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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 1933 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral J.D.Allen, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss K.D.Courtney, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H.Green, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Major Hills, Dr.C.W. Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhyader, H.F.Shaw, John Sherborne, H.S.Syrett, Mrs.Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Sir Hugh Jevdwine, Miss Megan Lloyd George, T.M.McGiff, G. le M.Mander, Lady Parmoor and Sir John Power.
6. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 321(306) the minutes of the meeting held on December 22nd, 1932 and of the special meeting held on January 12th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 321(306) - Vacancies on Committee, Lord Cecil reported that the letter which had been written by the Secretary to Lord Cranborne on December 20th, inviting him to serve on the Executive Committee, had not, in fact, been received by Lord Cranborne. He had now accepted the Committee's invitation.

7. PROPOSED LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION YEAR BOOK. The Committee considered (adjourned) minute 105 of the Industrial Advisory Committee dated December 15th, 1932. After considerable discussion, in the course of which various arguments for and against the proposed Year Book were put forward, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Publicity and Finance Committees be asked to consider and report on the proposal to issue a Year Book, including in its contents much of the material hitherto published in the Annual Report, as well as a list of the Branches of the Union but without the names and addresses of the Branch Secretaries except in the case of Branches possessing their own permanent offices."

- (2) "That Mr. Raffety be invited to attend the meeting of the Publicity Committee when this proposal is under discussion."
8. THE FAR EAST. Lord Cecil read to the Committee the draft of a circular letter which he proposed to send over his own signature to all the Branches of the Union. After hearing the Committee's discussion, Lord Cecil agreed to include in the letter a note reminding Branches of their responsibility to bring home the policy of the Union as a whole to their members. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That no objection be raised to Lord Cecil's proposal."



See minute 17.

The Committee had before them a memorandum (S.G.5694) suggesting possible action by the Union in the event of either disputant refusing compliance with the recommendations contained in any Report which may be published by the League's Assembly in accordance with Article 15(4) of the Covenant. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (2) "That a sub-Committee, consisting of Major Buxton, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Dugdale, Lord Lytton and Professor Murray be appointed to watch events in the Far East, to examine the possibilities of action by the Union (including the suggestions contained in the memorandum - S.G.5694), and to prepare a resolution for consideration by the Executive."

9. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to a draft Manifesto for signature on behalf of National Organisations, prepared by Mr. Gerald Bailey, the Secretary of the National Peace Council, together with a four-page leaflet on Disarmament which the National Peace Council hoped the Union would distribute to all its Branches. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Disarmament Campaign Committee be asked to consider the two publications of the National Peace Council and to advise the Executive."

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Library. (Dr. Kimmins reported). Minute 4 of the Committee dated January 9th, 1933, was approved and adopted.

(b) International Law Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 72, the minutes of the Committee dated January 10th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (70) Dr. Lauterpacht; (71) Article 18 and the Doctrine of Non-Recognition; (72) The Far East; Publication of Committee's Opinion; (73) Self-Defence; (74) Meaning of Article I, paragraph (3) of the Covenant.

On Minute 72 - The Far East: Publication of Committee's Opinion, it was

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

11. KENYA GOLDFIELD. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Mandates Committee be asked to consider and report upon the situation in Kenya; and that in reply to any enquiries meanwhile received, it should be stated that Kenya is not a mandated territory and that consequently the situation should be dealt with purely as a matter of British policy, without however forgetting the provisions of Article 23(b) of the Covenant."



See minute 17.

12. VACANCY ON COMMITTEE. The Chairman reminded the Committee that, at their meeting on December 15th, they had asked Lord Eustace Percy and Mr. Mander "to make enquiries in the House of Commons and to suggest, for the consideration of the Committee, the names of suitable members of the Labour Party, one of whom might be invited to serve on the Committee"; and that, at their meeting on December 22nd, they had resolved: "that the question of inviting one of the leaders of the British Legion to serve on the Executive be considered before the last vacancy on the Committee is filled". The Chairman stated that only one vacancy now remained on the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to invite one of the leaders of the British Legion to serve on the Executive Committee."

13. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Districts, Junior Branches, Corporate members, Corporate Associates and Affiliated Bodies, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

7 Branches, 1 District, 10 Junior Branches,  
7 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates,  
1 Affiliated Body.

Deletions.

6 Branches, 2 Junior Branches.

BRANCHES: Ulleswater Street Methodist Sunday School, Bolton; Enniskillen, N. Ireland; Garmouth and Kingston, Scotland; Ilminster, Somerset; Overton, Montgomeryshire; Sanguhar, Scotland; Somerton, Somerset. DELETIONS: Brafield, Northants; Oakengates, Salop; Penmaenmawr English Congregational, Caernarvons; Penmaenmawr Jerusalem, Caernarvons; Pembroke Dock Town, Pembrokeshire; Wick, Glos. DISTRICT COUNCIL: Bedfordshire District Council. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Gladstone Road Demonstration School, Barry, Glam; Senior Girls' School, Biggleswade, Beds; Grammar School for Boys, Bury, Lancs; Cathays Secondary School, Cardiff; Charterhouse, Godalming, Surrey; Boothferry Road Girls' School, Goole, Yorks; Hasbury Junior Branch, Hales Owen, Worcs; Whitefield Higher Lane Council School, Manchester; William Crane School for Girls, Aspley, Nottingham; Grammar School, Penrith, Cumberland. DELETIONS: Eversley House School, Bognor; Practising Girls' School, Derby. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Hew McCowan Girls' Club, Glasgow; Methodist Central Hall, Heathway, Dagenham, Essex; Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh, Essex; St. Matthew's Parochial Church Council, North Hackney; Unity Men's Adult School, Northampton; Nottingham Association of the N.U.T; Addlestone Baptist Congregational Church, Addlestone, Surrey. AFFILIATED MEMBER: The New Commonwealth. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Swinderby Women's Institute; Wickham Bishops and Great Totham Women's Institute.

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See minute 17.

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It was reported that there were now 2,963 Branches, 64 Districts, 1,300 Junior Branches, 3,617 Corporate Members, 700 Corporate Associates and 40 Affiliated Bodies; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 991,719 of whom 388,255 had paid a subscription in 1932 as compared with 406,868 in 1931.

14. WELSH NATIONAL COUNCIL. The Committee received with interest a resolution on the Sino-Japanese dispute which had been adopted at a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Welsh National Council held on the previous day. It was reported that arrangements were being made to organise a vigorous campaign throughout Wales and Monmouthshire amongst the Branches, Churches and other organisations in support of this policy. The Executive hoped that the Welsh National Council would keep them informed of the progress of their efforts.
15. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the City of London Branch and the London Regional Federation, and from the Edinburgh Branch.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Sir Austen  
Chamberlain, Miss K.D.Courtney, Mrs. Dugdale,  
H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lady  
Hall, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Major Hills,  
Commander Kenworthy, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Lady Layton,  
T.M.McGiff, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Eustace Percy,  
John Sherborne, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley,  
Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with  
the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen,  
L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Dickinson, Admiral  
Drury-Lowe, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jendwine,  
G. le M.Mander, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Lord Rhayader,  
Mrs. Runciman, H.S.Syrett and J.Trevelyan Leak.

17. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 11,  
12 and 14, the minutes of the Committee dated January 19th,  
1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 11 - Kenya Goldfield, it was reported that a  
meeting of the Mandates Committee had been arranged for  
Thursday, February 9th, in order to follow immediately  
upon the Government's reply to the debate in the House  
of Lords fixed for February 8th. Sir John Harris thought  
that debate might be postponed so that a debate in the  
House of Commons might take place first. It was  
suggested that the meeting of the Mandates Committee  
might be deferred if that course appeared desirable  
after Lord Lugard had been further consulted.

On Minute 12 - Vacancy on Committee, a communication  
from the Secretary of the British Legion was reported,  
stating that the Legion would not be able to suggest  
the name of a representative to serve on the Executive  
Committee until after the meeting of its National  
Executive Council to be held in March. It was also  
reported that, in accordance with the Committee's  
request, Mr. Mander and Lord Eustace Percy had made  
enquiries and had recommended that Major Attlee, M.P.,  
or Mr. George Hall, M.P. should be invited to join the  
Executive. It was further reported that Mr. Rennie  
Smith, who accepted an invitation to serve on the  
Committee and was present at its meeting on October 6th  
had thereafter resigned because he was about to spend  
three months in America and thought that the Executive  
might wish to have a vacancy at their disposal. Mr.  
Rennie Smith's resignation was accepted on October 20th.  
He had now returned from America and would be glad to  
serve on the Committee again if invited to do so. After  
discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That no further steps be taken to fill the  
remaining vacancy on the Executive until  
after the Committee's invitation has been  
considered by the National Executive Council  
of the British Legion in March."



On Minute 14 - Welsh National Council, a petition, prepared by the Welsh National Council on the Sino-Japanese dispute, was read to the Committee. It was reported that this petition had already been signed by 641 representative individuals and that the resolutions contained in it had been adopted or approved by or on behalf of 891 Branches and Churches and other organisations in Wales and Monmouthshire.

18. THE FAR EAST. Sir Austen Chamberlain reported that, as a result of a recommendation made at the first meeting of the sub-Committee on the Far East, held on January 24th, he and Professor Murray had had a talk with Sir John Simon at the Foreign Office on January 31st. Sir Austen informed the Foreign Secretary, firstly that the Union was anxious over the long delay in the acceptance of the Lytton Commission's Report, and that it felt the Report ought to be accepted at once. Secondly, if the Lytton Report was accepted by the League and refused by Japan, and she acted in contravention of her obligations under the Covenant, there was a great desire in the Union that she should not be allowed 'to get away with it' and that in some way the reprobation of the assembled powers should be expressed. In particular, it was suggested that in such a case the export of arms to Japan should be prohibited.

Sir John Simon said at once in reply that he had from the first been a champion of the Lytton Report. He felt that the League must first exhaust the methods of conciliation but he thought the time had come when processes of conciliation should be brought to an end and when it was necessary to adopt the Lytton Report in toto and quickly. In this policy he had secured the agreement of the Dominions.

In regard to the export of arms, Sir John felt that action in this matter, to be effective, should embrace the main sources of supply. The Government had felt that it was useless for them to prohibit a supply from this country if arms poured in from other sources, either in Europe or America. He had not yet, however, given consideration to the problem of preventing the supply of arms to Japan but not to China: he promised to do so.

With regard to the recognition of Manchukuo, Sir John had concluded by saying that he would be very glad if it were possible to get an undertaking from all the Governments and the British Government would gladly give such an undertaking itself, that it would at no time recognise or make any change in the situation except in conference with the other powers concerned.

Sir John Simon had said that he was glad to have an opportunity of exchanging views with representatives of the Union.

The Committee then considered a resolution prepared by Miss Courtney (S.G.5713), and after considerable discussion it was



See minutes 32 and 51.

RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union requests the British Government to endeavour to secure early international agreement to the placing of an embargo on the export of arms and material of war to those countries which resort to hostilities in disregard of their obligations under the Kellogg Pact and the Covenant of the League." <sup>19</sup>

(2) "That, before the resolution is communicated to H.M. Government, a note be prepared for distribution with a copy of the above resolution to the Union's Branches, setting forth recent action taken to the same end in America and in France."

19. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the suggested "programme of work" for the Disarmament Conference issued by H.M. Government on the previous day.

20. TREATY REVISION. The Committee were reminded that, in accordance with the decision contained in minute 314(f) of December 15th, Sir Eric Drummond had been invited to express an opinion on the resolution, adopted by the Committee on December 15th, for making Article 19 of the Covenant more effective. A letter dated January 16th from Sir Eric Drummond was read to the Committee. Professor Brierly had suggested that Sir Eric's criticisms might be met if the resolutions were amended to read as follows:-

1. It is generally desirable that, when a Member of the League desires the Assembly to advise under Article 19 of the Covenant, the reconsideration by Members of the League of a treaty (on the ground that it has become inapplicable) or the consideration of specified international conditions (on the ground that their continuance might endanger the peace of the world) a Commission of Inquiry should be appointed to report on the facts and to recommend what, if any, action should be taken.
2. After considering the report or reports of the Commission of Inquiry, the Assembly should 'advise'; and, if the Members of the League who are parties to the treaty or are responsible for the international conditions in question, do not act upon the advice within a reasonable time, it may be desirable that the Council should consider the matter under Article 11.

After considerable discussion, on the motion of Sir Austen Chamberlain, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution on this subject be withdrawn from the agenda of the forthcoming Brussels meeting of the International Federation."

21. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT REVIEW. The Committee considered proposals submitted by Lord Cecil after consultation with Professor Murray, Dr. Garnett and Mr. Eppstein, and it was

RESOLVED: "That, in order to secure the continuance of the International DISARMAMENT Review, the Union's Regional Representatives and whole time paid Branch and District Secretaries, as well as



2,700 Foundation Members and others who receive all the Union's pamphlets, should be supplied with fortnightly copies of the International DISARMAMENT Review for three months at a cost to the Union not exceeding 2½d. per copy delivered to the Union's office in London."

It was understood that in view of the financial steps which Lord Cecil had already taken to secure the continuance of the Review, the payment of £160 or thereabouts for these copies will provide the Review with the balance of the money needed to ensure its continuance in fortnightly issue for three months. Moreover, all the recipients of the copies thus supplied by the Union for a period of three months are in a position to order further copies for themselves if they so desire.

## 22. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Library Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) With the exception of minute 4 which had been approved at the previous meeting, the minutes of the meeting dated Monday, January 9th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (1) Composition of Committee for 1933; (2) Book List; (3) Report on the work of the Library for 1932; (4) Librarian; (5) Children's Section of the Library; (6) Time of Future Meetings of the Committee.

- (b) Christian Organisations Committee. (Dr. Garnett reported.) The minutes of the meeting dated January 18th, 1933, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Follow up in the Churches - Joint Scheme for Corporate Members of the Union and Affiliated Congregations of the World Alliance; (4) Dr. Rushbrooke's Visit to Australia; (5) Churches' Action with regard to Japanese Crisis; (6) Peace through Prayer; (7) Publications; (8) New Member of Committee; (9) National Service of Prayer; (10) Applications for Corporate Membership.

It was reported that the Committee wished the minutes of their special meeting, held on January 24th to consider the Churches action with regard to the Sino-Japanese dispute, to be treated as confidential. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of these minutes be adjourned until the next meeting."

- (c) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated January 19th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Constitution of Committee for 1933; (3) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (4) Conferences on I.L.O.; (5) Proposed L.N.U. Year Book; (6) Conference on Unemployment Insurance; (7) Reduction of Hours of Work - Preparatory Conference; (8) Industrial Affiliations.



and approved (see minute 30)

- (d) Disarmament Sub-Committee. (Mrs. Dugdale reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 1, the minutes of the Committee dated January 24th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (1) International Police Force; (2) National Peace Council; (3) Commemoration of February 6th; (4) London Regional Federation.

On Minute 1 - International Police Force, the Committee considered the following terms of reference, drafted by Lord Cecil, for a Committee on an International Force:-

1. What are the existing obligations now resting upon States Members of the League to assist one another if any of them becomes the victim of aggression:-
  - (a) under the Covenant.
  - (b) under any other general treaty.
2. Can these obligations be relied on to secure such assistance, and if not, what are the difficulties in the way?
3. What changes, if any, might be proposed in order to overcome these difficulties, and in particular
  - (i) should there be some modification or graduation in the severity of the sanctions envisaged in the Covenant, and/or in the machinery for bringing them into operation.
  - (ii) would the creation of an international force be advantageous from this point of view, and if so, what form should this force take?

It was

RESOLVED: "That the Disarmament sub-Committee (which members of the Political Committee are entitled to attend) be asked to consider and report."

- (e) Overseas Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 3 and 6, the minutes of the meeting dated 25th January, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Spring Meetings of the International Federation; (3) Place of Meeting of XVIIth Plenary Congress; (4) Proposals Regarding Procedure at Meetings of Plenary Congress; (5) Composition of Overseas Committee; (6) The Rt. Hon. G.N. Barnes; (7) European Co-operation; (8) Conference on Unemployment Insurance, February 14th, 15 and 16, 1933; (9) Overseas Report.

On Minute 3 - Place of Meeting of XVIIth Plenary Congress, Major Hills spoke of the excellent arrangements which had been made for the meeting of the International Council for Social Progress held in London last July, and it was



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RESOLVED: "That the Overseas Committee be asked to reconsider the possibility of inviting the Plenary Congress to hold a future meeting in London."

On Minute 6 -- The Rt.Hon.G.N.Barnes, it was

RESOLVED: "That a message of sympathy from this Committee be sent to Mr. Barnes."

(f) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 5 the minutes of the Committee dated January 26th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Minorities Procedure; (3) East Galicia; (4) The Armenian Question; (5) Generalisation of Minorities Treaties; (7) Questions of Policy For Spring Meeting of Federation; (8) Germany and Poland on the Baltic; (9) Jewish Question; (10) Macedonia; (11) Composition of Committee; (12) Statelessness and Minorities in the Balkans.

On Minute 5 -- Generalisation of Minorities Treaties. It was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to the deletion of the words 're-affirms the principle contained in these resolutions' from the last paragraph."

(g) Women's Advisory Council. Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported as a matter of urgency, the following resolution adopted by the Council on the previous day:-

"The Women's Advisory Council resolves to draw attention to an article in HEADWAY, December 1932, by Mrs. Corbett Ashby (reprinted from the Educational Survey of the League of Nations) as containing unsupported statements as to the teaching of History in the schools of England, which, in the opinion of the Association of Head Mistresses, are inaccurate and misleading.

The Women's Advisory Council requests the Executive Committee to refer this matter to the Education Committee of the Union."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the above resolution be approved and adopted."

23. COMPOSITION OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE. It was

RESOLVED: "That all Members of Parliament who are members of the Executive Committee should ipso facto be members of the Parliamentary Committee."



24. LIVERPOOL (EXCHANGE DIVISION) BYE-ELECTION. It was reported that, in accordance with the usual practice, the Liverpool and Merseyside District Council had been asked to arrange for the most recent resolutions of the General Council and the Executive upon international policy to be brought to the notice of the two candidates. The Secretary of the District Council had replied that "in view of the fact that the Conservative Candidate is our own President - Colonel Shute - and that his Labour opponent, Mr. Silverman, has been a member of the Union for some years, my Committee does not propose to issue any Questionnaire." The Chairman observed that he had advised Mr. Minto to send a letter to the press explaining that since both candidates were well-known and active supporters of the League of Nations Union, the District Council had not troubled them with questions.
25. HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM. It was reported that certain communications had been addressed to Lord Cecil by the Howard League for Penal Reform, and that Lord Cecil intended to submit proposals to the Executive Committee at an early date.
26. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Herefordshire District Council, the County Hall Branch, the Southall-Norwood Trades Council Labour Party and the Inverness Branch. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the resolution from the Herefordshire District Council be referred to the Economic Committee for consideration and report."
27. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members, Corporate Associates and Junior Sections, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

2 Branches, 5 Junior Branches, 6 Corporate Members, 3 Corporate Associates, 1 Junior Section.

Deletions.

10 Branches, 2 Junior Branches, 4 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

BRANCHES: Coniston, Lancs; Marton-in-Craven, Yorks.  
DELETIONS: Aldeburgh, Suffolk; Mansfield Road Wesleyan Church, Birmingham; Redland High School for Girls, Bristol; Ebenezer Wesleyan Church, Bristol; Hebron United Methodist Church, Bristol; Ilminster; Lambeth North; Lambeth South; Huby and District, Weeton, Yorks; Whitchurch, Hants.



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JUNIOR BRANCHES: Redland High School, Bristol; Chadwell School, Chadwell Heath, Essex; Grammar School, Enfield; Everington Street Senior Girls' School, Fulham; Central Junior School, Yeovil. DELETIONS: Everington Street, L.C.C. Girls' School, Fulham; Jewish Secondary School for Boys, Finsbury Park. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Baptist Church, New Brighton, Cheshire; Crook Moravian Church, Crook, Durham; Youth Movement of St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, West Ham, Essex; St. James' Methodist Church, Stanstead Road, Lewisham; Purley and Kenley Methodist Church, Purley, Surrey; Wesley Methodist Church, Greetland, Yorks. DELETIONS: Alberdi Anglican Church, Argentine; Eastville Park Methodist Church, Bristol; Headingley Wesleyan Church, Leeds; Spennymoor Methodist Church. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Brandon Women's Institute; Witley Women's Institute; Leigh-on-Sea Women's Cwn. DELETION: Chicheley Mothers' Union. JUNIOR SECTION: Primary Department, New City Sunday School, Norwich.

It was reported that there were now 2,955 Branches, 1,303 Junior Branches, 3,619 Corporate Members, 762 Corporate Associates and 45 Junior Sections; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 995,203 of whom 19,689 had paid a subscription in 1933 as compared with 19,063 during the corresponding period of 1932.

28. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. In view of the fact that the Conference on Unemployment Insurance would be in session on Thursday, February 16th, it was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, February 9th."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral J.D.Allen, F.M.Burris, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cranborne, Lord Dickinson, Lady Gladstone, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Commander Kenworthy, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Miss Megan Lloyd George, G. le M.Mander, T.M.McCiff, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runcimen, H.S.Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Lady Parmoor, John Sherborne, J.Trevelyan Lesk, Sir Ben Turner, and Professor Zimmern.
30. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decisions on minutes 17(12) and 22(d)(1), the minutes of the Committee dated February 2nd, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 17(12) - Vacancy on Committee, a letter was reported from Sir Hugh Jeudwine, stating that since he found it increasingly difficult to attend meetings of the Executive, he felt that he ought not any longer to occupy a vacancy which could be more usefully filled by someone else. It was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent to Sir Hugh Jeudwine, expressing the Committee's earnest desire that he should remain a member of the Executive."

On Minute 18(1) - The Far East, see minute 32 below.

On Minute 22(d) 1 - International Police Force, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'and approved' be inserted after the word 'considered' in the second line of this minute."

