

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 2nd February 1954.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. Binns, Mrs. Dayan, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. King,  
Mrs. Malcolmson, Mrs. Stapledon, Mrs. R.D. Wood.

PRESENT: Mrs. Nuttall in the Chair.  
Mrs. Cusden, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Ecroyd, Mrs. von  
Engel, Mrs. Greaves, Miss Hargreaves, Mrs. Duncan Harris,  
Miss Agatha Harrison, Mrs. Ineson, Lady Mayer; Mrs. Peat,  
Mrs. Radley, Mrs. de Swiet, Mrs. Sutherst, Miss Walmesley,  
Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. McGregor Wood, Mrs. Boaden,  
Miss Tims.

A short silence was observed before proceeding to business.  
The Chairman introduced the new Headquarters Secretary, Miss M. Tims,  
and gave her a warm welcome.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and  
signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

52:65 International Treasurer. A letter was read from  
Miss Marie Lous Mohr stating that the only nomination  
received for this office was that of Mrs. Sutherst and  
that the matter should be dealt with by the present  
Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson. It was agreed to  
acknowledge this letter and leave further action to  
the International Executive.

MEMORANDUM ON INTERNATIONAL WILPF AFFAIRS & CONGRESS:

54: 1 It was reported that copies of the British Memorandum  
had been sent (1) to the International Chairman and  
Miss Gertrude Baer, and (2) to members of the Inter-  
national Executive and National Sections. An acknow-  
ledgment had been received from Miss Mohr.

FINANCE:

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a) Mrs. Sutherst reported balances as follows:

Current Account £233; Building Society Deposit £748;  
Bank Deposit (Guarantee Fund) £345; Jane Addams Fund  
£89; 1d. a week fund £79; Interest on Ford Memorial  
Fund £100.

During 1953 expenditure was considerably less on office  
equipment, and no travelling expenses had been paid for  
members of the Executive. Mrs. Ineson pointed out  
that according to the Constitution Executive fares  
should be paid by Headquarters, and thanks were due  
to the branches for meeting this expense.

Subscriptions and donations were down in 1953, but  
several legacies had been received. Branch affiliation  
fees increased considerably, and all branches had paid  
their fees. There was a small loss on the News Sheet,  
apart from the cost of postage.

Mrs. Duncan Harris proposed that the Guarantee Fund  
should be wound up, and it was agreed to transfer this  
balance to the Co-operative Building Society apart from  
a sum of £100 to be left on deposit in the bank; the  
Current account to be kept up to about £100 by means  
of transfers from the deposit as necessary.

Mrs. Boaden was thanked for her careful work in the  
preparation of statements of account.

b) International Subscriptions. It was agreed that  
all International Members should be notified of the  
increase in subscription from £1 to 25/- when the next  
reminder fell due, but that the increase should not be  
made retrospective for members who had not paid the  
full amount in 1953.

PROJECTS LEAFLET: A first proof had been received from the printer  
54: 3 and this was generally approved. It was decided to increase the order from 2,000 to 3,000 leaflets, and that batches of the leaflet should be sent to the Branches for judicious distribution locally.

BRANCH VISITS: Mrs. Ineson reported that Mrs. Cusden would visit  
54: 4 the South Devon area and Mrs. Nuttall would go to five other branches. Mrs. Ineson expressed warm thanks to Lady Mayer for making these visits financially possible, and reported on her own visits to Orpington, Worthing, Nottingham, Leicester and Croydon. She had found these branches had been successful in arranging small working groups, but that large meetings were not so popular; there was great appreciation of the opportunity of personal contact with someone from Headquarters. Mrs. Ineson had arranged a further series of visits in the North and Midlands, and Mrs. Peat was also visiting the Manchester area. Mrs. Nuttall had visited Oxford and reported an increase of 8 in membership. In discussion appreciation was expressed of the great value of such visits and it was further suggested that (1) Miss Agatha Harrison might be asked to talk to branches on United Nations work; (2) Mrs. McGregor Wood might now be available to undertake some visits.

ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY: The Secretary reported that a recent advert-  
54: 5 isement in the "New Statesman & Nation" had brought one enquiry for information on membership. In discussion it was suggested that better publicity might be obtained through insertion of news items in the local press; Hampstead Garden Suburb branch was congratulated on its success in getting regular reports of activities in their local papers. Mrs. Weiss felt that contact should also be made with the national press, and Mrs. Warner thought an approach might be made to "Picture Post" before the next session of the UN Assembly regarding a feature on the work of the non-governmental organisations at the UN.

CORRESPONDENCE: Arising out of Gertrude Baer's Letter No.3 urging  
54: 6 consideration of a plan for an Emergency Food Reserve, the report of the recent FAO Conference in Rome had been obtained and Mrs. Warner stated that the Parliamentary Committee would study this in detail. Mrs. Cusden agreed to write to Gertrude Baer regarding an article for "Peace and Freedom", to be either specially written or reprinted from "Pax et Libertas". Cooperation with other organisations in this work was discussed. Mrs. Peat reported that the Associated Countrywomen of the World (Womens Institutes) were interested in the scheme and she would keep them informed of our own action. Mrs. McGregor Wood suggested an approach to the World Christian Temperance Union through the British Women's Total Abstinence Union. Mrs. Cusden and Mrs. Peat were asked to prepare a resolution on the emergency food reserve plan for the Annual Council.

RACE RELATIONS: Miss Dickinson read a letter sent to Sir Godfrey  
54: 7 Huggins after the elections last December for the Federal Assembly of the Central Africa Federation, expressing the hope that he would do everything possible to promote the policy of real partnership which he had constantly affirmed. She also reported a motion passed at the Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch expressing the Synod's deep concern at the action of New Zealand in voting against the proposal to place the South African Government's apartheid policy on the UN Assembly's agenda; and suggested that a letter be sent to the Bishop of Christchurch enclosing a copy of the letter to High Commissioners here written in September 1952 regarding Commonwealth responsibility for the retrograde policy of one of its members. This was agreed to and Miss Dickinson was asked to draft the letter. In conclusion she read some comments of Rev. Michael Scott (as given in the Information Digest of the Africa Bureau) showing the exhaustive treatment given to S.African questions at the UN 8th Assembly. Mrs. McGregor Wood reported that she and Mrs. Nuttall, and members of other interested societies, were arranging monthly social evenings for African women.

ANNUAL COUNCIL: a) Mrs. Nuttall reported that it might not be possible  
54: 8 for the President to attend the Council, owing to her projected visit abroad, and in any case she could not be there before Saturday evening.  
b) Mrs. Greaves of Childwall gave details of the public meeting to be held in the YMCA Hall, Liverpool, on Friday evening at 7.30. The speaker would be the Rev. Michael Scott, and Dr. Rita Hinden had kindly consented to act as deputy if the speaker were suddenly called out of the country. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool would give a civic welcome to the WILPF at this meeting, and it was hoped to arrange a short reception for Officers at 7 p.m.  
Mrs. Greaves suggested that hostesses for the Council should be Mrs. Malcolmson of Liverpool and Mrs. Grant of Childwall, who could also take charge of the Bring & Buy Sale. Mrs. Roberts of Liverpool was willing to act as Assistant Treasurer at the Council, and to organise a collection at the public meeting. The Executive expressed their gratitude for these suggestions.  
There was some discussion about a possible second speaker for the meeting, which was generally felt to be advisable, and it was finally agreed to leave arrangements to the host branches.  
c) President: Mrs. Ineson read a letter from Prof. Lonsdale expressing some doubts as to her capability for the office, in view of her many other commitments, but stating her willingness to serve for another year if desired. There was unanimous agreement that she be asked to continue in office; Mrs. Ineson would inform her of this and express the gratitude of the Executive for all the work she had done for the League.

