midland Bank	74.15. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Cash in hand	2. 2. 8.
			76.17.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£137.15.10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>£137.15.10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Outstanding Accounts

Geneva Subs & Pax £ 2. 3. 6.
 Account for Friends of Peace & Disarmament leaflets not yet rendered.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Monday, October 19th, 1936 from 9.30 to 12.30 at Hazelwood, Branscombe, S. Devon.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Pye, Dr. Clark, Miss Anderson, Miss B.M. Baker, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Chick, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Hunter, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Thornycroft, Miss K. Baker, Miss Marshall.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Harrison, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Unwin, Miss White.

MINUTES of meeting on 1st September were confirmed, having been previously circulated.

267. BUSINESS ARISING:

(a) Reported that Mr. T. Balogh had agreed to speak on International Finance in the Crisis Years on October 27th, 3 p.m. 55 Gower Street. Agreed Mrs. Duncan Harris take the Chair.

(b) Reported that in response to our letter of September 2nd re the imprisonment of Dimiter Tchkatrova in Yugo Slavia, a letter had been received from the Legation saying that the contents had been communicated to the competent quarters in Yugo Slavia and therefore it would not be necessary for Miss Eaton and Miss Anderson to call. A further letter had been sent on October 14th asking whether there was any possibility of ameliorating the lot of the prisoner as we have reason to believe that he is very gravely ill. No reply had been received. Agreed (1) to consult Dr. Palitch, a member of the Serbian W.I.L.P.F., and (2) to ask Miss Anderson and Miss Margery Fry (if possible) to call at the Legation as early as possible.

(c) British Commonwealth League Coronation Conference. Miss Dickinson said that at the B.C.L. Coronation Conference Committee which she had attended in place of Mrs. Lankester, Miss Todhunter reported that she had been in communication with Mr. Webb who was organising a Commonwealth Coronation Conference at Olympia, and the B.C.L. had been invited to participate. The Committee felt that it might be advisable to give up or postpone the B.C.L. Conference and it was decided to defer making further arrangements until more details had been found out about the Olympia Conference. A small deputation, including Mrs. Corbett Ashby was appointed to meet Mr. Webb. Subsequently the Committee met again but could come to no decisive arrangement until further information had been obtained about Mr. Webb and others organising the Conference.

The W.I.L. agreed to defer action until further particulars had been received from the B.C.L. and Miss Dickinson undertook to attend future Committee meetings on behalf of the W.I.L.

(d) Miss Sheepshanks' statement on the Status of Women was considered. Amendments were suggested which she undertook to embody in a final Statement in readiness for the Women's Freedom League Conference on October 23rd (final Statement in Office for future reference).

268. FINANCE. The attached Statement of Accounts for September was adopted.

Suggestions for the Bring and Buy Sale on November 9th were made for the consideration of the Committee making the arrangements.

269. BRANSCOMBE WEEKEND CONFERENCE.

It was agreed that the Branches should receive at once (1) the summary of the discussion on "How far can we work to uphold and re-state true democracy in terms of the new age;

(2) A summary of the lines of thought developed from Miss Rinder's contribution on "Ought pathological states of mind in a nation to be taken into account in developing our programme?"

(3) Miss Anderson's summary of the discussion on "The Problem of the Dissatisfied Powers."

It was further agreed that the Executive Committee should receive for consideration the summaries of discussions on:-

(1) How should we deal with armed aggression and Civil War; the problem of the restraint of violence;

(2) Are we called upon by events in the world to-day to modify our pacifism;

(3) Must we accept, as stages to peace, measures we would not advocate?

Decided that pamphlets and leaflets on the policy of the W.I.L. and in relation to current problems should be published at intervals.

270. REPORT OF JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL FUND. Reported (1) the appointment of a sub-Committee to consider the form of a permanent Memorial; (2) American had not yet decided to join in the W.I.L.P.F. Fund as they were having a special Jane Addams Fund for Hull House; (3) Fraulein Heymann, Convener of the Sub-Committee, wished to send out a further appeal in Europe over influential signatures. It was agreed to consider this Appeal on its receipt.

271. REPORT OF PEOPLES MANDATE COMMITTEE. Reported decisions of the W.I.L.P.F. Committee as follows:-

(a) the results of the Campaign should be presented to the President of the League of Nations Assembly;

(b) Madame Drevet should continue work for another six months, particularly in countries where no action has yet been taken;

(c) Wireless talks should be organised where possible in different countries.

Mrs. Innes reported briefly on the presentation of the Mandate to the Assembly, and spoke of the extraordinary effect of the work in various countries, particularly Roumania and Czecho-Slovakia. New W.I.L. Branches are being formed as a result of it in South America.

272. REPORT OF W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, September 10/14, 1936, Geneva.

A detailed report of the meetings was not given as an article had appeared in the October News Sheet and an account of the proceedings, including resolutions adopted, would shortly appear in Pax.

It had been decided that the 1937 Congress should be held, if possible, in the last week of July in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. Its main subject will be "A New Peace." The internal organisation of the W.I.L.P.F. will also be considered, and on this subject Mrs. Innes read an extract of a letter from Madame Ragaz, Joint Chairman of the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee, in which she visualised some very important questions which would have to be considered, such as "What role do we ascribe to the Executive and in the Executive to the Chairmen? What are the competences of the Consultative Members in the Executive? Shall the W.I.L.P.F. be an international organisation or a federation of national sections? Shall political work be done internationally or chiefly nationally? If nationally, on what lines of action can we unite?"

After discussion of the above Mrs. Innes was asked to draft a letter to National Sections for consideration of the November Executive Committee Meeting.