31. LES MINORITES NATIONALES. Lord Dickinson reported on the financial aspect of LES MINORITES NATIONALES, a bulletin published by the International Federation to which the Union had in the past contributed the sum of £5 a year. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this matter be adjourned until the next meeting."

32. THE FAR EAST. Sir Austen Chamberlain reported on the meeting of the sub-Committee held on February 2nd, 1933. In connection with minute 6 (Export of Arms) the Committee had before them a note on recent action in the United States and in France, prepared in accordance with minute 18 of the last meeting (S.G.5734), together with the text of a despatch which was recently sent to the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS from London concerning the export of arms from Great Britain to China and Japan. After considerable discussion, in the course of which Sir Walter Napier proposed that the resolution of the Far East Committee should be amended to read:-

See minute 42.



"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union urges H.M. Government to propose to the Assembly of the League of Nations a resolution to the effect that it is incompatible with their obligations under the Covenant and/or the Kellogg Pact that States Members of the League should permit their nationals to export munitions of war to a country which has committed a violation of any obligations under the Covenant or the Pact, and that it is the duty of such Members to take effective steps to prevent such export; and further urges H.M. Government to enter into negotiations with the signatories of the Pact who are not Members of the League with a view to their taking similar steps to prevent the export of such munitions to a State which has committed a violation of any obligation under the Pact."

It was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That it be left to a sub-Committee, consisting of Sir Austen Chamberlain, Sir Walter Napier and Professor Murray to prepare a resolution combining as far as possible Sir Walter Napier's proposed amendment with the resolution adopted by the Executive at its last meeting and the resolution adopted by the Far East Committee on February 2nd; and that the resolution, in the form agreed upon by the sub-Committee, be communicated to H.M. Government and thereafter to the press and, later on, to the Union's Branches."
- (2) "That the note on the recent action in the United States and in France, including a statement of action taken by other Governments who forward reports of arms exports to the League, be printed as an article in HEADWAY."

The Chairman reported to the Committee a communication dated 3rd February which he had received from the Board of Trade, enclosing a statement showing material covered by export licenses issued for China and Japan during the four months October 1932 to January 1933.

33. CHINA. The Committee considered a draft resolution proposed by the Chairman. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "TAKING NOTE of the Report of the League's Educational Mission in China and the return visit of the Chinese Educational Mission to Europe;

And of the useful co-operation of the League with the Chinese Government in dealing with Public Health, Public Finance, Transit and Communication and Flood Relief;

THE EXECUTIVE TRUSTS that it may be made clear to the Chinese Government and people that the League will continue to respond promptly and generously to any further requests that may be received from the Chinese Government for constructive co-operation in measures for securing the internal stability and prosperity of the Chinese Republic."

Note: The wording was left to the Chairman who settled it as above after the meeting.

See minute 42.



34. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Committee considered the following proposals

- (1) That the Executive Committee should send to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary a resolution expressing appreciation of the British Government's suggested "programme of work" for the Disarmament Conference, and especially of the proposal for the constitution of a Committee "to examine the possibility of the abolition of military and naval machines /i.e. aircraft/ and of bombing from the air combined with an effective international control of civil aviation."
- (2) That a copy of the British "programme of work" should be sent at once to Branch Secretaries who should be encouraged to send an expression of support to the Foreign Secretary and to their local Member of Parliament.

After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

Lord Cecil read to the Committee the text of resolutions which had that morning been received from the International Federation's Disarmament Committee at Geneva. It was

RESOLVED: "That these resolutions be referred for consideration by the Political and Parliamentary Committee at its meeting on February 14th."

35. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. After it had been reported that the Economic Committee at its next meeting would be asked to advise the Executive in regard to action to be taken by the Union's delegates on certain resolutions which were to be considered at the Brussels meeting of the International Federation at the end of February, but that it had not been found possible to arrange a meeting of the Committee before Thursday, February 16th, it was

RESOLVED: "That it be left to the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and the Vice-Chairman to receive the report from the Economic Committee and to authorise the Union's delegates at the Brussels meetings to take such action in regard to the Economic resolutions as they may think expedient."

Commander Kenworthy stated that he would be in Brussels during the time of the Federation's meetings, and would be glad to join the Union's delegation if invited to do so. It was

RESOLVED: "That a cordial invitation be extended to Commander Kenworthy to join the Union's delegation to the forthcoming meeting of the International Federation."

36. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Christian Organisations Committee. The minutes of the special meeting of the Committee dated January 24th, 1933 were approved and adopted.



See minute 51.

See minute 42.

These minutes included (13) Churches Action with regard to Sino-Japanese Dispute.

- (b) Women's Advisory Council. (Lady Gladstone reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 479, 483 and 484, the minutes of the meeting dated February 1st, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (479) Slavery Commission; (480) Composition of Council for 1933; (481) Report of Standing Sub-Committee; (482) Reports of Representatives; (483) Private Manufacture of Arms; (484) Sino-Japanese Dispute; (485) History Teaching in the Schools; (486) Applications for Corporate Associateship.

On Minute 479 - Slavery Commission, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back for further consideration by the Standing sub-Committee of the W.A.C.; but that, in the meantime, a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Sir Eric Drummond with an explanation that, while the Executive approves of the object of the resolution, it recognises that this object cannot be achieved in the manner proposed and with a request for Sir Eric's advice as to the best means of achieving that object."

On Minute 483 - Private Manufacture of Arms, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution contained in this minute be referred to the Sub-Committee on the Private Manufacture of Arms for consideration and report."

On Minute 484 - Sino-Japanese Dispute, it was

RESOLVED: "That, in view of the decision contained in minute 32 above, consideration of this minute be adjourned."

37. SIR ERIC DRUMMOND. A letter from Sir Eric Drummond, dated February 2nd, was read to the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a public meeting in honour of Sir Eric Drummond be held in the Queen's Hall early in July, and that the arrangements for the meeting be left in the hands of Dame Adelaide Livingstone."

(2) "That in view of the above decision, minute 327 of the Committee dated December 22nd, 1932, be rescinded."

38. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. After it had been reported that a meeting of the Regions Committee had been fixed for Thursday, February 23rd, it was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Executive be held on Thursday, February 16th at 11 a.m."



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39. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from Reading and St. Albans.
40. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made to the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

1 Branch, 2 Junior Branches, 2 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

Deletions.

2 Branches, 1 Corporate Member.

BRANCHES: Rachel Macmillan Training College, London.  
DELETIONS: Barley, Herts; Kingsteignton, Devon. JUNIOR  
BRANCHES: Girls' Grammar School, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics;  
 Morning Lane Senior Girls' School, Homerton, London.  
CORPORATE MEMBERS: St. John's Church Larcom Street,  
 Southwark; Scarletwell Street Mission, Northampton.  
DELETION: Trinity Methodist Church, Rock Ferry. CORPORATE  
ASSOCIATE: Wangford and Henham Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 2,954 Branches, 1,305 Junior Branches, 3,620 Corporate Members and 763 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 995,751 of whom 26,140 had paid a subscription in 1933 as compared with 26,286 during the corresponding period of 1932.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Eustace Percy, Sir John Power, Lord Rhayader, H.F. Shaw, John Sherborne, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, and L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, L.J. Cadbury, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H. Elvin, Captain Green, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, Commander Kenworthy, Miss Megan Lloyd George, T.M. McGiff, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Runciman and H.S. Syrett.

42. MINUTES. Subject to the following reports and decision on minutes 30(17), 33, 37 and 40, the minutes of the Committee dated February 9th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 30(17) - Vacancy on Committee, the Secretary reported that he had spoken to Sir Hugh Jaudwine, who had agreed to withdraw his resignation.

On Minute 33 - China, the attention of the Committee was drawn to Professor Murray's letter on the social and economic recovery of China, which appeared in the TIMES of February 15th. The Committee hoped that as wide publicity as possible would be obtained for this letter.

On Minute 37 - Sir Eric Drummond; a letter, dated February 14th, from Sir Eric Drummond was read to the Committee, thanking the Committee for their invitation to him to address a public meeting in the Queen's Hall early in July and stating that he hoped to be able to send a definite reply within a few days.

On Minute 40 - Recognition of Branches, on the motion of Mr. Sherborne it was

RESOLVED: "That, in addition to the membership figures for 1932 and 1933, those for 1931 be also given to this Committee for the purpose of comparison."

43. THE FAR EAST. The Committee considered the report (S.G. 5748) of the sub-Committee, consisting of Sir Austen Chamberlain, Professor Murray and Sir Walter Napier, appointed in minute 32(1) of the last meeting. Lord Cecil referred to a communique from Mr. Stimson which he understood had been published in Paris in an American journal and in which the following statement was said to appear:-



"If the League or any other comprehensive group of important States have mutually arrived at such a verdict ~~/embargo of arms/~~ the participation of the United States in a general arms embargo would be not merely practical and sound but practically necessary to preserve our national dignity and standing as a peaceful nation."

It was

RESOLVED: "That the full text of the communiqué be obtained; and that, in the meantime, further consideration of the report of the sub-Committee and of the resolution adopted by the Women's Advisory Council at its meeting on February 1st (minute 484) be adjourned."

Lord Cecil reported on minutes 2 (The Sino-Japanese Dispute) and 3 (The Threat to Jehol) of the Political Committee dated February 14th (see minute 46(e) below).

On Minute 2 - The Sino-Japanese Dispute, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved, subject to the word 'answer' being substituted for the words 'course of action' in the resolution."

Lord Lytton recommended that, in addition to cutting off export of arms and munitions of war from a State which refused to comply with a Report and recommendations shortly to be published by the Assembly, refusing financial facilities in the form of credits or loans to such a State and withdrawing the heads of their diplomatic missions from that State, Members of the League should severally and individually, through their diplomatic channels, associate themselves with the Assembly's Report. At the suggestion of Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Lytton promised to write, in his capacity as Chairman of the Commission, to Sir John Simon on this subject.

Lord Cecil suggested that the Members of the League might also undertake not to co-operate with Manchukuo, as they would doubtless undertake in the Report itself not to recognise Manchukuo as an independent State.

On Minute 3 - The Threat to Jehol, Lord Cecil reported that the telegram had been sent to Captain Eden and the following reply received:

Many thanks for telegram. Understand matter likely to be raised at Assembly next week.

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the misleading reports, appearing in certain newspapers in this country and in Geneva of statements made by Lord Lytton on the occasion of the dinner of the Japanese Students Association. Lord Lytton explained that these statements had been made, not in the course of a speech as appeared from the press reports, but in reply to a large number of different questions. Lord Lytton had promised to deliver a speech in Manchester on the following day and he would

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take this opportunity of correcting the false impression which had been created by the press reports. He further promised to prepare beforehand the statement on this subject which he would include in his speech, in order that it might be given as wide publicity as possible.

44. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. Lord Cecil reported on minute 4 of the Political Committee dated February 14th, 1933. It was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved; and that the Chairman be asked to forward the resolution to the Foreign Secretary with a covering letter stating that the Executive Committee recognises the great efforts His Majesty's Government are making to accelerate the Disarmament Conference, but that, in its opinion, the provision of concrete proposals in the form of a draft treaty is necessary for the success of the Conference."