- 54:8 (cont.) d) Agenda: Some re-arrangement was made to allow for the late arrival or non-arrival of the President. World Affairs session: Miss Agatha Harrison agreed provisionally to speak on the Far East, but her attendance was uncertain; Mrs. Weiss of Orpington agreed to speak on Europe, and Mrs. Warner on the United Nations. After a good deal of discussion, and taking into account the views of the branches, it was decided not to invite an outside lecturer to address the Council. A session would be given for news from the branches. Branches would be invited to send in advance nominations for chairmen of sessions.
- e ) Annual Report: Duplicated copies to be circulated with the final agenda; names and addresses of Branch secretaries to be included in the report, and obituaries of members who had died during the year. Recent reports had been greatly curtailed as an economy measure, but a longer report would be possible this year. Lay-out to be as previously, with maroon lettering on the cover.
- f) Fares: It was agreed that fares for delegates should be pooled, but host branches should not be asked to contribute. Mrs. Greaves said Childwall was willing to bear the cost of the public meeting as a contribution.

REPORT OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Warner reported on three meetings since the last Executive. Frau Hopstock-Huth, President of the German Section, had visited the Committee and given information about alleged wire-tapping of private lines by British occupying forces in West Germany, a matter which had been raised in the House. She also expressed the wish of the German section for closer co-operation, and Miss Moll was appointed as Liaison Officer on our behalf. On Korea, a letter had been sent to the UN Secretary-General when he visited this country in December urging renewed efforts to arrange a "high level" conference. A Memorandum on Germany had been sent to Mr. Eden at the Berlin Conference.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Mrs. Nuttall reported that further lunch-hour meetings were being arranged. Mrs. McGregor Wood had consented to conduct the March meeting as a forum with a Nigerian speaker. There would be no meeting in April, and in May and June it was hoped to have two more Vice Presidents to speak. A larger tea-time meeting was suggested in June, at which Mr. Geoffrey M. Wilson, former Director of the Colombo Plan, should be asked to speak.

STATUS OF REFUGEES: It was noted that the Convention relating to the status of refugees had been ratified by the requisite 6 countries at UN on Jan.22, the sixth being Australia; it had not yet been ratified by the UK. It was decided that Mrs. Ineson should write to the Foreign Secretary expressing satisfaction that the Government had supported the extension of the term of office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and had contributed generously to his appeal for funds; and not to press the government at present for ratification or for a further contribution, in view of advice given to Miss Tims by Dr. Kulman, High Commissioner in the UK.

Mary Nuttall  
5.4.54.

Minutes of Executive Committee - 5th May, 1954.

Apologies: Mrs. Franklin. Mrs. Greaves, Miss A. Harrison, Miss McAra,  
~~Mrs. Malcolmson~~ Mrs. Stapledon, Mrs. Sutherst.

Present: Mrs. Nuttall in the Chair  
Mrs. Cusden, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Ecroyd, Mrs. von Engel,  
Miss Hargreaves, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. Ineson, Lady  
Mayer, Mrs. Peat, Mrs. Radley, Mrs. de Swiet, Miss  
Walmesley, Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. McGregor Wood, Mrs. Dyan,  
Mrs. Fernau, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. R.D. Wood, *Mrs. Warner.*

Mrs. Ineson read a letter from the President thanking the Committee for the flowers sent to her after the Annual Council; a letter had also been received from Mrs. Hartley expressing thanks to the Council for its sympathy during her recent illness, and Mrs. R.D. Wood agreed to convey the good wishes of the Committee for her recovery. It was also reported that the husband of Mrs. Ballinger (Birmingham) had died, and it was agreed to send a message of sympathy from the Executive. A letter of apology was read from Mrs. Greaves, naming Mrs. Roberts as alternate representative for Childwall branch.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising:

- (1) International Executive (54:18) - Mrs. Ineson reported on the Officers' proposals for the Agenda, and read the resolution on Refugees which the British Section is submitting. A resolution on racial discrimination in education submitted by the Birmingham branch was read, but as this had been received in the office too late to be forwarded to Geneva, Miss Walmesley agreed to send it instead to the International Education Officer.
- (2) Women's International Democratic Federation (54:20) - Mrs. Ineson reported on conversations with the President, Agatha Harrison and Mrs. Warner, and an interview with Mrs. Dora Russell of the W.I.D.F. The Parliamentary Cttee. had also considered the matter, and it was generally agreed that some protest should be made, on the grounds of universality of the UN; this view was confirmed in a letter which had been received from Gladys Walser in New York. The Committee endorsed the proposal that a letter of protest should be sent to HM Govt.
- (3) (54:19) - Mrs. Weiss queried the decision that Mrs. Peat had been asked to draft a monthly letter to HQ members; Mrs. Peat agreed that this was incorrect and the letter was to be sent to branches. The Committee suggested that HQ members might be offered a year's subscription to the letter for the cost of postage, i.e. 1/6 p.a.
- (4) Lunch-hour meetings (54:15) - It was reported that Mrs. Innes would unfortunately not be able to address the June meeting and, at the suggestion of Mrs. Weiss, it was recommended to the Officers that Mr. E.S. Sachs be asked to speak on his experiences in S. Africa.
- (5) German Section (54:19) - Mrs. Cusden brought a message from the Düsseldorf and described the difficulties under which this branch was working.

ELECTIONS: Mrs. Nuttall was unanimously re-elected as Chairman.  
54:21 Mrs. de Swiet, Miss Dickinson and Miss Walmesley were elected Vice-Chairmen.

Mrs. Ineson reported that two additional branches were able to send representatives - Hampstead Garden Suburb and Liverpool; Mrs. Holmes was welcomed from Liverpool. West Kirby had hoped to appoint a representative but were unable to afford the expense, and it was agreed to invite Mrs. Mason to attend, pointing out to her that HQ were at present able to pay branch fares. The co-option of Mrs. Weiss as an individual member was proposed by Mrs. Sutherst and carried.

COMMITTEES:  
(54:22)

(1) Parliamentary Committee. The present Committee was re-elected. Lady Mayer offered to withdraw as she was not able to attend regularly, but was asked to continue as a member. It was agreed to write to Miss Nightingale, who was not at present able to attend the Committee on a Wednesday, inviting her to become a 'consultant' rather than a member; and to invite Miss A. Haughton to continue as a member if she was in a position to attend sometimes. It was decided that the parliamentary committee minutes should be circulated to all members of the Executive.

(2) Race Relations Committee. Miss Dickinson reported on the work of the Committee, which had been done mostly by correspondence. In view of the difficulty of arranging meetings, it was agreed that the committee be re-named the Standing Committee on Race Relations and that interested members in any part of the country be invited to join; Miss Dickinson agreed to act as Hon. Secretary, and to keep members in touch by correspondence, with the possibility of arranging a yearly meeting.