With regard to Pax it was agreed that the British subscription should be £/6d.

273. REPORT OF BRUSSELS CONGRESS. Owing to the shortness of time a detailed report of the Congress was not given by our delegates. A report, however, had appeared in the I.P.C. Bulletin. Reported that the I.P.C. Bulletin will be issued monthly. Agreed that one copy should be ordered for the Office and a notice inserted in the News Sheet.

In connection with the Women's Commission of the International Peace Campaign, Sybil Thorndike had written inviting the W.I.L. to appoint two delegates to attend a Conference at the Besant Hall, Portman Square on Wednesday, November 4th at 7.30. Mrs. Duncan Harris and Miss Marshall agreed to attend the Conference and to make clear once more that the W.I.L. is unable to support the third point, i.e. "Strengthening of the League of Nations for the prevention and stopping of war by the organisation of Collective Security and Mutual Assistance."

274. PRESENT SITUATION.

Fascist Riots in the East End of London. Agreed that a letter be sent to Sir John Simon urging that the wearing of uniforms by groups with political objects should be banned, and that the law should be strengthened to prevent verbal or physical attacks on religious or racial grounds against any of His Majesty's subjects. Agreed that a similar letter should go to the Press. Before sending the letters Mr. Ronald Kidd, of the National Council for Civil Liberties, was to be consulted.

League of Nations Assembly, September, 1936. On seeing from the papers that the Assembly was not setting up the Third Committee dealing with the limitation and reduction of arms, though the General Committee was empowered to propose to the Assembly to set it up at any time during the session, Mrs. Duncan Harris sent the following telegram to Mr. Eden:-

"British Section of the Women's International League beg you support calling of meeting of Disarmament Committee."

Mrs. Innes, who was in Geneva, was able to do some publicity work for this telegram.

Mrs. Innes urged that pressure should be brought on the Assembly every year if there is any danger of its not setting up the Disarmament Committee, as this should meet automatically to review any steps taken in connection with armaments during the preceding year.

275. INDIA. Speaking of the forthcoming Elections in India, Mrs. Lankester drew attention to the very critical situation in India with which we should shortly be faced. Amongst other things to keep in mind is the fact that India is being brought into the Peace Movement in a new way. She reported that Krishna Menon had been appointed from the National Congress in India as a delegate to the Congress International Peace Congress.

Correspondence between Miss Pye and Mr. Ronald Kidd of the National Council for Civil Liberties was quoted. Under the auspices of the N.C.C.L. an Indian Civil Liberties Sub-Committee had been formed, composed of Indian and English people, serving in their individual capacities. The W.I.L. was invited to appoint a representative. Miss Marshall agreed to attend meetings while Miss Harrison was in India, but as she would not be in London for the meeting on October 23rd Mrs. Hunter undertook to go in her stead.

276. CORRESPONDENCE.

Regarding the Civil War in Spain, a letter was reported from the Peace Army saying that one of their French members living within sound of the guns at San Sebastian and Irun, had suggested that envoys should be sent to the leaders of each side, asking for a truce and offering mediation. Some members of the Peace Army had already volunteered for service, but it was felt that if the whole Peace Movement could unite, others might be found who would be better qualified, and who would carry more weight. Miss Pye said the W.I.L.P.F. in general felt that they should not send anyone until the moment was ripe. They had already taken steps to get into touch with one or two people of international standing who would be suitable, willing and able to go should a suitable occasion present itself.

National Peace Council. Reported a request that Mrs. Innes should be appointed as W.I.L. representative on the Council of the N.P.C. in order to make a vacancy for Mr. Karlin Capper Johnson, the new Secretary of the Friends Peace Committee. We had replied that as we were entitled to four delegates and only had three we should be very pleased to have Mrs. Innes as our fourth. This was endorsed.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th. (Bring and Buy Sale, November 9th).

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Statement of Accounts for September 1936.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance	76.17.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	31.15. 0.
Subscriptions	12.12. 0.	Wages	3.10. 0.
Donations	2.17. 6.	State Insurance	16. 7.
Sale of News Sheets & Literature	1. 9.11.	Office Expenses	1.18. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Postage	2.17. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Stationery	2. 9. 1
		Literature purchased	16. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Travelling expenses	2. 6. 6.
		Grant	5. 0. 0.
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	16.19. 5.	Geneva Subscriptions	2. 1. 0.
		" Pax "	2. 6.
			<hr/>
			2. 3. 6.
		Balance at Midland	
		Bank	38. 7.11.
		Cash in hand	4. 2.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
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			42.10.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	£93.17. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$		£93.17. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

Approximate Statement for October
1 - 15th. inclusive.

Balance	42.10.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenditure	45. 6.11.
Income	62. 3. 0.	Balance	59. 6.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	104.13.10 $\frac{1}{2}$		£104.13.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Outstanding Accounts

Stationery	1. 2. 2.
Printing	6.11. 0.
News Sheets	3.17. 6.
Typewriter repairs	14. 6.
Rent	12.10. 0.
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	24.15. 2.
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BALANCE £34.11.9 $\frac{1}{2}$

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 10th, 1936, at 55 Gower Street from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Thornycroft, Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Rinder, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Anderson, Miss Dickinson, Miss Pye, Mrs. Innes, Miss Marshall, Miss White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss B.M. Baker, Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Unwin, Lady Unwin, Miss Chick, Mrs. Greenwood.

MINUTES of meeting on October 19th were confirmed, after the following addition had been adopted:-

PAX. Reported that at the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee Miss Karleen Baker had been appointed Editor, with an Editing Committee.