Lord Cecil reported to the Committee a conversation he had recently had with a French woman journalist concerning the impression which was gaining ground in France regarding the present attitude of Great Britain towards Germany. He suggested that it might be well if Sir Austen Chamberlain, together perhaps with Lord Grey, would take an opportunity of stating in public that, if Germany pursued a policy of aggression, this country would be against her as we should be against any other country which pursued a similar policy. Sir Austen expressed his readiness to communicate with Lord Grey with a view to their making a joint statement on the lines suggested by Lord Cecil.

45. BULLETIN: LES MINORITES NATIONALES. It was

RESOLVED: (a) "That, if the International Federation continues to publish LES MINORITES NATIONALES a contribution of £4 gold a year be made by the Union towards the cost of publication."

(b) "That, if the publication is discontinued, a contribution of £12 gold be made by the Union towards the deficit which at present exists."

46. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Welcome Committee. The minutes of the meeting dated February 7th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Receptions; (4) Dinner to Mr. Wilson Harris; (5) International Ball; (6) Scandinavian Gymnastic Tour; (7) Letter from Dr. Dumba; (8) Receptions to Students.

(b) Mandates Committee. Subject to the following decision on Minute 2, the minutes of the Committee dated February 9th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) The Kenya Gold Field.

On Minute 2 - The Kenya Gold Field, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution be adopted in the following form:-



Having in view the following considerations

- (a) Under Article XXIIIb of the Covenant the States Members of the League undertake to secure just treatment of the native inhabitants of territories under their control;
- (b) In a country where H.M. Government have expressly declared in 1923 and 1930 that their 'relation to the native populations is one of trusteeship', that principle should be respected as fully as it would be in a mandated area;
- (c) Public opinion in Great Britain has been seriously alarmed at the prospect that pledges made so recently as the Native Lands Trust Ordinance of 1930, and the assurance of the Governor on July 25th, 1932, that the natives would not be deprived of their lands, may not be upheld;
- (d) In any case the activities of a European mining population extending over a very large area in the heart of a native reserve must have results seriously prejudicial to tribal life;

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- (1) Welcomes the statements made on behalf of H.M. Government that the Amending Ordinance of 1932 to the Native Lands Trust Ordinance is a purely temporary measure pending the recommendations of the Carter Land Commission.
- (2) Trusts that the findings of that Commission will be made the subject of Parliamentary debates before being put into effect.
- (3) Hopes that the delay thus granted may make it possible to consider means whereby the gold field can be worked without overriding native rights in the essential points of compensation in land added to the Reserve and consultation with local native authorities.
- (4) Urges H.M. Government not to prejudice the situation meantime by opening further areas to prospecting in the Kavirondo or any other reserve; and to ensure that future prospecting in native reserves should be rigidly controlled by the Government; and
- (5) Urges H.M. Government before the extraction of the gold begins, to provide for a measure of government control which will ensure the efficiency of the operations and the utmost protection of native interests, and to explain the whole situation fully to the local Native Councils, guaranteeing them an extension of the Reserve equivalent to the whole area which is withdrawn for any appreciably long time, or rendered unsuitable for native occupation whether by the actual mining operations or by activities subsidiary thereto.



(c) Education Committee. Minute 17 (International Federation of League of Nations Societies) of the Committee dated February 13th, 1933 was reported as a matter of urgency, and was approved and adopted.

(d) Office Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 7, the minutes of the Committee dated February 14th, 1933, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Mr. N. Wood; (3) Miss Tynan; (4) Miss N. Lewis; (5) Mr. Basil Murray; (6) Mr. W. Brayshaw; (7) Assistant Departmental Officer for Education.

On Minute 7 - Assistant Departmental Officer for Education, it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the names of Mr. Anslow and Mr. Baker appearing in alphabetical order in paragraphs (2) and (3), and subject to the word 'qualifications' being substituted for the word 'candidature' in paragraph (2), this minute be approved."

(e) Political Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to decisions on minutes 2 and 3 recorded in minutes 43 and 44 above, the minutes of the Committee dated February 14th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) The Sino-Japanese Dispute; (3) The Threat to Jehol; (4) Need of Disarmament Convention; (5) International Federation; (6) Disarmament Campaign.

47. HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM. It was

RESOLVED: "That it is desirable that the International Prison Committee's authority and activity should be strengthened by being brought under the League of Nations and that the Chairman be asked to arrange for consultation with the Foreign Office and/or the Home Office as to the best steps to be taken for this purpose."

48. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches and Corporate Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

3 Branches, 2 Junior Branches, 4 Corporate Members.

Deletions.

1 Branch, 1 Junior Branch, 3 Corporate Members.



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BRANCHES: Theosophical Order of Service Branch, Bolton; Horsleys, Surrey; Rosedale, Yorks. DELETION: City Temple, London. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Lye Junior Branch, Worcs.; Vacoas Junior Branch, Mauritius. DELETION: Apperley Bridge, Yorks. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Ealing Green Presbyterian Church of Wales, Ealing, Middx; Congregational Church, Nottingham; Wesley Guild, Nottingham; Sanderstead Congregational Church, Purley. DELETIONS: Armley Liberal Club; Staff of Toll "B" Telephone Exchange, London; Upper and Lower Wortley Liberal Club.

It was reported that there were now 2,956 Branches, 1,306 Junior Branches and 3,621 Corporate Members; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 996,912, of whom 33,732 had paid a subscription in 1933 as compared with 34,643 during the corresponding period of 1932 and 44,450 during the corresponding period of 1931.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND, 1933  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Sir Norman Angell, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cranborne, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Major Hills, Sir Hugh Jaudwine, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Eustace Percy, Sir John Power, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.F.Shaw, John Sherborne, H.S.Syrett, Mrs.Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Sir Arthur Salter attended the meeting.

49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, L.J.Cadbury, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Captain Green, Lady Hall, Commander Kenworthy, Miss Megan Lloyd George, T.M.McGiff, Lady Parmoor and Professor Zimmern.
50. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 43, 45 and 46(b), the minutes of the Committee dated February 16th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 43 - The Far East, Lord Lytton reported that he had, in accordance with the Committee's request, written to Sir John Simon, but that, no doubt owing to his recent absence from home, he had not yet received a reply from the Foreign Secretary.

On Minute 45 - Bulletin: Les Minorites Nationales, it was reported that the International Federation had adjourned consideration of the desirability or otherwise of continuing to publish the Bulletin entitled LES MINORITES NATIONALES until the meeting of the XVIIth Plenary Congress in June.

On Minute 46(b) - 2 - The Kenya Gold Field, a letter from the Colonial Office, dated 27th February, was read to the Committee, stating that "the suggestions put forward in the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union in regard to native lands in Kenya are receiving the careful attention of the Secretary of State."

51. THE FAR EAST. The Committee had before them the report of the sub-Committee appointed by the Executive on February 9th (S.G.5748) and the resolution adopted by the Women's Advisory Council on February 1st, together with a draft resolution prepared by Professor Murray (S.G.5791). The text of a memorandum submitted to the Foreign Affairs Committee by Mr. Stimson, to which Lord Cecil had made reference at the last meeting, was also before the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the report of the sub-Committee (S.G.5748) be approved and adopted."

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- (2) "That in view of the Arms Embargo now imposed by His Majesty's Government, no further action be taken on the resolution of the Women's Advisory Council of February 1st."

Lord Lytton thought that H.M. Government's announcement of the Arms Embargo might have been more happily expressed if it had been said that in view of the decision of the League, we were in duty bound not to furnish arms to the aggressor, while we were obviously entitled to give assistance to a State Member which had been declared a victim of aggression; but that, owing to practical difficulties we were obliged - temporarily and in the circumstances - to refuse arms to both parties, as the only course possible to relieve ourselves of blood guiltiness; and that we would seek immediately for such international co-operation as would enable the action of the League to be effective. Lord Lytton expressed the opinion that operations in Jehol would not last a month; he felt, however, that the attitude of the League and of the States Members towards a situation which had been going on for months and years was of vital importance. After considerable discussion, and on the proposal of a drafting committee consisting of Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Sir Norman Angell and Sir Arthur Salter, it was

RESOLVED (3) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union welcomes the principle implied in the Arms Embargo, that when issues of peace and war are involved, official policy must subordinate trade considerations to the paramount object of helping to restrict and arrest hostilities; and

Urges that the British Government should, by publishing the communications which it is making to other countries, make it clear that the present measure is a purely interim measure, while they are attempting to secure concerted discrimination corresponding with the character of the verdict pronounced by Geneva.

In particular, the Executive urges that this concerted discrimination should recognise the general principle that it is incompatible with the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Kellogg Pact that any assistance, whether by the export of arms or by financial facilities, should be given to any country which has been declared to be guilty of aggression against another."

- (4) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union

- (a) Is of opinion that it is incompatible with the obligations undertaken by the signatories of the Covenant and the Kellogg Pact that assistance should be given by the supply of arms or by financial facilities to any country which is declared to be guilty of aggression against another.



See minute 60.

- (b) Accepts the policy of H.M. Government in regard to export of arms to the Far East as being avowedly of an interim character whilst they are attempting to secure concerted discrimination by international agreement,

And invites the federated societies to urge the acceptance of the principle of discrimination upon their respective Governments.

- (5) "That resolution No. (4) be communicated immediately to the Secretary of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies with the request that he should circulate it to all the federated League of Nations Societies."
- (6) "That the Chairman be asked to communicate the terms of the resolution No. (4) by cablegram to Professor Shotwell."

Lord Lytton expressed the hope that the Committee would not lose sight of the opinion expressed by his Commission that the first necessity towards finding a solution of the Far Eastern dispute was to investigate the possibility of giving, by international co-operation, such assistance to China as would enable her to satisfy legitimate Japanese demands in Manchuria. Lord Lytton had taken the opportunity of his recent letter to Sir John Simon to include a note on this subject.

The Committee went on to consider the resolution adopted by the Representative Council of the International Federation at its meeting in Brussels on February 27th, and it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this resolution be adjourned until the next meeting."

The Secretary reported that Lord Lytton had very kindly promised to prepare for the Union a revised version of his pamphlet on The Lytton Report. This new version would contain a summary of the Report and Recommendations of the Assembly.

52. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. On the motion of Mr. Mander it was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee assures His Majesty's Government of its active support in vigorously pursuing to its conclusion the air disarmament policy laid before the Conference at Geneva on February 20th."

53. REGIONS COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10, the minutes of the Committee dated February 23rd, 1933 were received.

These minutes included (2) Joint Committee on HEADWAY; (3) Division of Branch Members' Subscriptions; (4) Printing and Publishing by Local Organisations of the Union; (5) Number of Communications from Head Office to Branches; (6) Collection of Membership Subscriptions;



(7) Measurement of the Union's Membership; (8) Miss Bradish's Scheme; (9) Branch Funds; (10) Conferences on the I.L.O. 7

On Minute 2 - Joint Committee on HEADWAY, it was

RESOLVED: "That the decisions contained in this minute be referred for consideration by the Joint Committee on HEADWAY; and that the reports on the Union's periodicals prepared by Sir Norman Angell and by the Secretariat, at the request of the Joint Committee, be circulated to members of the Executive, together with the Joint Committee's recommendations."