(3) Finance Committee. It was agreed that no separate Committee need be set up, and that the Officers would continue to deal with financial business.

(4) Education Committee. A similar arrangement was decided on as with the Race Relations Standing Committee, with Miss Walmsley acting as liaison officer for Education.

(5) Publications & Publicity Committee. The committee was being re-formed and a meeting would be convened in the office as soon as a suitable date could be arranged. Mrs. Warner and Miss Dickinson offered to resign from the committee, in view of their commitments elsewhere, but agreed to remain for the time being although it might not be possible for them to attend meetings. Miss Tims agreed to act as Secretary.

(6) Social Committee. Warm thanks were expressed for the excellent work being done by the present committee, but more members were needed and it was suggested that these should be co-opted as necessary.

REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS:  
(54:23)

National Peace Council. The re-appointment of the present representatives was confirmed - Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. Nuttall, Miss Amy Haughton, Mrs. McGregor Wood.

British Commonwealth League. Mrs. de Swiet, Mrs. Weiss.

No Conscription Council. Mrs. de Swiet  
Mrs. Stewart (Hampstead)

Status of Women Committee. Mrs. Nuttall  
(deputy Mrs. de Swiet)

Women's Council - India, Pakistan & Ceylon. *is on the Executive of*  
Miss Dickinson pointed out that she ~~attended~~ the Council in her own right and not as WIL representative, but she would enquire whether representatives might be appointed. Mrs. Radley and Mrs. McG. Wood were nominated.

Equal Pay Committee. Mrs. de Swiet

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SCESWUN. Miss Agatha Harrison  
Mrs. Dorothy Warner

Miss Harrison had suggested that another delegate might be appointed as she could rarely attend. Mrs. Warner proposed Mrs. Ineson as alternate, and this was agreed.

UNA Women's Council. Mrs. McGregor Wood.

Crusade for World Government. The question of re-affiliation to this organisation was raised, and Mrs. Fernau pointed out that recent changes in policy of the CWG had removed the previous objections to affiliation. Mrs. McG. Wood proposed Mrs. Fernau as representative, but after further discussion the question of affiliation was deferred to the next Executive.

MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE: Mrs. Ineson proposed that the Executive should meet during the year in July, September, October, December and February. This was agreed.

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Mrs. R.D. Wood said that Manchester would explore the possibilities of holding a NW Regional Conference in conjunction with the extended Executive in October. Mrs. Ineson said that the place of the next Annual Council must also be borne in mind, and the 1956 Congress which was likely to be held in Birmingham.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was read from Miss Agatha Harrison in Geneva,

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who said that her WILPF press ticket had enabled her to gain admittance to all press conferences. She had also had a good talk with Miss Baer, and had been able to make personal contact with a woman member of the Chinese delegation to Geneva, the Minister of Information. Mrs. Ineson also read a letter from Gladys Walser, congratulating the British Section on the quality of the letters sent to Govt. departments, and urging the necessity for Britain to maintain its moderating influence on the US.

Mrs. Radley proposed that a letter be sent immediately to Mr. Eden, supporting him in the firm line he was taking over Indo-China. She agreed to draft this at once in consultation with Mrs. Warner.

Mrs. Nuttall suggested that a letter might be sent to Coventry City Council in support of their action to disband the Civil Defence services, and after some discussion it was agreed that this should be sent after consultation with Coventry branch. Mrs. Nuttall agreed to draft.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

(54:26)

This was given by Mrs. Ineson as Mrs. Warner had been absent from the last meeting of the Committee. The following matters were raised:-

- 1) Sceswun Resolutions on Refugees and on Technical Assistance - approval of these was endorsed by the Executive.
- 2) Russia's entry into Unesco and the ILO - it was felt that a short letter of appreciation might be sent to the Russian Embassy, and this was agreed.
- 3) Disarmament Sub-Commission - it was reported that the President had written to the UK Delegate at the United Nations, Sir Pierson Dixon, regarding the composition of the commission.
- 4) Hydrogen Bomb - activities of various organisations were reported: Miss Baer had written to the UN Secretary-General asking for a special meeting of the Assembly; Mrs. Nuttall read correspondence from Mme. Jouve who was anxious for action at international level, and her reply after discussion with the officers; three resolutions circulated by UNA were referred to, and after some discussion it was agreed that general support should be given and copies sent to the branches, with the proviso

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that certain WILPF reservations on the policy of 'collective security' should be made clear to UNA.

The draft letter to Mr. Eden was then read and approved, and this was typed immediately and dispatched to Geneva.

KENYA:  
(54:27)

An appeal had been received from the Kenya Committee for support in a delegation to the Colonial Office on 'Empire Day' to protest against Government policy in Kenya. It was felt that whilst there was general agreement with the aims of the Committee, the WIL did not wish to join officially in this particular demonstration. It was agreed that parallel action should be taken and a letter on constructive lines be sent to the Colonial Office on Empire Day.

"PEACE & FREEDOM":  
(54:28)

Mrs. Cusden requested an extra two pages for the coming issue of "Peace & Freedom", in order to include a special article by Prof. Lonsdale on the H-bomb and international control; this was agreed.

FINANCE:  
(54:29)

Mrs. Ineson read a letter from Miss Mohr regarding the appointment of an International Treasurer, and asking Sections to submit information on the qualifications of their nominees. Mrs. Sutherst expressed willingness to withdraw from nomination, but the Committee felt that as a matter of principle she should on no account do this. Her successful handling of the finances of the British Section was referred to with appreciation. It was agreed to write to the International Chairman on these lines.

Mrs. Sutherst gave a financial report on the Annual Council, showing that all expenses had been covered. Mrs. Holmes was asked to convey thanks to the Merseyside branches for their co-operation.

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The afternoon session of the Executive was held at the Friends International Centre, Tavistock Square, followed by a tea-meeting at which Mr. Harold Timperley, Treasurer of the War on Want Council and former Manchester Guardian correspondent in China, spoke about "the war on want".

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6th July, at 10.30 a.m.

Mary Nuttall  
6.7.54



Addendum to Executive Minutes, 5.5.54.

RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Miss Dickinson read two letters:

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a) to the Chairman of the UN Commission of Three on South Africa's racial policy, hoping that the further constructive measures undertaken by the Commission would meet with success and that the S.African Government would respond to the appeal for co-operation; b) to Lord Swinton~~y~~ urging that HM Government would no no account accede to the demand of the S.African Government to negotiations for the transfer of the High Commission Territories to the Union.

The Executive approved the draft of a letter to Father Hudleston referring to his timely and outspoken article in "The Observer" of May 2, on the Western Areas Removal Scheme near Johannesburg, and expressing our grave concern and sympathy with his people.

Mary Luntall  
6.7.54

WILPF - British Section.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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Apologies: As this meeting took place immediately following the Annual Council at Derby Hall, Liverpool, verbal apologies were received from those members who were unable to stay on for the Executive on the morning of Monday, April 5th.

Present: Mrs. Nuttall in the Chair.  
Mrs. Ecroyd, Mrs. Cusden, Miss Walmesley, Mrs. Malcolmson, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. de Swiet, Mrs. Fernau, Mrs. Peat, Mrs. Sutherst, Mrs. Ineson, Miss Tims, and Miss Sear as a guest.