277. BUSINESS ARISING.

(a) Owing to illness on the part of Miss Margery Fry, Miss Anderson and Miss Fry had not been able to call upon the Yugoslav Legation regarding the imprisonment of Dimitar Tchagetrova. Miss Anderson agreed to ask Lord Noel Buxton if he would take up the matter.

(b) Reported that the proposed British Commonwealth League Coronation Conference had been cancelled owing to the difficulty of finding out anything definite about the Commonwealth Conference at Olympia. The cheque for £2.2.0 which we sent towards the expenses of the Conference had been returned. The B.C.L. had now decided to hold its own Annual Conference toward the end of May.

(c) Miss Sheepshanks and Mrs. Duncan Harris reported on the Conference of Representatives of Women's Organisations (called by the Women's Freedom League) on the Status of Women, held on October 23rd at the Caxton Hall.

The following resolution ON Equal Status was carried:-

"This Conference notes that the British Government has not yet prepared its observations on Paragraph I of the Resolution of the Assembly, 1935, concerning the action which in their view the League might take with regard to the possibility of drafting an Equal Rights Treaty on the Status of Women. This Conference urges the Government to accept that the principle of the equality of the sexes before the law affecting the political, civil (or legal) and economic status of women, married and unmarried, should be embodied in an International Convention. This Conference considers that this equality alone provides for the full development of all the citizens of a country."

Miss Sheepshanks reported that she had spoken against the Equal Rights Treaty and an international Convention such as that suggested, as they would establish a uniformity injurious and unfair to women.

Miss Sheepshanks and Mrs. Duncan Harris voted against the resolution on the Equal Rights Treaty. There was an overwhelming majority at the Conference against the W.I.L. view in favour

of protective legislation for women and who were in favour of a blanket resolution for Equal Rights. Miss Sutherland, in writing to express approval of the W.I.L. Statement on the Status of Women, had enclosed a copy of a letter from the Joint Standing Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations to Mr. Baldwin, which put the point of view with which the W.I.L. agrees very well indeed.

The following resolution on the Nationality of Married Women was carried, both W.I.L. representatives voting against it:-

"This Conference on the Status of Women
Recognises the right of a woman to her own independent personal nationality on the same terms as a man, and

Calls upon the Government to implement their policy as expressed before the Council of the League of Nations at Geneva in 1931, when their delegate declared that

'The British Government considers it is right that ~~all~~ disabilities of married women in matters of nationality should be removed, and that, in so far as nationality is concerned, a married woman should be in the same position as a man - married or unmarried - or any single woman.'

Miss Sheepshanks reported the following amendments which she had proposed but which were lost:

- (1) delete all after the words "independent personal nationality" and add "and urges that a married women should have the option of choosing whether she will retain her own or adopt her husband's nationality."
- (2) delete all after the words "in so far as nationality is concerned, a married woman should be" and insert "given the option to choose her nationality."

The W.I.L. representatives abstained from voting on the resolutions on Arbitrary Powers to Regulate Women's Work and Insurance, and on Native Women in Australia and Native Women and Marriage Customs.

(d) The Committee endorsed a letter sent by Mrs. Innes to the Home Secretary urging that the wearing of uniforms by groups with political objects should be banned, and that the law should be strengthened to prevent verbal or physical attacks on religious or racial grounds against any of His Majesty's subjects. A formal acknowledgment had been received.

(e) Reports by several members of the Committee were given of the meeting at which Mr. T. Balogh spoke on October 27th on International Finance in the Crisis Years. He gave a vivid picture of the intricacies of the financial machinery and of some of the ways in which, without any fresh loans, Germany was able to assist her commerce.

278. FINANCE. The attached Statement of Accounts was adopted. It was reported that the Bring and Buy Sale realised £54.1.1. The Committee asked that its appreciation of all the arrangements made for the Sale and its gratitude to all the helpers should be conveyed immediately to those concerned. Miss Horscroft was asked especially to convey its thanks to the Office Staff.

279. BRANSCOMBE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND WEEKEND MEETING.

Mrs. Innes reported that as requested at the Branscombe Executive Committee on October 19th, she had drafted a leaflet in accordance with the wishes of the Committee, and had sent it round to the Executive Members for their consideration. The leaflet was taken as read.

After a long discussion it was agreed not to print this leaflet, but in view of the difficulties of the present complex situation the Executive Committee thought it would be helpful to reprint instead a longer extract from the early pronouncement of policy from which Mrs. Innes had quoted, making it clear that the W.I.L. had not changed its pacifist position. It was decided to print this forthwith for the information and guidance of Branches, provided no serious objections were raised to it by any Committee Member, to whom a draft was to be sent in the first instance.

280. W.I.L.P.F. CONGRESS, 1937.

At the request of the Committee on October 19th Mrs. Innes had sent to members of the Executive Committee a draft letter to National Sections for their consideration. This was, therefore, taken as read.

After discussion it was agreed that with slight alterations it should be sent to the National Sections through the W.I.L.P.F. Office at Geneva. The letter would read as follows:-

"Dear Secretary,"

In her recent letter to all our Sections Frau Ragaz, referring to the 1937 Congress wrote:

'Another question to be treated at the Congress will be the internal organisation of the W.I.L.P.F. - What role do we ascribe to the Executive and in the Executive to the Chairmen? What are the competences of the Consultative Members in the Executive? Shall the W.I.L.P.F. be an international organisation or a federation of national sections? Shall political work be done internationally or chiefly nationally? If nationally, on what lines of action can we unite? - Such very vital questions must undoubtedly be decided by the Congress itself. But also in this case it would be desirable that the National Sections study them very carefully this winter and send to the Spring Executive Consultative Members who can give the result of these studies in our deliberations on how to find a common ground for our proposals for the Congress.'