On Minute 3 - Division of Branch Members' Subscriptions, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be adopted, and that a resolution on the subject be included in the agenda of a special meeting of the General Council for alteration of the Rules."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That minutes 4 (Printing and Publishing by Local Organisations of the Union); 5 (Number of Communications from Head Office to Branches); 6 (Collection of Membership Subscriptions); 10 (Conferences on the I.L.O.) be adopted."

54. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 14, the minutes of the meeting dated February 13th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Membership of the Committee; (4) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (5) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (6) Report on Junior Branches Sub-Committee; (7) Record of Service Cards; (8) Membership of the Junior Branches Sub-Committee; (9) Report of Youth Sub-Committee; (10) Membership of Youth Committee; (11) First National Conference of Youth Group Delegates; (12) Monetary Reform; (13) Organisation of Youth Groups; (14) Co-operation with the Youth Hostels Association; (15) The Union and the Drama; (16) Curriculum Sub-Committee: Report on Progress; (17) Text Books in China and Japan; (18) International Federation; (19) Moral Disarmament; (20) Charts and Diagrams; (21) Literature for Boys and Girls; (22) Communication from the League of Nations Publications Department; (23) Communication from the Association of University Women Teachers; (24) Civil Service Examinations. 7

(b) Economic Committee. (Lord Rhayader reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 2, the minutes of the meeting dated February 16th, 1933 were approved and adopted.



These minutes included (2) Plenary Congress Resolutions; (3) The Cuchy Convention; (4) Memorandum by Dr. Gustavus Gratz; (5) Resolution from the Herefordshire District Council.

On Minute 2 - Plenary Congress Resolutions, it was

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

(c) Disarmament Committee. With the exception of minute 8 (Membership of the Political and Parliamentary Committee) which was approved and adopted, consideration of the minutes of the meeting dated February 21st was adjourned.

(d) Finance Committee. (Sir John Power reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 11 (III) the minutes of the Committee dated February 22nd, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Financial Statement; (3) Insurance Policies; (4) "Financing of Local Councils" and "The Appointment and Conditions of Service of Local Councils' Secretaries"; (5) Printing of Memoranda; (6) League of Nations Union Year Book; (7) Summer Schools; (8) Bequest by Miss A.M. Buckton of Property at Glastonbury to the Union; (9) Leicestershire Federal Council; (10) Worcestershire Federal Council; (11) Appeals Committee; (12) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

see minute 60.

On Minute 11 (III) - International Ball, it was reported that Mrs. Braham was unable to undertake the arrangements for the Ball in 1933. A letter, dated 27th February, from Mrs. Maclean was reported to the Committee, stating that she would be prepared to undertake the organisation of the Ball at a reduced fee of 150 guineas (half the fee payable in advance on commencement of the work) plus a charge of £3 a week for a clerk. Mrs. Maclean would also require an advance of £50 to cover postage, telephone calls and general office expenses. It was

RESOLVED: "That Mrs. Maclean's offer be accepted on these terms."

(e) Industrial Advisory Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated February 23rd, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (11) Constitution of Committee for 1933; (12) International Federation, Brussels; (13) Reduction of Hours of Work - Preparatory Conference; (14) Governing Body of the I.L.O. - 61st Session; (15) Conferences on I.L.O. - Report of Regions Committee; (16) Conference on Unemployment Insurance; (17) L.N.U. Year Book; (18) Mr. Gillinder's Report.

55. RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution on Disarmament from the Executive Committee of the Association of Headmistresses.



56. POSTERS. In accordance with the decision contained in minute 290 of November 17th, 1932, two posters designed for use in connection with the poster campaign were exhibited at this meeting of the Committee.
57. UNION MEMBERSHIP. Major Lawrence Wright suggested that the present situation, when wide publicity was being given to the League, provided a favourable opportunity for Branches very largely to increase their membership. It was
- RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be referred to the Branches Committee for consideration and report."
58. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Districts, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

5 Branches, 1 District, 7 Junior Branches,  
6 Corporate Members, 2 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

4 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 8 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Hope C.E. Society, Bridgend, Glam.; Chapel Fields and District, Coventry; Radcliffe, Lancs; Seaham Harbour, Durham; Warrington Training College, Liverpool. DELETIONS: Heath Town Wesleyan Branch, Wolverhampton; Ashington, Essex; Canvey Island, Essex; Wivenhoe, Essex. DISTRICT COUNCIL: Isle of Wight District Council. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Yorkbridge Grammar School, Askridge, Yorks; Framlingham Girls' School, Suffolk; New DAILY CHRONICLE Junior Branch, Georgetown, British Guiana; County Grammar School, Melton Mowbray; Marcliffe Intermediate School, Sheffield; West Wickham, Kent; Royal Grammar School, Worcester. DELETIONS: Uxbridge Street Boys' School, Burton-on-Trent. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Cheadle Parish Church, Cheshire; Northenden Methodist Church, Cheshire; Congregational Church, Eccles, Lancs; Gipsy Hill Training College, London; National Union of Women Teachers, Acton, Middx.; Stafford and District Branch of N.U.T. DELETIONS: Crossley Hall Congregational Church, Bradford; Thornbury (St. Margaret's) Junior Church Council, Bradford; Berry Brow Wesleyan Church, Huddersfield; Golcar Baptist Church, Huddersfield; Langham Telephone Exchange, London; Walker Street Liberal Club, Normanton; Sisterhood of Stocksbridge Congregational Church, Stocksbridge; Wesleyan Church, Stocksbridge. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Central Women's Section of Ilford Trades Council and Labour Party; Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild.

It was reported that there were now 2,957 Branches, 65 Districts; 1,312 Junior Branches, 3,619 Corporate Members and 765 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 997,549 of whom 49,869 had paid a subscription in 1933 as compared with 52,040 during the corresponding period of 1932 and 65,142 during the corresponding period of 1931.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Sir Norman Angell, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Lady Layton, J.A.Trevelyan Leak, Lord Lytton, G. le M.Mander, T.M.McGiff, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Eustace Percy, Sir John Power, Lord Rhayader, Mrs.Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, E.S.Syrett, Sir Ben Turner, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

At the invitation of the Chairman Sir Arthur Salter and Mr.Wheeler Bennett attended the meeting.

59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Miss Courtney, H.H.Elvin, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth and Lady Parmoor.
60. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 51 and 54(d), the minutes of the Committee dated March 2nd, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.
- On Minute 51 - The Far East, the Chairman reported to the Committee a cablegram and a letter which he had received from Professor Shotwell on the subject of the resolution adopted by the Committee at its last meeting.
- On Minute 54(d) 11 - International Ball, the Chairman reported that Mrs. Stanley Baldwin had very kindly consented to act as Chairman of the International Ball Committee.
61. JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEADWAY. The Committee had before them the minutes of the Joint Committee dated October 11th and February 13th, together with the reports prepared by the Chairman of the Publicity Committee and the Secretary. It was
- RESOLVED: "That this Committee approves in principle of the appointment of a whole time Editor, to be responsible for all the journals of the Union; and that it be left to the Joint Committee to draft the terms of his appointment."
62. THE FAR EAST. Lord Rhayader reported on minute 8 of the Political and Parliamentary Committee dated March 7th. After considerable discussion it was, on the motion of Lord Cecil,



RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee, having considered the resolution of the Representative Council of the International Federation, suggesting that the following steps might be taken to put an end to the illegal acts which have been condemned and to secure compliance with the Assembly's recommendations

- (1) Withdrawal of the heads of the diplomatic missions in Japan;
- (2) Prohibition of the export of arms and raw material for the manufacture of arms to Japan;
- (3) Prohibition of financial assistance to Japan; and
- (4) (if necessary) Refusal to accept imports from Japan;

is of opinion that, in view of the resolution already passed by the Executive Committee and set out below, it is unnecessary to take any further decision.

The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union welcomes the principle implied in the Arms Embargo, that when issues of peace and war are involved, official policy must subordinate trade considerations to the paramount object of helping to restrict and arrest hostilities; and

Urges that the British Government should, by publishing the communications which it is making to other countries, make it clear that the present measure is a purely interim measure, while they are attempting to secure concerted discrimination corresponding with the character of the verdict pronounced by Geneva.

In particular, the Executive urges that this concerted discrimination should recognise the general principle that it is incompatible with the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Kellogg Pact that any assistance, whether by the export of arms or by financial facilities, should be given to any country which has been declared to be guilty of aggression against another."

63. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. Lord Cecil reported on the minutes of the Disarmament Committee dated March 14th. The Committee considered the draft note upon the present position of the Disarmament Conference (S.G. 5823) prepared in accordance with minute 10, together with a resolution proposed by Lord Cecil as an amendment. After considerable discussion, during the course of which Mr. Wheeler Bennett, who had just returned from Germany, reported on the present situation in that country, it was



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RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union urges His Majesty's Government to take this occasion to make clear in a public declaration of policy that, while they still consider themselves bound by the assurances they have given to grant equality of status to Germany, existing provisions relating to the limitation of armaments and abstention from force should be strictly maintained.

It further assures His Majesty's Government of its unhesitating support in any action that may be necessary for the fulfilment of our treaty obligations."

(2) "That the above resolution be forwarded immediately to H.M. Government and to the Press; and that Lord Cecil be asked to write a letter to the TIMES on the basis of the resolution."

(3) "That a further meeting of the Committee be held on Tuesday next, March 21st, by which time the text of the Convention proposed by Mr. MacDonald to the Disarmament Conference will be available."

64. ADJOURNMENT. It was

RESOLVED: "That the remaining business on the agenda be adjourned for consideration at the meeting on March 21st."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the chair),  
Admiral J.D.Allen, F.M.Burris, Colonel David  
Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain,  
Lord Cranborne, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. E.Dugdale,  
H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn,  
Lady Hall, Lady Henschel, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Lady  
Layton, Lord Lytton, G. Le M.Mander, Sir Walter  
Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Ruvyader, Mrs.  
Walter Runciman, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence  
Wright, L.M.Wynch and Professor A.E.Zimmern,  
together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Major Buxton,  
L.J.Cadbury, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Captain Green, Sir  
Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jevons, Commander Kenworthy,  
Miss Megan Lloyd George, J.Sherborne and H.S.Syrett.
66. MINUTES. The minutes of the Committee dated March 16th,  
1933, were confirmed as circulated.
67. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Committee discussed the  
Draft Convention laid before the Disarmament Conference by  
Mr.MacDonald on March 16th. Lord Cecil read to the Com-  
mittee the following statement on the proposals contained  
in the Convention which he had prepared at the request of  
the Union's secretariat:-

We are very glad that a definite scheme has  
been put before the Conference, and wish that it  
had been done months ago, when European conditions  
were much more favourable to agreement.

This scheme does not go so far as we could  
have desired, but if it is generally acceptable, we  
should immensely prefer it to a breakdown of the  
Conference with all its incalculable consequences.  
Its best feature is that it is only put forward as  
a first step, and even so is open to amendments and  
improvements. That ought to mollify both French  
and German critics.