A short period of silence was observed before the start of the meeting.

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on Feb. 2nd were signed.

Correspondence: A letter was read from the SCESWUN Working Group on the Status of Women, which it was proposed to send to Mr. Selwyn Lloyd urging HM Government to sign the UN Convention on Political Rights of Women. After some discussion it was agreed that the WILPF should be included amongst the supporting organisations signing this letter.  
54: 12  
Mrs. Ineson reported on the proposed resolution drawn up by the SCESWUN Working Group on Refugees.

National Peace Council: Re-appointment of the present representatives on the Council was confirmed, subject to consent from Miss Amy Haughton and Mrs. McGregor Wood.  
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Publications: It was decided to order a further 1000 copies of the blue brochure and to ask the branches to let head office know at once how many more leaflets they could usefully distribute in the immediate future.  
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Hydrogen Bomb: A statement by Prof. Lonsdale was being reprinted from an article in Atomic Scientists News and it was decided to order 500 copies for immediate distribution to the branches.  
Annual Report: An estimate had been received for printing, and it was decided to order 1500 copies and to include in the report a note on the 1954 Annual Council.

Lunch-hour Meetings: Mrs. Ineson reported that Miss Edith Pye was unable to come and speak at the May meeting. Miss Baker had been approached but had not yet replied.  
54: 15  
A letter was read from Mrs. Dayan on behalf of the Social Committee, suggesting that the charge of 2/6 for lunch was too high and adverse comment had been received from some members. A charge of 1/6 was suggested for future meetings, and the need for more volunteers to help in preparation and clearing of the food was stressed.  
Mrs. Peat drew attention to a possible speaker at a future meeting - Canon Gibbon of Salsibury, S. Rhodesia, who was interested in problems of race relations. It was agreed to contact him during his visit to London in April.

Crusade for World Government: Two delegates were requested for a conference on UN Charter Revision to be held on 15 May.  
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It was agreed to ask Mrs. Warner and Mrs. McGregor Wood to attend, and Mrs. de Swiet as alternate.

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Council Resolutions: The following decisions were made as to sending out Resolutions:

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Emergency Resolution on the Hydrogen Bomb - Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary; on Indo-China - Foreign Secretary, UK Delegate at UN French and US Sections; on Disarmament - Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary, UN Secretary General.

Emergency Resolutions also to be sent to "Peace News" and "Manchester Guardian".

Resolution on Korea - Foreign Secretary; UN Secretary General and UK Delegate; Equal Pay - Chancellor of the Exchequer and Equal Pay Committee; United Nations -

a) "Sunfed" - Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary;

b) Human Rights - Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary,

UK Delegate to UN; Emergency Food Reserve - FAO, UK Delegate to UN, US Section; Race Discrimination - Colonial Office, Commonwealth Relations Office;

Arbitration - Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary, UK Delegate to UN, Attorney-General. The statement on India to be incorporated in a letter to Mr. Nehru via the High Commissioner.

International Executive: The question of resolutions and agenda items for the International Executive meeting in August was discussed. It was decided to call an Officers' meeting on Monday April 12 to deal with this. The British and Swedish Memoranda on Congress to be put on the agenda and a resolution on the Refugee problem to be drafted and submitted.

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Matters arising from Council: It was agreed that a copy of the letter to Mrs. Pandit approved by the Council and sent to her from there should be sent to the UK Delegate at UN; to the Secretary-General; and a copy to the All India Women's Conference, through Miss Dickinson. It was unanimously decided to co-opt Miss Hargreaves on to the Executive.

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Mrs. Peat to be asked to send a monthly letter to Headquarters members.

Mrs. Cusden agreed to take a message from the British Section to the German Branch at Dusseldorf, which she would shortly be visiting.

It was suggested that the office should always state the fund for which money is given when sending out receipts for subscriptions, if this was not already being done.

Thanks were again expressed to the three hostess branches for their splendid hospitality during the Council.

Mrs. Malcolmson and Mrs. Grant were thanked for their untiring care of all the delegates; Mrs. Kay for the excellent result of the Bring & Buy Sale; Mrs. Yardley, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Bartlett and all the Childwall for their organisation of the public meeting; Mrs. Lewis and others for their help with the literature stall.

International Women's Democratic Federation:

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A letter from this organisation regarding the possibility of their being deprived of Consultative Status B with the United Nations was read and the question whether we should join in their protest was discussed. It was felt a protest should be made against the power of the Committee concerned to take this step without giving adequate reasons. It was decided that Mrs. Ineson should contact Prof. Lonsdale, Agatha Harrison and Mrs. Warner and discuss the question with them.

B. Duncan Harris  
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 6.7.54.

Apologies:- Mrs. Cusden, Lady Mayer, Miss McAra, Mrs. Stapledon,  
Mrs. Warner.

Present:- Mrs. Nuttall in the Chair  
Miss Bailes, Mrs. Shackleton, Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Gobey,  
Mrs. Radley, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Peat, Mrs. Malcomson,  
Mrs. Greaves, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. von Engel, Mrs. D. Wood,  
Mrs. Dayan, Miss Hargreaves, Mrs. Sutherst, Mrs. de Swiet,  
Mrs. Pick, Mrs. Fernau, Mrs. Mason, Miss Walmesley,  
Mrs. Ecroyd, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. McGregor Wood,  
Mrs. Ineson, Miss Tims; Mrs. Brunton (guest).

Before starting the meeting, the Chairman paid a tribute to Agatha Harrison, and members stood in silence for a few moments.

The Chairman then welcomed three new branch representatives to the Executive - Mrs. Shackleton (Hampstead), Mrs. Gobey (Orpington) and Mrs. Mason (West Kirby); and Mrs. Brunton (West Kirby) as a guest.

Minutes:- 54:22 - Race Relations Committee - an addendum had been received from Miss Dickinson and this was read by the Hon. Secretary with apologies for its omission from the Minutes; agreed to circulate the addendum with the next minutes.  
54:23 - Women's Council - the word 'attended' was replaced by 'is on the Executive of'.  
The Minutes were then signed.

Matters arising:-

- 54:23 - Women's Council - agreed it was not necessary to appoint 'representatives' to the Council as members were already in close touch.  
54:20 - W.I.D.F. - a letter written to HMG, and the reply received, were read.  
54:23 - Crusade for World Govt. - further consideration referred to the September Executive, when Mrs. Fernau would give more information about CWG.  
54:25 - a) Letter to Foreign Secretary - no reply received.  
b) Coventry City Council - a letter was read from the Secretary of Coventry Branch expressing some doubts about the Council's action.  
54:26 - 2) No acknowledgment received from the Russian Embassy  
3) A detailed reply received from Mr. Selwyn Lloyd regarding the Disarmament Sub-committee.

ANNUAL COUNCIL, 1955: Various conference centres had been approached, with the following results:-

- 54:30 Coventry - not available for 1955. The Branch invited the Council for 1956 - agreed to accept.  
Nottingham - not available; Bangor - women's hostel would be available, but about half the rooms were double.  
Beatrice Webb House, Dorking - only 9 single rooms.  
Cardiff - not available; Bristol - reply still awaited.  
Agreed to explore further possibilities, e.g. Cambridge, St. Elphin's School, Darley Dale, and the London area (Mrs. Radley, Mrs. Fernau and Miss Hargreaves offered to make enquiries at different colleges.)