The British Section very much welcomes this suggestion. It feels it would be helpful if Sections could exchange ideas as to the development most likely to make for the smooth and useful future working of our organisation. The British Section has already given a great deal of thought to all the points mentioned. In our Constitution you will remember it was laid down at Zurich that 'between meetings of the Executive Committee the Officers may act on their own authority in international affairs in cases where it is impossible to consult the National Sections provided the application of the League principles is clear.'

We wish tentatively to put forward the following proposals for the future:

- (1) there shall be three Chairmen representative of the different tendencies so clearly recognised at our September Executive. Emergency action in the name of the W.I.L.P.F. shall be taken by agreement between all three when it is clearly in line with W.I.L.P.F. policy;
- (2) In the period between meetings of the Committee, apart from emergencies, action shall be taken on a two-thirds majority of the whole Executive, subject to consultation with any national sections affected by the action;
- (3) The Consultative Members shall have full rights of membership, speaking and voting at all Committee Meetings.

You will notice that we are not asking that they shall be full Committee members and do not suggest that they should be included in the Executive membership between meetings.

We should very much value the views of your Section on these points.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) K. E. INNES,
Hon. Secretary."

With regard to the main subject of the Congress - "A New Peace" - it was agreed that Mrs. Swanwick should be asked to suggest lines on which the British Section might study the problem between now and the Congress. The Officers were asked to bring definite proposals to the December Executive.

281. PRESENT SITUATION.

Miss Pye reported that she had received an appeal for help on behalf of two German women who had been deported from Brazil to the German Frontier, where they were arrested and taken to prison in Berlin, though they had been offered an asylum in various countries which they were not allowed to accept. Miss Pye consulted the Officers and a protest had been sent to the Brazilian Ambassador in this country, and a letter to the German Ambassador urging the German Government to send the two women to the French Frontier. This action was endorsed. Copies of our letters to the Ambassadors, with full particulars had been sent to our Section in U.S.A.

Miss Pye and Miss Anderson were asked to take any further action that seemed possible, after replies had been received to the two letters mentioned above.

Lord Mayor's Show, London.

Reported that Manchester Branch had forwarded to the Office a Statement issued by the Manchester and Salford Joint Peace Committee, in which the Headquarters of their Constituent bodies were urged to protest against the military

Joint Peace Committee, in which the Headquarters of their Constituent bodies were urged to protest against the military nature of the London Lord Mayor's Show. In consultation with the Chairman, Mrs. Innes had sent a letter to the Secretary of the Lord Mayor & Sheriffs' Committee regretting the military nature of the Show, as we considered it detracted from its representative character as a City - or National - Institution, and that in this time of acute international tension such a demonstration of military preparedness was provocative.

A reply had been received declaring that the Procession was not "a demonstration of military preparedness" but a historical display intended to illustrate the long and effective part taken by London in supporting the Defence Forces of the Realm.

This action was endorsed and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the London Passenger Transport Board expressing appreciation of the fact that in accordance with an expression of public opinion the Poster of two Guns announcing the Lord Mayor's Show was withdrawn.

Spanish Civil War. Dr. Clark reported that the Women's Peace Crusade had asked Miss Dingman, Chairman of the Peace and Disarmament Committee of Women's International Organisations, to consider the possibility of suggesting to one of the Scandinavian countries that they should ask the League Council to propose mediation in the Spanish Civil War. Miss Dingman had replied that she did not think the moment was a practicable one for proposing mediation. The W.P.C. felt it was not advisable to ask the British Government to take the initiative.

Report of the Royal Commission on the Private Manufacture of and Trading in Arms. The following resolution, proposed by Dr. Clark, was adopted, and instructions given for it to be sent to the Government, the Press, and to our Branches asking them to get publicity in their papers, if possible:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League,

while regretting that fuller inquiry has not been made by the Royal Commission on the Manufacture of Arms into the evils of the system of private profit, and believing that the influence of private interests has had and is continuing to have a serious effect both of increasing international fears and suspicions and of obstructing the desire of the people for reduction and limitation of armaments by international agreement,

strongly supports the recommendations that the Government should **accept** full responsibility for the manufacture of and trade in Arms, that civil Aircraft should be included in this control and that the Government should press for the international adoption of the measures of control proposed in the draft Articles put forward by the American Government in November 1934, and accepted by the Committee of the Disarmament Conference in February 1935 as a basis for discussion."

Agreed further that an article on the same subject by Miss Courtney should be sent to Branches and Executive.

Fraulein Heymann's Memoirs. Miss Pye announced that Fraulein Heymann was about to finish her Memoirs. They will be published in German in two volumes if a guarantee of at least 400 copies can be obtained. The price will be 4/- per volume. Twenty-two copies were guaranteed by members of the Committee and it was agreed to ask Mrs. Pethick Lawrence to write up a paragraph about the books for the News Sheet.

282. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS. Agreed that these should be from Tuesday morning (or possibly Monday evening) February 23rd to Friday afternoon, the 26th, the first two days to be spent in discussing "A New Peace" in readiness for the 1937 Congress.

283. INDIA. Mrs. Lankester reported that Miss Agatha Harrison had attended the Y.W.C.A. Conference in Ceylon, where she had made interesting contacts.

Verrier Elwin was speaking on "A Franciscan Settlement in Aboriginal India" on Friday, November 20th at 8 p.m. in Friends House, Euston Road, N.W. 1.