The reduction of the period of service of con-  
script armies and the acceptance of the principle of  
the abolition of military aviation are also good.  
So too is the eventual abolition of heavy military  
artillery.

Very much depends upon the constitution and work  
of the proposed Disarmament Commission. If it is to  
consist of mere Government officials, it will be of  
little use. If it is to be like the Mandates Com-  
mission and the Lytton Commission, a commission of  
individuals nominated by the different countries, but  
not taking orders from their Governments, it may  
be of immense service.

On the whole all peace lovers will wish for the  
success of the scheme, and will certainly do nothing  
to hinder it.

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It was

RESOLVED: "That this statement be approved."

Professor Zimmern stated that, on reading the proposals he felt that by far the most important part was that which related to security. Lord Cecil agreed with Professor Zimmern generally, but he thought this country must contemplate abandoning its present attitude in regard to security. There was a danger of the whole question going by default at the present time, when a great many people were preaching violently against anything being done to give security to France because it would involve fresh commitments by Great Britain. If it were an accepted doctrine that no British Government in any circumstances would put forward anything of that kind, it would be a misfortune. Lord Cecil thought it had to be considered very carefully whether the time had not now come when this country ought to say quite definitely that we are in favour of steps to meet the French demand for security. Sir Austen Chamberlain, while he was sure that British people would stand loyally behind the obligations formally undertaken by Great Britain with the approval of Parliament, did not think it would be easy to get the country to take new engagements at the present time, or that it would be wise for the Union to make that part of its policy.

After considerable discussion, on the motion of Lord Rhayader and with three dissentients, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee congratulates His Majesty's Government on having put forward a definite scheme of disarmament; and trusts that the lead so given may enable the Conference to arrive at an international convention which will secure the peace of the world."

68.

THE FAR EAST. The Chairman referred to the decision taken by the Committee at its last meeting (minute 62) on the resolution of the Representative Council of the International Federation. He thought that decision left the Union in a rather ambiguous position, and that we were in danger of losing support on that account. He read to the Committee a draft which he had prepared with a view to clarifying the Union's policy. The Committee, on the whole, were of opinion that there was no particular need at the moment for a further expression of opinion. They recognised that another opportunity would arise for re-considering the position so soon as the Committee of Twenty-One had made a definite proposal.

Lord Lytton said that in his recent speeches he had taken the line that the League of Nations is not an effective answer to an army. All that the League can do is to see that whatever action armies take at a particular moment does not produce a permanent settlement by the result of the use of that force. He did not think the League could be said to have failed in regard to the Sino-Japanese dispute because its work was not finished. If people regarded the League as machinery which could interfere to stop the armies and compel them to withdraw, they were bound to be disappointed. Lord Lytton had urged his audiences not to lose faith in the League because at the moment the situation was in the hands of the armies.



He had reminded them that the history of the dispute was not complete. What the League had to be judged by was the final settlement between China and Japan.

69. CIVIL AVIATION. Lord Cecil stated that so large a difference of opinion appeared to exist among members of the Aviation sub-Committee concerning the memorandum on the International Control of Civil Aviation (S.G. 5810) that he had arranged for a further meeting of the sub-Committee to discuss the memorandum.
70. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION: REPORT ON MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AND OF COMMITTEES HELD IN BRUSSELS ON FEBRUARY 25TH TO 28TH, 1933. It was

RESOLVED: "That the report on the meeting of the Council and of Committees of the International Federation, held in Brussels on February 25th to 28th, 1933 (S.G. 5808) be approved and adopted."

The Committee were reminded that, at their meeting on February 9th, they had left it to the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Deputy Chairman to receive the report from the Economic Committee and to authorise the Union's delegates at the Brussels meetings to take such action in regard to the Economic resolutions as they might think fit. It was reported that Major Hills had felt doubts about the recommendation of the Economic Committee "that the Union's delegates be instructed to support the French proposal" concerning the Cuchy Convention.

71. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Economic Committee. The Committee considered (adjourned) minute 2 (Plenary Congress Resolution) of the Committee dated February 16th. After it had been reported that the agenda for the Montreux Congress would include the complete resolution on National Advisory or Deliberative Economic Councils, including the clause, recommending that each country's Advisory or Deliberative Economic Council should make periodical statements with regard to the economic position of the country, which had been somehow omitted, it was

RESOLVED: "That minute 2 of the Economic Committee dated February 16th be approved and adopted."

- (b) Welcome Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 13, the minutes of the Committee dated March 7th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (12) Secretary's Report; (13) International Section; (14) Scandinavian Gymnastic Tour; (15) Letter from Mr. Pritchard; (16) School Journeys' Association.

On Minute 13 — International Section, it was

RESOLVED: "That the word 'leaflet' be substituted for the word 'form' in the first line of the resolution and in the first line of the paragraph immediately following the resolution."



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- (c) Political Committee. With the exception of minute 8, which had been considered at the previous meeting, the minutes of the Committee dated March 7th were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (8) Sino-Japanese Dispute; Recommendations of the Assembly; (9) The Disarmament Conference; (10) By-Election; (11) Disarmament Campaign; (12) Membership of the Committee; (13) Time and Place of Future Meetings.

- (d) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 15, the minutes of the Committee dated March 9th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (16) Statelessness; (17) Bulgarian Minorities; (18) East Galicia; (19) Brussels Meetings; (20) Policy for the Federation; (21) Jewish Question; (22) Kurdish Question.

On Minute 15 -2- Correspondence with H.M. Government, the Committee expressed the hope that Sir Austen Chamberlain would take part in the proposed deputation to H.M. Government.

See minute 80.

- (e) Disarmament Committee. The minutes of the Committee, dated February 21st, consideration of which had been adjourned from a previous meeting, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (6) International Federation Disarmament Committee; (7) International Force; (8) Membership of the Political and Parliamentary Committee.

72. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of a draft resolution for the XVIIth Plenary Congress be adjourned until the next meeting."

73. GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered a communication from Edinburgh concerning speakers for a public meeting to be held in Edinburgh during the Annual Meeting of the General Council from June 20th to 23rd. It was

RESOLVED: "That, in view of the great pressure upon the Foreign Secretary at the present time, the Committee does not feel able to invite him to speak at a public meeting in Edinburgh during the meetings of the General Council."

74. CIRCULATION OF EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS TO THE PRESS. The Chairman reported a letter he had received from Major Hills, who was disturbed by the fact that a list of members present at the meeting of the Committee on March 16th had been circulated to the press with the resolution unanimously adopted at that meeting. It was



See minute 80.

RESOLVED: "That, for the future, the names of members present at meetings of the Executive Committee be not sent to the press with resolutions adopted by the Committee, except with the specific approval of the Chairman in each case."

75. COMMUNICATIONS TO BRANCH SECRETARIES. In the absence of Major Buxton it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this matter be adjourned until the next meeting."

76. NATIONAL UNION OF CLERKS. Mr. Elyin drew the attention of the Committee to a paragraph headed I.L.O. and Unionism which had appeared in the DAILY HERALD of March 18th following upon a telephone conversation with a member of the Union's press section, and which purported to represent the views of the Union concerning Trade Unionism. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Office Committee be asked to consult the Staff Committee and to advise what change, if any, should be made in the policy determined by the Executive Committee on October 30th, 1930, that each member of the staff be completely free to join a Trade Union or not as he or she desires".

77. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Montagu Burton Branch (Leeds) concerning the treatment of people of the Jewish faith in Germany, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be referred to the Minorities Committee for consideration and report."

78. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members, Corporate Associates and Junior Sections, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

6 branches, 7 Junior Branches, 6 Corporate members, 4 Corporate Associates, 1 Junior Section.

Deletions.

2 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 7 Corporate Members, 6 Corporate Associates.

BRANCHES: Brynmawr-Celvary, Brecons.; North Guernsey, Channel Islands; Iver, Bucks.; British Legion, Mountain Ash, Glam.; Newdigate, Surrey; Taffs Well, Glam. DELETIONS: Kilburn Primitive Methodist Church, London; Penistone, Yorks. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Selective Senior Girls' School, Wombwell, Barnsley, Yorks.; Palatine Central Girls' School, Blackpool, Lancs.; Cardigan County School, Cardigan, Cards.; St. Paul's Girls' School, Hammersmith, London; Horsham Junior Branch, Horsham, Sussex; St. Mary's Secondary School, Hull, Yorks.; Strode School, Street, Somerset. DELETION: St. Helen's School, Cockermouth, Cumberland. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Stonelaw



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Church, Rutherglen, Glasgow, Scotland; Belper Pottery, Wesley Guild, Belper, Derbys.; Christ Church, Cockfosters, Herts.; Rhyl Street Junior Girls' School Staff, London; Unity (Women's) Adult School, St. Michael's Road, Northampton; Carlton United Methodist Church, Carlton, Notts. DELETIONS: Bernard Castle and District Association of Teachers; Bill Quay Sisterhood; Hampstead Telephone Exchange; Heckmondwike - Christian Meeting Room (Church of Christ), Liversedge; Northenden Brotherhood, Manchester; Swindon Trades Council; Y.M.C.A. Clifford Street, York. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Forty Hill Women's Institute; Hetherset Women's Institute; Compton Sisterhood, Wimbledon; Homestead Branch, Y.W.C.A. Windsor. DELETIONS: Stisted Women's Institute; Easthorpe and Hunningham Women's Institute; Masham Women's Institute; 1st Horsham Ranger Company; Leamington Labour Party, Women's Section; Mase Mothers' Union. JUNIOR SECTION: 1st Padiham Ranger Company of Girl Guides, Burnley, Lancs.

It was reported that there were now 2,961 Branches, 1,318 Junior Branches, 3,618 Corporate Members, 763 Corporate Associates and 45 Junior Sections; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 1,000,281 of whom 69,529 had paid a subscription in 1933 and compared with 73,879 during the corresponding period of 1932 and 83,967 during the corresponding period of 1931.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Gabury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Major Hills, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Lady Leyton, G.Ie M.Mander, T.M.McGiff, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

79. APCLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Captain Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jevons, Commander Kenworthy, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Lord Lytton, Lord Rhayader, H.S.Syrett, J.Trevelyan Leak, and Sir Ben Turner.
80. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 71(d) and 76, the minutes of the Committee dated March 21st, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 71(d) - 15 - Minorities Committee: Correspondence with H.M.Government, it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposed deputation to His Majesty's Government be further considered at the next meeting of the Committee, and that in the meantime no action be taken in the matter."

On Minute 76 - National Union of Clerks, the Secretary reported that he was hoping to arrange for a meeting of the Office Committee to be held on Tuesday next, April 4th.

81. COMMUNICATIONS TO BRANCH SECRETARIES. The Committee considered the following resolution proposed by Major Buxton:-

"Communications to Branch Secretaries, instead of being sent by post to members of the Executive Committee, shall, in future, be enumerated on a list which shall be sent to every member of the Executive with the papers for the first meeting of the Committee in each month. Copies of these papers will be supplied to any members of the Executive who ask for them at that meeting or who apply for them in writing."