EXTENDED EXECUTIVE: An invitation had been received from Manchester,  
54:31 but it was regretfully decided not to take this up this year as the Annual Council met in the North-west. London - it was finally decided to stay in London for the extended Executive on October 5th. Agreed to arrange a Social evening and if possible a lecture on the previous evening. The business of the Executive to take place in the morning of Oct.5, and the afternoon left free for discussion on current events on the lines of the London Parliamentary Committee.  
Regional Conference - Branches in the London area preferred not to combine a regional conference with the extended Executive; a conference was being arranged in Croydon on Sept.28th, in which nearby branches and HQ members would co-operate.  
Manchester - Mrs. Wood reported that a regional conference for the N.West was being arranged later in October.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

54:32 Publicity - Miss Tims reported on the meeting held at Headquarters on June 22nd: special consideration was given to 'Peace and Freedom', and in the absence of Mrs. Cusden, various suggestions made which would be forwarded to her. A monthly journal was recommended if financially possible. Several branches expressed the opinion that a bi-monthly journal was adequate; it would be difficult to sell the news sheet every month. It was also felt a change of title might be an advantage.  
Officers - Mrs. Ineson reported on finance; international executive expenses; international constitution; membership; Annual Council 1955, and extended executive. A meeting of the Education Committee was to be called on Sept.16, when Miss B.M. Baker would be addressing a lunch-time meeting at HQ.  
Congress Reports - these were now available from Geneva, price 10/- per copy. In view of the price, it was suggested the office might keep a "library copy" to be issued on loan at a small charge.  
Attention was drawn to the International Summer School in Denmark - it was hoped to send a student from Leeds University whose expenses would be paid from the Ford Memorial Fund.  
Parliamentary - Mrs. Radley reported in the absence of Mrs. Warner, who it was regretted had been unable to act as Secretary of the Committee recently. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Fernau for her continued weekly survey of Hansard. Topics dealt with by the committee included the H-bomb campaign; UN Charter revision; Kenya; S.Africa; Uganda; Genocide; Refugees. Mrs. Malin of New York was welcomed as a visitor to the committee on May 19, and Dr. Bussey would attend on July 14.  
Branch members felt the weekly circulation of the Minutes was useful, and the fuller reports that had been given recently were welcomed; it was suggested that when letters to govt. departments etc. were mentioned in the minutes, the reference should be explained.  
Mrs. Sutherst reported that Mme. Jouve would arrive in this country shortly.  
Race Relations - Miss Dickinson read the letter which was sent to the National Assn. for Advancement of Coloured Peoples in New York regarding the Supreme Court decision ending segregation in American schools; and a letter to Lord Swinton on the attitude of S.Africa to S.W.African territories. *A Report was still awaited from the UN Commission of Three on S.Africa. & the committee on S. West Africa.*

54:32 (cont.)

Education - Miss Walmesley referred to the following:  
Education in Kenya; Art for World Friendship;  
Women in publishing and in educational work of UNA;  
American children's literature (educational);  
Iona Education Centre;  
Unesco - its influence should be extended.

AGATHA HARRISON MEMORIAL:

54:33

1) Memorial Booklet - a copy to be distributed free to every member, with a covering letter explaining the inauguration of an  
2) International Fund - several donations in memory of Agatha Harrison had already been received, and a permanent fund would be set up, to be known as the Agatha Harrison International Fund; the former "ld. a week fund" was being merged into this, for purposes of fostering international contacts.  
It was reported that the first call on the fund would be a donation of £50 to the President for use during her tour of the Far East.

MEMBERSHIP:

54:34

The Secretary reported that 3 new members had joined Headquarters during the month of June, and the branches had notified one new member in Leicester and one in Nottingham.  
The Committee learned with great regret that Mrs. Hilda Hartley of Cheadle Hulme was again seriously ill. Mrs. Wood (Manchester) was asked to send flowers. A message was also sent to Mrs. Phyllis Tiller (Childwall) who was in hospital.

WELCOME TO THE PRESIDENT:

54:35

During the lunch interval the Committee welcomed Prof. Lonsdale and heard with great interest details of her forthcoming tour of the Far East, by invitation of the Peace Quest Forum of Australia and the American Friends Service Committee (for India and Japan). Miss Dickinson presented the cheque for £50 from the Agatha Harrison International Fund, with the warmest wishes of the Committee to the President for all success in her tour.  
Prof. Lonsdale also mentioned her recent broadcast in the 3rd Programme on Christian Pacifism and the Hydrogen Bomb; it was decided to write to the BBC requesting a repeat of the talk on the Home Service, and also to ask that the talk be printed in The Listener.

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE:

54:36

A discussion took place on the Resolutions submitted to the International Executive Committee, with recommendations to the two Consultants, Mrs. Peat and Mrs. Nuttall, on the views of the British Section.

RECEPTION TO MRS. PANDIT:

The Committee adjourned at 3 p.m. to attend a reception to Mrs. Pandit at the Overseas League, arranged by the Women's Council co-operating with women of India, Pakistan & Ceylon. This was a most enjoyable occasion, and WIL members were especially grateful for Mrs. Pandit's warm tribute to Agatha Harrison and her references to the importance of voluntary organisations which were working to create 'a climate of peace'.

Mary Nuttall  
6.10.54

MINUTES OF EXTENDED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
held at the Friends International Centre, Tavistock Square,  
Tuesday, 5th October, 1954.

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Apologies: Mrs. Malcomson; Mrs. Warner; Mrs. Greaves (Childwall),  
Mrs. Ahno King (N.Wales), Mrs. Morris (Nottingham),  
Mrs. Bettinson (S.Devon), Mrs. Mason (West Kirby).

Present: Mrs. Nuttall in the Chair  
Mrs. Ineson, Mrs. Cusden, Miss McAra, Mrs. de Swiet, Mrs.  
Pick, Mrs. Binns, Miss Moll, Mrs. Stapledon, Miss Dickinson,  
Mrs. Yarrow, Mrs. R.D.Wood, Mrs. Gobey, Mrs. Weiss, Mrs.  
von Engel, Mrs. Gundry, Mrs. Hayman, Mrs. Shackleton, Mrs.  
Holmes, Mrs. Peat, Mrs. Fernau, Miss Walmesley, Mrs. McG.  
Wood, Miss Bailes, Mrs. Dayan, Miss Haughton, Miss Hargreaves,  
Mrs. Duncan Harris, Miss Adlam, Miss Tims, *Mr Radley, Mr. Ewynd.*

A letter was read from Mrs. Greaves, and the Committee wished to send her a message of sympathy on the serious illness of her sister; a letter was also read from Miss Horscroft (a former Secretary at HQ), now living in a Methodist home at Bognor, and it was agreed to send greetings from the Committee.

Mrs. Hilda M. Hartley - d.8.7.54. A tribute was given by Mrs. Yarrow (Cheadle Hulme) and Mrs. R.D.Wood (Manchester), in appreciation of Mrs. Hartley's outstanding services with the WIL and in public life.  
Mme. Duchene (d. August 1954, aged 85). Mrs. Duncan Harris and Mrs. Stapledon spoke of Mme. Duchene's work in the French Section and in the International; a unique personality who would be sadly missed.