Mrs. Hunter reported on the meeting of representatives of groups and organisations interested in India which she had attended on 22nd October. The outlook in India was very serious. Steps had been taken to prevent a free vote for Congress members. Nehru's house had been raided and the publication of his News Letter had been forbidden and he is now unable to reach the Electorate. The Criminal Laws are now being applied to Socialist and Peasant Organisations. It is hoped that influence will be brought to bear on Members of Parliament to attend to the matter when the subject is raised in the House in April. The representative of the League against Imperialism appealed for an amnesty for political prisoners at the time of the Coronation.

284. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE will shortly be printing a membership form suitable for distribution at meetings.

285. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL'S Financial Scheme for the re-inforcement of National and local work. Agreed to co-operate as far as possible if the Scheme goes forward.

286. INTERNATIONAL PEACE CAMPAIGN - Women's Commission. Miss Marshall and Miss Dickinson reported on the meeting on November 4th which aimed at co-ordinating existing women's organisations and getting into touch with women not attached to any organisation. It was agreed to inform Dame Adelaide Livingstone that (1) The Executive considered there were already in existence sufficient co-ordinating bodies, particularly the Women's Peace Crusade which did work among many women's organisations and to which the W.I.L. was affiliated; (2) that the Committee hoped to continue to make its contribution along the lines of work done by the W.I.L. since 1915. Instructions were given to send Dame Adelaide Livingstone specimens of the leaflets issued by the W.I.L. Friends of Peace and Disarmament Committee.

287. W.I.L. SANDWICH LUNCHES. It was agreed to have the first of these on Friday, 27th November from 12.45 to 2.30 p.m. price 1/-, and to ask Mr. Horsfall Carter to come and speak on Spain. Failing him, agreed to ask Jonathan Griffin to speak on his book "An Alternative to Re-armament." The details were left to the Officers.

288. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL, L.N.U. Dr. Clark was appointed to attend the meeting on 23rd November at 14 Grosvenor Crescent, when Miss Marjorie Graves will report on the work of the Assembly, with special reference to the Fifth Committee, on which she served.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING, Tuesday December 8th.

This concluded the business.

B. Truman Harris

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts for October 1936.

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance	42.10.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	41.17. 6.
Subscriptions	18. 2. 0.	Wages	4. 7. 6.
Donations	59.19. 8.	State Insurance	18. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sale of News Sheets & Literature	3.19. 3.	Office Expenses	1.13. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Geneva Subscriptions	4. 0. 0.	Lighting & heating	1. 9.11.
Pax	7. 6.	Telephone & postage	13. 2.11.
Grant Refunded	2. 2. 0.	Travelling expenses	2. 8.10.
		Literature purchased	9. 0.
		Printing	6.11. 0.
		Stationery	5. 9.
	88.10. 5.		73. 4. 5.
		Balance at Midland Bank	53.17. 9.
		Cash in hand	3.19.1 $\frac{1}{2}$
			57.16.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£131. 1. 3$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>£131. 1. 3$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Approximate Statement of Accounts for November 1/6th.1936.

Balance	57.16.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenditure	10. 2.11.
Income	9.14. 0.	Balance at Midland Bank	48.16.9 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Cash in hand	8.11.2.
			57. 7.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£67.10.10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>£67.10.10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Outstanding Accounts.

Watford Printers (2 months News Sheets)	£7.18. 0.
Stationery	3.17.10.
Printing Sale handbills	1. 0. 0.
Geneva Subscriptions & Pax	4.12. 6.
Rent	12.10. 0.

£29.18.4.

Balance £ 27. 9. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

Donations to immediate Peace work	£56. 3. 8.
" to Bring & Buy Sale	£ 1.16. 0.

Includes Donations for Peace work	£2. 0. 0.
" " Sale	£6.15. 0.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, December 8th,
1936 at 55 Gower Street from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESENT. Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Miss Pye, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Thornycroft, Miss Sheepshanks, Miss Baker, Miss Dickinson, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Binyon, Miss White, Miss Rinder.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Letters were read from Miss B.M. Baker and Mrs. Lankester expressing regret at their absence from the Committee owing to illness, and from Mrs. McGregor Ross owing to pressure of work. Mrs. Hunter, Dr. Clark and Miss Chick were also prevented from attending owing to illness.

MINUTES of meeting on November 10th were signed, having been previously circulated.

289. BUSINESS ARISING: The Chairman reported that a meeting had been arranged for Lady Barton in the Office on December 15th at 3 p.m.

Lunches. It was reported that at the Lunch on November 27th Mr. Horsfall Carter had spoken on Spain. Fifty people had been present and it was felt that the first Lunch had been a success, financially as well as socially and warranted the continuation of the experiment. Miss Anderson reported that some members of the Golders Green Branch had offered to make themselves responsible for future catering arrangements and this was gratefully accepted. Details as to speaker, subject and date for the next Lunch in the New Year were left to the Officers, who were asked to bear in mind that the Chinese-Japanese situation is important and a speaker might be secured from the Friends of China, and that Miss Pye is going to Spain on behalf of the Friends and Save the Children Fund and might be able to report to a meeting on her return.

Lord Mayor's Show. Reported a letter from the Secretary of the London Passenger Transport Board saying that he feared we may have misunderstood the reason why the Board took down the poster dealing with the Lord Mayor's Show. It was not that the Board had "any feeling in this matter of a military display, but the poster seemed to emphasise the lethal nature of a military display rather than its ornamental nature. If the poster had dealt with the pageantry of the army it would have been more appropriate to the occasion. It was the inappropriateness that persuaded the Board to withdraw it."

Reported formal acknowledgments of the Committee's resolution on the Report of the Royal Commission on the Private Manufacture of and Trading in Arms. The National Peace Council had issued a Statement on the Report.

Women's Commission, International Peace Campaign. Reported (1) an acknowledgment from Dame Adelaide Livingstone in reply to the Committee's letter of the 12th November expressing the feeling of the Committee that there are already in existence sufficient co-ordinating bodies for women's work; (2) that at the meeting of Women's Organisations Ad Hoc Sub-Committee, it was (a) agreed that no new machinery was required for carrying out the work but closer co-operation was needed for getting at the unorganised women;

(b) it was resolved to recommend to the women's organisa-

tions that "as a temporary measure the members of the standing sub-Committee of the Women's Advisory Council, together with one representative from each of the following organisations:- Women's World Committee against War and Fascism (British Section), the Wives Fellowship, the Women's Section of the Council of Action and Reconstruction, and the Women's Peace Crusade, should be invited to form a Committee to discuss methods of future I.P.C. work."

Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Duncan Harris and Miss Marshall agreed, if possible, to attend a Conference of the British Delegates to the Brussels Congress on Thursday, December 17th at the Caxton Hall.

290. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was adopted. The Officers were authorised to borrow from the International House Account in the New Year, if necessary. Agreed that greetings should be sent from the Committee to Lady Unwin in America.

291. MISS BALCH. On behalf of the Committee Miss Sheepshanks agreed to send greetings, with as many signatures of the Executive as possible appended, on the occasion of her seventieth birthday on the 8th January. An article by Miss Marshall will appear in the next issue of Pax, together with a photograph of Miss Balch.

292. SPAIN. Reported that on November 18th the Officers had sent a letter to the Prime Minister expressing (a) deep concern over the terrors which are being faced by the civilian population of Madrid, (b) ^{ness}thankfully for the presence in Madrid of His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, and for his efforts on behalf of the population of the City, (c) the need for redoubled efforts to bring the leaders to a realisation of the horror with which all women regard the bombardment of an unfortified and densely populated city, (d) trusting that His Majesty's Government will exercise all the pressure in its power to prevent developments which would further horrify the civilised world. A copy had been sent to Mr. Eden and to the Spanish Ambassador in London. Formal acknowledgments had been received from the Prime Minister and Mr. Eden, and a note expressing the Spanish Ambassador's real appreciation of our action and of the terms of the letter. This action was endorsed by the Committee.

Reported a resolution adopted by the National Peace Council on 19th November on the recognition by the Italian and German Governments of the rebel forces in Spain as a legal Government.

Reported also a letter from the Women's Peace Crusade to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on December 2nd, in which were included the following suggestions which the British Government might propose at the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations:-

- (1) That an International Commission (perhaps on the lines of the Lytton Commission) should visit Spain with authority to investigate the situation on all sides;
- (2) That the parties in conflict should be asked to agree to a cessation of hostilities pending the report of the Commission and its proposals to the League Council;

- (3) That in view of the attitude to the European situation revealed by President Roosevelt's speech at the Pan-American Conference, the Council of the League might well invite the co-operation of U.S.A. in the effort to bring to an end the present tragic conflict in Spain.

After considering these documents and the situation in general, the attached letter was agreed upon, and instructions given for it to be sent to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, and for information to Major Attlee, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Lord Plymouth, the Geneva W.I.L.P.F., the N.P.C., to the Press, and to the Branches with a covering letter suggesting that they might like to try to get it into their local papers.

293. Miss Pye reported on the serious ANTI SEMITISM in this country, concerning which the Friends are issuing a leaflet which she would like sent to all the Branches with a warning of the spread of this ^{intolerance} and an appeal to them to combat it wherever it is found. Agreed that if the leaflet is ready early in the New Year it should be brought to the January Executive and sent to the Branches asking if they would like to use it.

294. Campaign against Fascist Propaganda in the Provincial Press. Miss Marshall reported on the Union of Democratic Control Campaign to counteract Fascist Propaganda in the provincial papers. She said that a member of the U.D.C. Executive (a German) is devoting all his time to the Campaign and needs helpers. They want correspondents in all parts of the country to co-operate. Such correspondents would be sent press-cuttings, draft replies to Fascist letters, or information on which letters, or articles could be based, either for signature of correspondents or by well known people. After discussion it was agreed to suggest that the material used should be sent to the Office for the consideration of the Officers and the Hon. Press Secretary before recommending action to our Branches or members. In any case it was agreed that all correspondence must be done through the Office.

295. Reported a letter from Mrs. Muter Wilson of our Manchester Branch suggesting that the W.I.L. either from London or Geneva should send a message of gratitude to President Roosevelt for his proposed action in the interest of World Peace. After consideration it was agreed to defer action until we had received Miss Balch's article on the subject, which is being published in the next Pax.

296. It was reported that Lord Noel Buxton had written to the Yugo-Slav Ambassador about Dinitier Tchaktrova but had received no reply. The Howard League for Penal Reform had had no good results to report. It was suspected that Tchaktrova is dead. It was agreed to ask Miss Anderson, who had to leave the Committee earlier, if she would communicate with our Geneva Office to say what action we had taken on the matter.

297. JANE ADDAMS MEMORIAL FUND. Reported that an International Appeal signed by Anita Augspurg, Emily Balch, Selma Lagerhof, Christian Lange, Clara Ragaz and Maude Royden had been received. It was agreed that the British Section had done all it could to raise funds, and reported that the money collected under the first appeal for a memorial of a permanent character had been transferred to the Post Office in the names of Mrs. Innes and Mrs. Duncan Harris pending further decisions next year by the W.I.L.P.F. In due course the Interest would be forwarded to the Maison Internationale.