The Committee then stood in silence for a few moments.

Minutes: After addition of the words 'and the Committee on South West Africa' to 54:32 Race Relations, the Minutes of the meeting on 6.7.54 were signed.

FINANCE: The Treasurer reported the financial position at 30.9.54  
54:37 as follows:

Subscriptions - £143; Affiliation Fees - £158; Donations - £203. Agatha Harrison Fund - a balance of £75 in hand when outstanding expenses paid. Donations received in memory of Mrs. Hartley amounted to £7.15; suggestions as to how this money might be used in some practical way were invited. Ford Memorial Fund - A grant of £25 each to two Leeds students enabled them to attend the Summer School at Copenhagen, and a precis of their report and comments was read; extracts would be printed in 'Peace and Freedom'.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Cusden reported that the first 2000 copies of  
54:38 the booklet of Agatha Harrison 'Remembrances' had been distributed and a further 500 copies ordered. The Publicity Committee had met and were planning a possible new leaflet giving facts about the history of the WIL. 'Peace and Freedom' - The Publicity Committee recommended that in order to improve the paper it should be either (a) increased in size, or (b) of the same size but issued every month; this to come before the next Annual Council. Several members praised the production of the memorial booklet, which Mrs. McG. Wood described as 'one of the most beautiful things ever produced' by the WIL. A warm vote of thanks was expressed to all concerned in its compilation.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Miss Walmesley reported that the Education  
54:39 Committee had drawn up a Questionnaire on 'Education for  
Citizenship' which would be circulated to the branches.  
'Art for World Friendship' - this scheme was growing and  
all branches were asked to participate. Other subjects  
dealt with by the Committee were: booklists on inter-  
national understanding; international musical exchange  
between school-children; influence of 'comics' and other  
undesirable reading matter on children and adults.

RACE RELATIONS: Miss Dickinson read a letter sent to the Chairman  
54:40 of the Committee on South-West Africa (for the third  
successive year) urging British initiative to bring the  
matter before the International Court of Justice.  
(She had been able to study the report of the Committee  
which was now available.) The letter also referred to  
the case of an African student, Mr. Himumuine, who was  
refused a passport by the S.African Government to enable  
him to take up a scholarship at Oxford University.  
Evanston - the resolution of the World Council of Churches  
on Race Relations was still awaited.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE: In the absence of parliamentary business,  
54:41 Mrs. Radley referred to the visit of Mr. E.S. Sachs to  
the first meeting of the Committee after the summer break,  
at which he invited co-operation in planning a memorial  
to Olive Schreiner for the centenary of her birth next  
March; further particulars would be circulated to branch  
when received.

OFFICERS MEETINGS: Mrs. Ineson reported on the following:-  
54:42 Annual Council, 1955 - after a fruitless search for  
accommodation in the provinces, it was decided to accept  
an offer from Campbell Hall, Taviton Street, London,  
(a University College hostel) for the weekend 1-4 April,  
1955, at a charge of £3.6. per head including service.  
There was no conference hall on the premises, but it  
was hoped that University College could provide a lecture-  
hall near at hand.  
President's tour - several letters had been received, both  
from Prof. Lonsdale and from the Japanese section, which  
showed valuable results from her visits.  
Public Meeting - the President would speak at a meeting  
in the Kings Weigh House Church hall on Wednesday,  
Oct. 20th, with Dr. Rita Hinden as Chairman.  
UNA Women's Advisory Council - Mrs. Ineson and Mrs.  
Nuttall attended a meeting with Mrs. Walter Elliot, a  
member of the UK Delegation to the 9th Assembly, on  
Sept. 23, and put the WIL viewpoint on the questions of  
S.Africa and Refugees, referred to in the document already  
circulated to members of the UK delegation.

Status of Women Committee - The Chairman then drew attention to a  
~~Manifesto~~ <sup>revised</sup> issued by this Committee ~~before~~ the ~~last~~ General Election, <sup>next</sup>  
~~now due to be revised~~; comments and suggestions were invited.  
Mrs. Cusden suggested that the WIL might soon be thinking about its  
own 'election manifesto', and this was noted.

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE: Mrs. Peat reported from the Minutes on  
54:43 the following points: Statement issued by International  
Executive, incorporating resolutions received (printed  
in 'Peace & Freedom', Sept. 1954); statement to be circ-  
ulated to scientists of the world (still in preparation);  
pamphlet on scientific warfare drafted by Dr. Woker  
(Switzerland); discussion on British and Swedish  
Memoranda; United Nations reports by Miss Baer;  
Congress Reports - deficit on printing; next Inter-  
national Executive and Summer School to be in Germany;



International Executive (cont.)

54:43

1956 Congress to be in Birmingham, England, July 23-28; Finance - report of new international treasurer, Frau Stadelman; report of Education Committee by Mme. Arnskov; re-election of Miss M.L. Mohr as International Chairman.

Mrs. Cusden then spoke as an International Vice-Chairman. She found the Committee co-operative and fruitful. Two proposals were made: (1) The WIL should send a Conciliation Commission to the Middle East, if finance available; the US Section was seeking grants from various foundations. (2) History of the WIL - Dr. Bussey was willing to undertake this in Geneva, if a grant could be found; there was good hope of this. Question of Miss Baer's probable return to the US for an unknown period; a Sub-Committee was appointed to consider administration at Geneva.

Mrs. Nuttall, as a Consultant to the Int. Executive, spoke about the British Memorandum; she felt about two-thirds of the recommendations made in it were accepted, although those referring to an International Chairman were irrelevant in view of Miss Mohr's re-election. The point that Miss Baer should be free to concentrate on 'Pax et Libertas' and her United Nations work, and not be responsible for office administration, was carried.

Mrs. Stapledon, as a member of the newly-appointed sub-committee to consider administration at Geneva, said no satisfactory arrangements could be made yet. She stressed the need for more international members to ensure a steady income at Geneva, and appealed for contributions to meet the deficit on the Congress Report.

It was agreed to postpone discussion on International Executive reports until immediately after lunch.

During the discussion, Miss Walmesley paid tribute to the high standard of Miss Baer's work.

Lady Mayer asked about the position of a group of Yugoslav. women whose application to affiliate as a WIL Section was previously refused by the International Executive; Mrs. Cusden agreed to raise the matter again with the International Chairman.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Nuttall then vacated the Chair in  
54:44 favour of Mrs. Radley as Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, which was held as a part of the extended Executive. (see Parliamentary Minutes)

Mrs. Nuttall returned to the Chair on resumption of Executive business.

WORLD GOVERNMENT: (1) Parliamentarians for World Government.

54:45

Mrs. Peat reported on the conference held in London during September, which she attended as observer for the International.

(2) Crusade for World Government. Arising out of previous discussions, Mrs. Fernau spoke about the present aims and activities of the CWG, and the question of re-affiliation was discussed at length. It was pointed out that from 1946-52 we were affiliated and had two representatives. In Sept. 1952 our delegates ceased

World Government (cont.)