298. Reported a letter from Mrs. Grindley, Chairman of our Croydon Branch, suggesting the FORMATION OF PACIFIST FIRST AID CLASSES similar to those recommended in the Peace Pledge Union leaflet, and asking if the W.I.L. could organise such a movement throughout the country.

After consideration it was agreed before taking action that the letter and leaflet should be sent to Executive members for their consideration of the proposal from all its aspects. The Committee will consider the matter again at its January Meeting.

299. FRIENDS OF PEACE AND DISARMMENT MOVEMENT. Mrs. Innes reported a letter from the Women's Peace Crusade asking if the W.I.L. would care to consider a plan of carrying on the Friends of Peace and Disarmament under the auspices of the W.P.C. and possibly to alter the title to "Friends of Peace," the idea in deleting the words "and Disarmament" being not to lessen the propaganda for disarmament, but to make it easier to use this particular plan of campaign more widely and to lead people through distribution of leaflets, to see that peace itself involves disarmament. After consideration it was left to the Officers and the Friends of Peace and Disarmament Committee to explore this proposal and to report back to the Executive.

300. Suggestions for study relating to obstacles to peace, submitted by Mrs. Thoday at the request of the Committee, were then considered, the outcome of which was the following Programme:-

"PEACEFUL CHANGE" with special reference to the contribution of the British Empire.

I. COLONIAL.

Our Colonial Policy:-

- (a) Raw materials, food, etc.
- (b) Markets.
- (c) Raw materials of war, coal, iron, minerals, etc.
- (d) Population and migration.
- (e) The Mandates System ; In charge of individual countries;
In charge of the League,
Economic and financial control.
- (f) Subject Races and their future, e.g. The Bantu in Western Africa; The Rehoboths in S.W.Africa.

II. ECONOMIC.

- (a) The removal of trade barriers.
- (b) The freeing of labour and the improvement of labour conditions.

III. REBUILDING THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

- (a) The Peace Treaties and the Status Quo.
- (b) Power Politics versus co-operation.

IV. DISARMMENT.

Armament Firms and their Trade.

Miss Sheepshanks agreed to prepare a Bibliography including both simple and more exhaustive books and pamphlets to be used in the study of these subjects.

It was agreed to send the Programme and Bibliography to the Branches urging them to study the subject and suggesting that they should draw up their resolutions for the Annual

Council Meetings along these lines. This would not debar them from sending resolutions on other subjects, if they wished.

301. It was agreed that such a study would be a good preparation for the 1937 CONGRESS, the subject of which is "A New Peace."

Attention was drawn to the fact that, according to the new Constitution adopted at the Zurich Congress in 1934, Sections could only send ten delegates and ten alternates in addition to their two Consultative Members. Nominations from the Branches would be considered by the Executive Committee and the delegates and alternates appointed.

302. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS. Reported that the Queen Mary Hall, Y.W.C.A., Great Russell Street, W.C. 1. had been booked provisionally from Tuesday to Friday, February 23rd to 26th inclusive. After discussion the Committee reversed their decision to have a four days' Council and agreed that three days would be sufficient, the first day to be devoted to the discussion of the Congress subject "A New Peace." The sessions were to be arranged as follows:-

Tuesday, Feb. 23rd	11 a. m. to 12.30 p.m. 2 p.m. " 4 p.m. 4.30p.m. " 6 p.m.
Wednesday, " 24th	10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday " 25th	10.30 to 12.30 p.m. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Later in the afternoon it was decided that a 21st Birthday Party should be arranged at the Queen Mary Hall on the first or second night and that the original members of the W.I.L. should be invited to attend. A suggestion was made that birthday presents should be given in the shape of 21 coins of the Realm, or Notes. A sub-Committee was appointed consisting of the Officers, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Dickinson, Miss Baker, with power to co-opt.

Mrs. Vipont Brown reported that Manchester Branch had issued a 1915-1936 leaflet on "The Policy of the Women's International League." Copies were distributed to the Committee and it was agreed to order 2,000 copies, with slight amendments, for general distribution.

303. PUBLICITY. The Press Secretary reported that an eight page leaflet drafted by Miss Anderson, based on Mr. Roden Buxton's book "An Alternative to War," with a short Bibliography, would be issued after Christmas. The re-statement of W.I.L. Aims is now in the printer's hands and expected any day; A single page membership form has been issued for wide distribution.

304. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Reported the arranging of a special Campaign designed to secure a more effective contribution by our own Government towards a new initiative in economic co-operation. Steps to be taken will include the organisation of (a) A National Memorial to be signed and supported by leading representatives of all the main sections of opinion favourable to economic appeasement as an indispensable basis of peace; (b) a manifesto supported by all the national organisations; (c) a series of local memorials organised on a representative basis by the Peace Council

and other local bodies, and directed to the local Members of Parliament. Agreed to instruct our representatives on the Council to support the campaign if action has to be taken between Committees.

305. CORRESPONDENCE.

Women's Peace Crusade. Reported that we had paid the affiliation fee of £1 for 1936.

Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations. Reported a letter from Mrs. Bigland saying that a number of countries including the United Kingdom, were sending delegates to the Java Conference next February, and suggesting that we should ask that a woman be included in the British delegation. Agreed before taking action to get further particulars as to whether it was a Conference dealing specially with women. The letter should then be forwarded to the Geneva Office.

Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. Reported that as Miss Harrison, our delegate on this Council, is in India, she will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the Council on December 14th. Miss Sheepshanks consented to attend on behalf of the Executive.