54:45

to attend as we found the cost of the 'pooled fares' system too great; since that time Mrs. Fernau had acted as unofficial link.

The main point under discussion was the view of the WIL on Charter Review and Revision; the CWG was at present greatly concerned with Charter Review, aiming at 'universality' and a system of world law. The WIL was against the urging of Charter 'revision' at present, as this might result in the break-up of the UN; some members felt however that this did not prohibit a further study of the Charter and some decision on the changes that might be desirable in the long run.

Mrs. Cusden proposed that Mrs. Fernau be elected as our representative to the CWG and that an affiliation fee of £1 p.a. be paid; we should also be prepared to make a reasonable contribution to pooled fares.

Miss Walmesley proposed an amendment to defer a decision until the Annual Council; this was defeated 7-11 with 1 abstention. The proposal was then put and carried 12-3 with 4 abstentions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 7th December, 1954.

Mary Kuttell  
7.12.54.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
held on Tuesday, 7th December, 1954.

Apologies: Mrs. McGregor Wood, Mrs. Peat, Mrs. Malcomson, Mrs. Dayan,  
Mrs. Greaves (Childwall), Mrs. R.D. Wood (Manchester),  
Mrs. von Engel (Oxford), Mrs. Stapledon.

Present: Mrs. Nuttall in the Chair  
Mrs. Ineson, Mrs. Fernau, Miss Hargreaves, Mrs. de Swiet,  
Miss Dickinson, Lady Mayer, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs.  
Cusden, Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Radley, Miss Walmesley, Mrs.  
Sutherst, Mrs. Boaden, Miss Tims; Mrs. Ecroyd (Croydon),  
Miss McAra (Glasgow), Mrs. Binns (Leicester), Mrs. Ap-  
Thomas (N.Wales), Mrs. Lee (Liverpool), Mrs. Shackleton  
(Hampstead), Mrs. Gobey (Orpington), Mrs. Mason (West  
Kirby), Miss Bailes (Worthing).

A short period of silence was observed.

The Chairman then welcomed Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Ap-Thomas on their first attendance at an Executive as branch alternate representatives.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Radley reported on activities of the Committee since October:

- 54: 46 (1) Hydrogen Bomb Tests - A letter was written to Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice, UK representative at the UN Legal Committee; MPs were approached to ask a question in the House, and Mr. R. Sorensen had done this.
- (2) Formosa - this had been closely watched. Information was received from Miss E. Adlam and Mr. John Whitehorn, addressed the Committee on his experiences after 3 yrs. in Formosa with the Presbyterian Mission.
- (3) S.Africa - United Nations reports on S-W Africa and on the racial situation in S.Africa were studied; concern was felt at the recent Bantu Education Act.
- (4) London Agreements - a letter was to be sent to the Foreign Secretary urging further negotiation before implementation of the treaties. The 6 MPs who opposed the treaties were written to; also Lord Stansgate.
- (5) United Nations - the work of the Assembly was closely followed through the UN News release and reports received from Gladys Walser in New York.
- (6) Horror Comics - contact was made with the Comics Campaign Council, and affiliation was invited.  
(see also Education Committee)

\* The draft letter to the Foreign Secretary was then read and approved.

RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Miss Dickinson referred to the letter which was sent to Sir Anthony Eden regarding the UK attitude to the United Nations Committee on SW Africa and the Commission on the racial situation in S.Africa, and the reply received (copies were circulated with the Parliamentary Minutes).

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Buganda - the White Paper had been studied. Sir Keith Hancock had been written to before and after his journey to Uganda, and a reply received (this was then read to the Executive). In this connection, Lady Mayer stated she would shortly be visiting Buganda and other territories; she agreed to make a report to the Annual Council in April.

S.Africa - it was feared that the new Prime Minister would introduce more stringent measures of apartheid and there would be a fresh threat to SA Africa. Suggested a letter be sent to the Prime Minister before the Commonwealth Conference in January, stressing the need for development of the Protectorates; agreed to refer this

\* of the transcripts of the High Commission territories

2 that H.M.G. should on no account accede to SA Africa's demand for the High Commission territories

*Officers*  
to Parliamentary Committee, and seek advice from Africa Bureau.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Miss Walmesley reported on:-

- 54: 48 (1) Art for World Friendship - about 30 pictures had been collected and sent to America; up to May this year, a total of 22,000 pictures had been exchanged internationally. Branches were asked to let HQ or Miss Walmesley know what they were doing about the scheme, and when approaching schools/should make it clear that not only the best paintings were wanted. An exhibition of pictures was now in this country and could be loaned by any school on application to: Mr. Claytor, The Priory School, Reigate, Surrey. It was suggested that the WILPF British Section address should be put on the duplicated application forms.
- re/ (2) Education Questionnaire - information was being collected/post-school training schemes. The Juvenile Employment Exchange could supply literature on technical institutes, apprenticeships and training schemes in private industry, WEA and extra-mural classes, and youth clubs. Suggested that a useful brochure could be produced giving all these opportunities schematically. It was reported that the first County College had now been opened in Liverpool, and Mrs. Marjorie Yardley (Childwall Branch) had been appointed to the staff, one of her subjects being 'international affairs'; agreed to send a letter of congratulation from the Executive.
- (3) Horror Comics - agreed to affiliate to the Comics Campaign Council, and to ask Mrs. Botterell, who was already an individual member, to act as our representative.
- (4) Propaganda to Boys - A leaflet, 'You and the Army' was referred to (HMSO, W.O. Code No.6476), which was distributed to boys in evening classes and painted an unrealistic picture of army life. Lady Mayer said an unsuccessful attempt had been made by the Peace Pledge Union to obtain a stand at the Schoolboys Exhibition in order to present alternatives to military service; a leaflet was being produced to give away at the exhibition. Agreed to approach Miss Sybil Morrison and get copies of this.

OFFICERS MEETINGS: Mrs. Ineson reported that the following subjects had been dealt with:-

- 54: 49 (1) Executive meeting place - Possibilities had been explored in the immediate neighbourhood, but no suitable room was available; only alternatives were the Friends International Centre or the Conway Hall, which would mean additional expense and some inconvenience in getting there. On a vote, it was decided to remain at 29 Great James St. for the time being.
- (2) Annual Council and 40th Birthday, 1955 - arrangements were being made to hold a reception for Mrs. Pandit on April 1, and her provisional acceptance had been received; a 40th birthday party for members was suggested on April 2, a financial appeal would be made, and a special leaflet issued.
- (3) Public Meeting - held on Oct.20 at the Kings Weigh House Church Hall, with the President speaking on her world tour and Dr. Rita Hinden as Chairman; this was felt to have been successful, and two new members were gained from it.
- (4) Lunch Meetings - The November meeting was addressed by Rev. Elsie Chamberlain; in view of the large attendance, the January meeting would be held at the Friends International Centre, when Miss Minnie Pallister would speak.

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(5) Regional Conferences - A most successful North-West regional conference was held in Manchester on Oct.31, which Mrs. Ineson attended on behalf of HQ; a smaller conference was held at Hassocks in November, in cooperation with Worthing branch, and aroused great interest.

(6) WILPF International Affairs - Notice of Miss Baer's resignation from her administrative post as from Dec.31 was received; she would still be available as consultant.

(7) Policy- this was discussed by the Officers on Dec.1 and the following points were raised: Woman's Hour - a member to listen regularly over a period and report back on the standard of programmes; Women's Organisations - more contact should be made with Church groups, women's institutes, co-op. guilds, etc., both locally and nationally; Meetings - lunch-meetings were very popular, and an early evening meeting should be tried in the Spring.

(8) Membership - Five new HQ members were reported, and it was noted that several expressed special interest in race relations; a request to affiliate was received from the Norbury Labour Women's Section.

(9) Refugees - The Sceswun Working Group on Refugees arranged a deputation to the Foreign Office on Nov.30, at which Mrs. Ineson represented the WILPF. A 1½hr. discussion took place with the UK delegate to the High Commissioner's Advisory Committee meeting in Geneva on Dec.6 (which Miss Baer was attending on our behalf), who seemed anxious to be helpful and constructive.

The Executive expressed grateful thanks to Mrs. Ineson for the very valuable work she was doing on the refugee problem.

FINANCE:

54:50

The Hon.Treasurer reported on the financial position to Dec.1: Subscriptions - £260 (from 249 members); Donations - £235; Affiliation Fees - £173 (2 branches still unpaid); Agatha Harrison Fund - £110 clear balance; Ford Memorial Fund - £50. Legacies and Memorials - £7.15 was received in memory of Mrs. Hilda Hartley, £5 legacy from Mr. Baklinger and £10 anonymously; the question of a special fund for these monies was raised, and referred to the Annual Council. *official - shelf* Congress Reports - £32 was received in response to Mrs. Stapledon's appeal, and was being transferred to Geneva, together with a balance of £1.10 for the Louisa Jacques Fund.

The question of making a minimum subscription at a level to meet expenditure was raised; agreed to discuss at the Annual Council.

VISIT TO GERMANY:

54: 51

Mrs. de Swiet then gave a short talk on her visit to Germany in the summer. She had been reluctant to go but was very agreeably surprised by the general behaviour of the people and the difference in attitude from pre-war days. The young people in particular had a liberal, anti-war attitude - on realistic rather than ethical grounds. There seemed to be freedom of speech and open criticism of the Third Reich. She explained that she stayed in the British zone, and she felt re-education had really made an impression; this was in contrast to the US zone, where the wrong sort of Americans seemed to have been put in charge and a 'tough' attitude was encouraged. Taxation was very heavy, and Germany was burdened with many disabled men and refugees.

There was some discussion following Mrs. de Swiet's remarks and other speakers reported less favourable signs - e.g. cynicism, despoliation of British 'softness', high industrial profits, etc.

*2 points  
for Annual  
Council.*

BRANCH REPORTS:

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- (1) Croydon (written report from Mrs. Ecroyd) - a lecture-course is being held on SE Asia and the Far East. The Annual Sale in November made a profit of £26; Miss Adams (Head of Croydon High School and President of the Internat. Fedn. of Teachers) spoke about a visit to the USSR, where she addressed 2000 students.
- (2) Birmingham (Miss Walmesley) - Members had been active in the Unicef Campaign. The death of Mrs. Annie Lennard's husband was reported; agreed to send a message from the Executive.
- (3) Worthing (Miss Bailes) - Membership now 40, and unfortunately decreasing. Monthly meetings with a speaker were held; members attended the Hassocks and Croydon conferences.
- (4) Bromley (Miss Dickinson) - Regular monthly meetings were held with a speaker.
- (5) West Kirby (Mrs. Mason) - 3 new members reported. A Japanese member now studying at Liverpool, Mrs. Isono, visited the branch.
- (6) Liverpool (Mrs. Lee) - An outstanding speaker was Dr. Parry Jones, of Iona Community; members attended the Regional Conference in Manchester; work with coloured students was being continued, and money raised at a jumble sale was given to an international hostel. The value of links with HQ was stressed.
- (7) Leicester (Mrs. Binns) - also stressed contact with HQ. Members were working on 'Art for World Friendship'. Mr. Solly Sachs spoke on South Africa and another speaker on the Pestalozzi village.
- (8) Orpington (Mrs. Gobey) - A garden party was held in the summer; members helped with the Unicef campaign; and attended the Croydon conference; a public meeting was held on Kenya.

ANNUAL COUNCIL, 1955:

54: 53

Residence would be in Campbell Hall, Taverton Street, London, W.C.1., a hostel of University College; meetings would take place in a lecture theatre in the College. It was agreed to invite Miss Emily Horscroft, former Secretary at HQ for 25 years, to come to the Council as a guest.

Agenda - the Hon. Sec. presented a suggested agenda, which was generally accepted; agreed that resolutions submitted be incorporated into a composite statement; emergency and special resolutions would be dealt with separately. Speakers on world affairs were suggested: Lady Mayer agreed to give a report on her visit to Africa; other suggestions were Mr. Ritchie Calder and a speaker on China.

40th Birthday - a reception was arranged for Friday, April 1, at which Mrs. Pandit had provisionally consented to speak. Agreed to hold a birthday party for members on Saturday evening, April 2, at the Mary Ward Settlement, Tavistock Place.

Discussion on the best way to make a financial appeal on a basis of 'forty' £s, shillings or pence; finally agreed this should be launched at Annual Council, to which branches should bring promises of contributions, and the money handed in at the extended Executive in the autumn, when the official 40th birthday party would be held with founder members and as many others as possible present.

UNITED NATIONS: (1) Gladys Walser's Reports - these were found to be most valuable, and were studied in the Parliamentary Committee in conjunction with 'United Nations News'; precis of additional information contained in GW's reports are being circulated with the Parliamentary Minutes.

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(2) SCESWUN Working Groups - it was felt the WILPF should be represented on all 5 working groups, and the following names were added to those already participating:

Technical Assistance - Mrs. Weiss

Human Rights - Mrs. Fernau

Child Welfare- Mrs. de Swiet

Mrs. Sutherst

WILPF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: Referring to the resignation of Miss Baer, Mrs. Cusden as International Vice-Chairman stated that an administrative secretary would be appointed in Geneva as a first charge on the funds; a sub-committee was dealing with this but a suitable successor had not yet been found.

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Other questions to be settled were the basis on which UN Consultants were to be appointed and paid; and whether the International office should move into the new NGOs apartments now being built by the Swiss Government.

Several members expressed concern that there should not be an interval with no administrator in Geneva. Possibility of a temporary arrangement was discussed, and it was agreed to write to Miss Mohr suggesting that on this basis Mrs. Cusden, Mrs. Peat or Mrs. Stapledon might be invited to go to Geneva.

POLICY:

54: 56

Discussion on the dangers of nuclear weapons.

Reference was made to Field-Marshal Montgomery's statements on the use of atomic bombs.

It was noted that the December bulletin of the British Council of Churches International Dept. was devoted to this question - "The Crossroads"; agreed to obtain extra copies for distribution.

felt / Mrs. Cusden/a nation-wide appeal should be made to women, and especially mothers, against the H-bomb. She quoted evidence of abnormal births in Japan since 1945, from the Japanese Congress of Midwives. It was suggested a special issue of "Peace and Freedom" should publish all the evidence available of harmful effects of nuclear experiments.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1st February, 1955.

*Mary Nuttall*  
*1.2.55*