Mrs. Ayrton Gould. Reported a letter of sympathy had been sent to Mrs. Gould on the death of her husband. A letter of thanks had been received.

Dr. Crow. Agreed to ask for 12 extra copies of his address given at the Annual Meeting of the Brighton Division of the British Medical Association on September 24th for one of our members who is interested and who hopes to distribute it locally. Mrs. Greenwood thought it might be possible to arrange a meeting in Brighton if he would consent to address it. It was interesting to hear of a doctor who was definitely working on peace lines.

306. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL, L.N.U. Agreed to ask Dr. Clark if she would continue to act as the W.I.L. representative on the W.A.C. of the League of Nations Union for 1937. Nominations must be received not later than 20th January.

307. MISS MACNAMARA AND PEACE SYMBOL. The Chairman brought to the notice of the Committee Miss Macnamara's proposed Wheel as a Peace Symbol with the request that we should recommend it to the International Peace Campaign, who are seeking a Peace Symbol. It was agreed to suggest that Miss Macnamara send it to the I.P.C. direct, and that if it, with other suggested Peace Symbols were sent to us for consideration, we would discuss the matter further. It was felt that people must be free to choose which Symbol they wished to adopt, after seeing all suggestions.

308. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES. Miss Marshall gave a full report of the Conference held on December 2nd to consider the Public Order Bill.

309. CHRISTMAS VACATION. Agreed to close the Office from December 24th to 29th inclusive.

310. MRS. UNWIN. The Committee sent united congratulations to Mrs. Unwin on the birth of her daughter, Judith Mary. It was agreed that the good wishes should be accompanied by a suitable token

311. MANCHESTER BRANCH. Mrs. Vipont Brown reported that at the International Fair of the Manchester Branch 14 messages had been received from other Sections, and that the Sale had resulted in £85 which was very welcome as the balance in their Bank was £3. The Committee expressed their warmest congratulations to the Branch.

312. MRS. SOLJAK. Miss Sheepshanks reported that Mrs. Soljak was now in England from New Zealand. A year or so ago the W.I.L. had planned meetings for her but she had been unable to leave New Zealand, as expected.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. January 12th.

Dorothy Vipont Brown
12: 1: '38

Copy of a letter sent to the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P.
and the Rt. Hon Anthony Eden, M.C., M.P., dated
December 10th.1936.

Dear Sir,

The Women's International League is deeply conscious of the complex difficulties surrounding the Spanish situation. It however believes that no difficulty should be allowed to stand in the way of efforts to stop the war. The conflict, as a danger to European peace, is properly a concern for the League of Nations under Article XI of the Covenant, and indeed the Non-Intervention Agreement was made on this ground. It is therefore the duty of the League Council to try to make peace.

The Women's International League trusts that His Majesty's Government will not recognise the junta of the insurgents as the Government of part or all of Spain, as such recognition would constitute definite encouragement to the forces of disorder throughout Europe and increase the dangers to world peace. But non-recognition need not prevent dealing with both sides in the war, as must be done if any result is to be attained. We consider that the Council might take the following measures:-

(I) The offer to the Spanish Government of a Refugee Commissioner, to be despatched at once in order to advise and organise the evacuation of civilians from the War Zone, to organise refugee relief, and to use every opportunity to mitigate the suffering of the people.

(II) The strengthening of the Non-Intervention Agreement by the establishment of impartial and non-Governmental Commissions of supervision, and by including in the Agreement the prohibition of man-power from other countries

(III) The offer of mediation to the combatants with a view to declaring an armistice coupled with the offer of impartial advisers to go to Spain to inform the League upon the fulfilment of the truce, and to help the Spanish authorities if it is possible, in carrying out negotiations for a peace settlement. We feel that the opportunity for friendly aid, and the need for information would both occur if the fighting stopped, and that while it would be most important to avoid the intervention of foreign Governments in the affairs of Spain, the presence of impartial Commissioners of the League might prevent a fresh outbreak of hostilities, and further a just settlement. The co-operation of United States citizens in such a scheme might well be used.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) K. E. Innes,

Hon. Secretary.
Women's International League.

55, Gower Street, W.C.1.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for November 1936

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance	57.16.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	33.10. 0.
Subscriptions	5.14. 6.	Office Expenses	2.16. 0.
Donations	17.11. 4.	Wages	3.10. 0.
Affiliation fees	2.13. 0.	State Insurance	16. 2.
Sale of News Sheets & Literature	1.16. 7.	Postage	3. 4. 3.
<u>Bring & Buy Sale</u>		Travelling Expenses	2.15. 3.
Sales	42.7.5.	Affiliation Fees	1. 0. 0.
Dons	13.4.0	News Sheets & Literature purchased	8. 7. 5.
	55.11. 5.	Bring & Buy Sale expenses	9. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Luncheon	2.14. 1.	Luncheon expenses	1.13. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>Geneva</u>			58. 1. 8.
Subs.	1.0.0.	Balance at Midland Bank	82.11. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pax	10.0.	Cash in hand	4.14. 9.
	1.10. 0.		87. 6. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	87.10.11.		
	£145. 7. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$		£145. 7. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

Approximate Statement for December 1-7th.1936.

Balance	87. 6. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenses	13.12.10.
Income	14.10. 10.	Balance	88. 4. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
	101.16. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$		101.16.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS</u>			
Stationery	5. 1. 7.		
Printing	3.15. 6.	(£1.0.0. Bring & Buy Sale)	
Rent	12.10. 0.		
Geneva Subs, Pax and Jane Addams	11.12. 6.		
	£32.19. 7.		
Balance	£55. 4. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$		