After the Committee had been reminded of the resolution on this subject adopted by the Regions Committee at its meeting on February 23rd, it was



RESOLVED: (1) "That the Editorial sub-Committee, the appointment of which was recommended by the HEADWAY Joint Committee at its meeting on March 29th, be asked to consider and advise upon the means by which the number of documents issued by the Union can be reduced and duplication prevented."

(2) "That a copy of the monthly communication to Branch Secretaries, including a list of the enclosures, but without the enclosures themselves, be sent for the information of members of the Executive."

82. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Committee considered the minutes of the Disarmament sub-Committee dated March 28th, 1933, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the minutes of the Disarmament sub-Committee held on March 28th, 1933 be approved and adopted."

Colonel Carnegie reported that, owing to the absence of Miss Courtney in Geneva it had not yet been found possible to arrange for a meeting of the sub-Committee on the Private Manufacture of Arms, appointed by the Executive on December 22nd, 1932. It was

RESOLVED: (2) "That the sub-Committee on the Private Manufacture of Arms be asked to meet as soon as possible; and that Major Anthony Buxton be invited to become a member of the sub-Committee."

83. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolution be approved for submission to the XVIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation, and, with such verbal changes as may be necessary, to the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council:-

XVIIth Plenary Congress,

Considering the extreme gravity of the of the financial, monetary and economic situation of the entire world,

Being convinced that the evils from which the world is now suffering can be remedied only by prompt international action on a broad basis,

Welcomes the decision of the League of Nations to convoke a World Monetary and Economic Conference for the purpose of restoring confidence and reviving international trade,

Agrees in principle with the views expressed by the Preparatory Committee of Experts in the draft Annotated Agenda published by them in January, 1933.



Urges that the Conference may be convened at the earliest possible moment,

Urges that all countries should send to the Conference representatives empowered to negotiate agreements on world lines and capable of constituting a true solution of these world problems, and

Invites each League of Nations Society affiliated to the Federation to use all its influence upon its Government and public opinion in favour of the above policy."

See minute 89.

84. AERIAL DISARMAMENT. Lord Cecil presented to the Committee the report of the sub-Committee on Aerial Disarmament (S.G.5048). He read to the Committee a letter dated March 30th from Mr. Handley Page. Considerable discussion then took place on the Report, during the course of which arguments for and against the creation of an International Air Force were submitted by members of the Committee. Finally it was, by sixteen votes to ten votes,

RESOLVED: "That the report of the sub-Committee on Aerial Disarmament be approved and adopted, but that no publicity be given to the report until such time as it has been considered by the General Council."

85. REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEADWAY. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on HEADWAY, dated March 29th, 1933, be adjourned until the next meeting."

86. OVERSEAS COMMITTEE. The Committee considered minute 13(b) (Union's Delegation to XVIIth Plenary Congress) of the Overseas Committee dated March 22nd, 1933, and it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, this minute be approved and adopted."

87. COMMUNICATION FROM THE NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. A communication dated March 22nd from Mr. Gerald Bailey, the Secretary of the National Peace Council, was reported to the Committee, requesting the Executive (a) to appoint a representative to the National Peace Congress to be held in Oxford from July 7th to 10th, and (b) to agree to the distribution of copies of the first programme to the Union's Branches. After the Chairman had informed the Committee of the circumstances in which the National Peace Congress had been arranged, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary of the National Peace Council be informed that the Committee has no objection to copies of the programme of the National Peace Congress being sent to Branches of the Union from this office; but that the Committee does not see its way to appoint a representative to the Congress."



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1 ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH, 1933  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), Admiral J.D.Allen,  
Sir Norman Angell, P.J.Noel Baker, F.M.Burris,  
Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel  
David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain,  
Miss K.D.Courtney, Lord Cranborne, Lord  
Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Lady  
Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.F.Green,  
Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth,  
Lady Henschel, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton,  
G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady  
Parnoor, Lord Eustace Percy, Lord Knayader,  
Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.F.Shaw, Herbert Worsley,  
Major Lawrence Wright, L.M.Wynch and Professor  
Zimmern, together with the Secretary and  
Deputy Secretary.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Drury-Lowe, Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Dr. Kimmins, Sir John Power, H.S.Syrett and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
89. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 84, the minutes of the Committee dated March 30th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 84 - Aerial Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: "That a resolution on the subject of the Report on Aerial Disarmament be included in the agenda for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council, and that the terms of this resolution be considered at the next meeting of the Committee on April 27th."

90. HEADWAY: REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE. Mr. Worsley presented to the Committee the report of the Joint Committee on HEADWAY (S.G.5852) and drew the Committee's attention to the alterations in the report which had been suggested by members of the Joint Committee and approved by the Office Committee at its meeting on April 4th (minute 4). It was

RESOLVED: "That the Report of the Joint Committee, as amended by the Office Committee on April 4th, be approved and adopted, provided that the Editorial sub-Committee thus created shall have power to co-opt."

91. EXECUTIVE'S REPORT FOR 1932. The Committee considered a draft of the Annual Report of the Executive Committee to the General Council of the Union (S.G.5844). After considerable discussion, in the course of which various amendments were suggested, it was

RESOLVED: "That it be left to a sub-Committee, consisting of Sir Norman Angell, Mr. Worsley and the Vice-Chairman to redraft the report in the light of the Committee's discussion."

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92. MINORITIES PROCEDURE. The Committee reconsidered a proposal of the Minorities Committee (minute 71(d) 15) that a deputation should wait upon H.M. Government in order to discuss the reform of procedure on the lines indicated by the Minorities Committee on November 3rd, 1932. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee is of opinion that a deputation to H.M. Government on the subject of Minorities Procedure would be out of place at the present time; and that further consideration be given to the proposal of the Minorities Committee at its next meeting."

93. XVIIITH PLENARY CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. The Committee considered draft resolutions for submission to the XVIIth Plenary Congress on International Disarmament, The Defence of International Order, and Treaty Revision (S.G. 5865). It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the following resolutions be submitted for inclusion on the agenda of the XVIIth Plenary Congress at Montreux:-

International Disarmament.

The XVIIth Plenary Congress, having watched with anxiety the protracted deliberations of the Disarmament Conference, welcomes its decision to take a definite Draft Convention as the basis of its discussion and trusts that this may lead to a substantial reduction of armaments. The Congress believes that any scheme of Disarmament which is to make a great contribution to the consolidation of peace, should be inspired by the policy laid down by the Federation at its Congresses of Budapest (1931) and Paris (1932).

The Congress, therefore, recalls the main points of this policy, which are

That a substantial reduction of the total expenditure upon armaments must be effected;

That the sums budgetted for military armaments by every nation should be limited;

That equality of status should be recognised between all nations, in respect of their armaments;

That this equality should be realised, not by the increase of any nation's armaments, but by the diminution of the national armaments not limited by the Treaties of Peace;



That this reduction should include the abolition within a limited period of those weapons which were prohibited to Germany, Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria by those Treaties;

That the manufacture and trade in armaments should be internationally controlled; and

That a Permanent Disarmament Commission, whose members would not be subject to instructions from their several Governments, should be established to supervise the execution of the first Disarmament Convention and to prepare the next.

The Defence of International Order.

The XVIIth Plenary Congress,

Confident that a sense of security, based upon the solidarity of nations for the defence of international order, is a necessary condition of disarmament and of economic recovery;

- (a) Welcomes proposals for consultation and concerted action between the signatories of the Pact of Paris;
  - (b) Calls upon all States Members of the League, in framing the First General Disarmament Convention, solemnly to reaffirm their attachment to those Articles of the Covenant of the League of Nations which provide for mutual assistance against aggression.
  - (c) Urges the general ratification of the Convention for Improving the Means of Preventing War and the Convention for Financial Assistance; and
  - (d) Invites all constituent societies to press upon their Governments the paramount importance of giving visible evidence of their attachment to their Covenant obligations by joining in concerted discrimination against any Government which disregards those obligations.
- (2) "That the draft resolution on Treaty Revision be not submitted for inclusion on the agenda of the XVIIth Plenary Congress, but that before the meeting of the Plenary Congress takes place the International Law Committee be asked to reconsider the proposals contained in the draft resolution."
- (3) "That the resolution on Moral Disarmament already placed on the agenda for the XVIIth Plenary Congress in the name of the Executive Committee be amended to read as follows:-

Moral Disarmament.

XVIIth Plenary Congress,



Considering that moral disarmament is one of the essential aspects of the general work of disarmament and at the same time that each stage towards the realisation of limitation of armaments implies a parallel effort towards the achievement of moral disarmament,

That mutual understanding does not depend solely on the goodwill of Governments but presupposes also in each country the concurrence and co-operation of the principal intellectual and moral forces, whether individual or collective, and the use of the various technical methods capable of promoting the study of international relations and the development of a sense of world citizenship,

Urges that the States signatory to the Convention now being prepared by the Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments should agree, in a separate Convention, to accept at least the following obligations:-

- (a) that children and young people in their respective countries shall be made aware of the interdependence of all nations in the modern world community and learn something of the aims and work of the League of Nations, the terms of its Covenant; and the recent growth of international co-operation;
- (b) that adequate measures shall be taken to instruct in these matters students in the Teachers' Training Colleges as well as those men and women who are already engaged in the actual work of teaching in the Schools and Colleges and to provide all necessary material for their use;
- (c) that a report shall be submitted by each signatory State to the Council of the League of Nations not less frequently than once in every three years upon the measures (whether by official or unofficial agencies) to fulfil these obligations.

94. FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered draft resolutions on the Far East, International Disarmament, the Defence of International Order and Moral Disarmament for inclusion in the agenda of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council at Edinburgh (S.G. 5366). It was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolutions be included in the agenda for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council:

(1) The Far East.

The General Council of the League of Nations Union

Re-affirming its resolution of February 27th, 1932, and, in particular, its promise of support for His Majesty's Government in whatever measures they may be willing to take



to secure the co-operation of the States Members of the League and of the United States of America in order to vindicate the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Pact of Paris, and eventually to effect a just settlement of all the issues between China and Japan as well as to bring about the immediate cessation of hostilities;

Seeing that the League has pronounced a unanimous decision that "the presence of Japanese troops outside the zone of the South Manchurian Railway and their operations outside this zone are incompatible with the legal principles which should govern the settlement of the dispute, and that it is necessary to establish as soon as possible a situation consistent with these principles";

Again urges His Majesty's Government, in concert with the Government of the United States and with Members of the League, to apply without further delay whatever action of a diplomatic and economic character may be necessary to restore peace and secure the territorial integrity of China against external aggression.

- (2) International Disarmament; and
- (3) The Defence of International Order.

Resolutions as submitted to XVIIIth Plenary Congress mutatis mutandis (see minute 93 above).

- (4) Moral Disarmament.

The General Council of the League of Nations Union

Requests His Majesty's Government to urge the States participating in the Conference on the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments to accept, in addition to the Convention now being prepared, the following obligations:-

- (a) that children and young people in their respective countries shall be made aware of the interdependence of all nations in the modern world community and learn something of the aims and work of the League of Nations, the terms of its Covenant and the recent growth of international co-operation;
- (b) that adequate measures shall be taken to instruct in these matters students in the Teachers' Training Colleges as well as those men and women who are already engaged in the actual work of teaching in the Schools and Colleges and to provide all necessary material for their use;
- (c) that a report shall be submitted by each signatory State to the Council of the League of Nations not less frequently than once in every three years upon the measures (whether by official or unofficial agencies) to fulfil these obligations.



95. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Library Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated March 13th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (9) Librarian; (10) Book List

- (b) Education Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated March 13th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (28) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (29) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (30) Report of Youth Sub-Committee; (31) Composition of Committee; (32) Resolution on Youth Groups for the General Council; (33) Resolution on Youth Work for the International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (34) Midlands' Youth Conference; (35) International Youth Camp; (36) Youth Bulletin; (37) Youth Posters; (38) Song Sheet; (39) Report of Junior Branches Sub-Committee; (40) Composition of Junior Branches Sub-Committee; (41) Scheme of work for school Branches and Junior Members; (42) New Form of Badge for Junior Members; (43) Uniform for Pioneers; (44) Curriculum sub-Committee; (45) Royal Institute of International Affairs; (46) International Federation; (47) Summer Schools; (48) New Books; (49) Communication from the National Union of Women Teachers.

- (c) Traffic in Women and Children Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported). The minutes of the Committee dated March 14th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Resolution submitted to the XVIIth Plenary Congress of the International Federation; (3) Report of the Commission of Enquiry into Traffic in Women and Children in the East; (4) Newspaper Proprietors' Association.

- (d) Christian Organisations Committee. Subject to the following report on minute 15(2) the minutes of the Committee dated March 15th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (16) Minutes of Sub-Committee; (17) Churches Action with regard to the present situation; (18) League of Clergy for Peace; (19) Sermon Notes; (20) Sunday School Lessons; (21) United Services Arranged by Branches; (22) New Members of Committee; (23) Resolutions; (24) Applications for Corporate membership.

On Minute 15(2) - Observance of Armistice Sunday. It was reported that it had now been decided by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other religious leaders, in conjunction with the British Legion, that Armistice Sunday should be the Sunday preceding November 11th except when November 11th falls on a Sunday, when that day should be Armistice Sunday.

- (e) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Lady Hall reported). The minutes of the Committee dated March 16th, 1933 were approved and adopted.



These minutes included (21) Constitution of Committee for 1933; (22) International Federation; (23) General Council, Edinburgh, June 20th/23rd; (24) Conferences on the I.L.O.; (25) Conference on Unemployment Insurance - Publication of Report; (26) Fircroft Residential College for the Higher Education of Working Men; (27) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (28) Industrial Affiliations.

- (f) Overseas Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated March 22nd, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (12) Report of the Brussels Meetings; (13) XVIIth Plenary Congress; (14) Overseas Report.

- (g) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported). Subject to the following decisions on minutes 26, 27, 28 and 29, the minutes of the Committee dated March 23rd, 1933, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (25) The Armenian Question; (26) The League Guarantee; (27) The Jewish Question; (28) The Kurdish Question; (29) East Galicia.

On Minute 26 - The League Guarantee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee re-affirms its acceptance of the principle that there ought to be established a Permanent Minorities Commission; that consideration of Sir Walter Napier's memorandum (S.G. 5332) be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee; but that in the meantime Sir Walter be authorised to forward a copy of his memorandum to the International Federation."

On Minute 27 - The Jewish Question, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution proposed for submission to the XVIIth Plenary Congress be not approved."

On Minute 28 - The Kurdish Question, Major Hills expressed his willingness to ask a question in Parliament on this subject.

On Minute 29 - East Galicia, after Sir Walter Napier had stated that he would place the proposed resolution on the agenda paper for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council in his own name, it was

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

- (h) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 9 (see minute 90) above and report on minute 13, the minutes of the Committee dated April 4th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (9) The Union's Publications; (10) Staff of Press Section; (11) Staff of Intelligence Section; (12) Members of the Staff and Trade Unions; (13) The Church and World Peace; (14) Mr. Nicholas Wood; (15) Cleaning of Entrance Hall; (16) Report of Staff Standing Committee.



On Minute 13 - The Church and World Peace, the Secretary reported that the expenses in connection with the organisation of the Crusade had been guaranteed for one month, and that before the end of that month the question of further guarantees would be examined by the Committee.

- (1) Finance Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated April 4th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (15) Balance Sheet and Accounts for 1932; (16) Financial Statement; (17) The Church and World Peace; (18) Intelligence Section; (19) Worcestershire Federal Council; (20) Overseas Travel; (21) Council's Vote for London; (22) 15, Grosvenor Crescent; (23) Bank Account of Regional Representative; (24) Students Attending Conferences and Summer Schools Abroad; (25) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

96. COMMUNICATION FROM THE IRISH LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this communication be adjourned until the next meeting."

97. ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG ZIONIST SOCIETIES. It was reported that the National League of Young Liberals was proposing to organise a meeting in London in the near future to protest against the disabilities imposed upon the Jews in Germany. The Association of Young Zionist Societies which had recently promised its co-operation to Youth Groups of the Union had asked whether it would be possible for those Groups to be represented on the platform. The Youth sub-Committee had considered this request at its meeting on April 3rd and had resolved:-

"That the Youth sub-Committee be represented at the meeting to be convened by the National League of Young Liberals provided that in the opinion of the Executive Committee such a demonstration might serve a useful purpose."

It was

RESOLVED: "That in view of the decision recorded in minute 95(g) 27 above, the Youth sub-Committee of the Union be ~~not~~ represented at the meeting."

98. CLOSING OF OFFICE AT EASTER. It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from Thursday, April 13th until Tuesday, April 16th."

99. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, April 27th at 11 a.m."

100. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the London Regional Federation Youth Groups Rally, the County Hall Branch and the Leeds Central Committee.

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101. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members, Corporate Associates and Affiliated Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

ADDITIONS.

1 Branch, 6 Junior Branches, 5 Corporate Members, 6 Corporate Associates, 1 Affiliated Member.

DELETIONS.

2 Junior Branches, 14, Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Newry, Northern Ireland; JUNIOR BRANCHES: Battersea Grammar School, London; St. John's Royal Latin School, Buckingham, Bucks; The Grammar School, Chipping Campden, Glos; Latymer Upper Boys' School, Hammersmith; Ecclesbourne Road L.C.C.School, London; Trent College, Long Eaton, Notts. DELETIONS: Hardwick Square Girls' School, Buxton, Derbys; South Chingford Council School, Chingford, Essex. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Mariansleigh with Romansleigh Church, Mariansleigh, Devon; St. Peter's Church, Busney Heath, Herts; Co-operative Holiday Association Rambling Club Nottingham; Carshalton Beches Baptist Free Church, Surrey; Southfields Baptist Church, Southfields, Surrey. DELETIONS: Society of Friends, Bakewell; Hindpool Road Congregational Church, Barrow-in-Furness; Free Library Committee, Brierley Hill, Co-operative Women's Guild, Brighouse; Diocesan Training College, Brighton; Haverhill and District Women's Liberal Association; Haverhill West End Congregational Church; Young Men's Bible Class United Methodist Church, Lye; St. Luke's Church, Manningham; New Edlington F.M. Church; King's Hall Mission, Nottingham; Queen's Walk Congregational Church, Nottingham; Y.M.C.A. Brotherhood, Paignton; Weston Wesleyan Church and Sunday School, Runcorn. CORPORATE ASSOCIATES: Cookley Women's Institute; Whitwell Women's Institute; Wendover Women's Institute; Bilsington Women's Institute; Heighington Women's Institute; Ore and Baldslow Women's Institute. AFFILIATED MEMBER: Regnal League.

It was reported that there were now 2,962 Branches, 1,322 Junior Branches, 3,609 Corporate Members, 769 Corporate Associates, and 41 Affiliated Members; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 1,002,383 of whom 99,300 had paid a subscription in 1933 as compared with 93,412 during the corresponding period of 1932 and 102,215 during the corresponding period of 1931.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Admiral J.D. Allen,  
Sir Norman Angell, F.M. Burris, Major Anthony  
Buxton, L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie,  
Miss K.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, H.H. Elvin,  
Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hall,  
Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Dr. C.W.  
Kimmins, J.A. Trevelyan Leak, G. le M. Mander,  
T.M. McGiff, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parnoor,  
Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John  
Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, Herbert Worsley,  
Major Lawrence Wright, L.M. Lynch, together  
with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sir Austen  
Chamberlain, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Major Hills, Sir Hugh  
Jedwine, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Lord Eustace Percy,  
Sir Ben Turner, Mrs. Wilson-Fox and Professor Zimmern.
103. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 97,  
the minutes of the Committee dated April 6th, 1933 were  
confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 97 - Association of Young Zionist  
Societies, it was reported that the decision taken by  
the Committee at its last meeting, that the Youth  
sub-Committee of the Union should not be represented  
at the meeting which it was proposed to hold in  
London to protest against the disabilities imposed  
upon the Jews in Germany, had created some consterna-  
tion on the part of the organisers of the meeting.  
After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive rescinds its decision  
contained in minute 97; that it has no  
objection to representatives of the Youth  
sub-Committee attending the proposed  
meeting if they desire to do so; but that  
it be made clear that their presence at  
the meeting does not commit the Union to  
any particular policy."

104. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Committee had before them a  
note which had been received from Geneva on Japan and the  
British Disarmament Plan (S.G. 5893). It was

RESOLVED: "That the note on Japan and the British Dis-  
armament Plan (S.G. 5893) be referred to the  
Political Committee, at its meeting on  
Tuesday next, for consideration and report."

105. THE FAR EAST. The Committee had before them a resolution  
adopted by the Kensington Branch on April 3rd, asking the  
Executive to consider the advisability of calling a  
special meeting of the General Council to which a resolu-  
tion drafted by the Kensington Branch could be submitted.  
After the Chairman had reported that the resolution had  
already, at the request of the Kensington Branch, been  
included in the Preliminary Agenda for the forthcoming  
Annual Meeting of the General Council, and would be  
examined by the Executive along with the other resolutions

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on that agenda; and after Captain Green had expressed the opinion that the Kensington Branch would be satisfied with this procedure, it was

RESOLVED: "That no further action be now taken."

Major Lawrence Wright reported that, at the Annual Meeting of the London Regional Federation on April 25th, great concern was expressed at the failure of the League to stop the Japanese advance in China, and the general opinion appeared to be that the British Government was largely responsible for that failure. Lord Cecil agreed with this opinion.

106. FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered additional draft resolutions for submission to the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: (1) "That, subject to such verbal alterations as may be agreed upon between Lord Cecil and Sir Austen Chamberlain, the following resolution be included in the agenda for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council:-

Collective Defence Against Aggression.

The General Council of the League of Nations Union,

Recalls its request that the Executive Committee should consider the question of an International Force.

The Council notes the Report, prepared at the request of the Executive Committee on Aerial Disarmament and a League Air Force, does not desire to express any opinion on the conclusions in this Report, but commends the study of it to the Branches as a valuable contribution to this important problem.

A resolution in the following form was also before the Committee but was not considered or discussed pending a Report by the Political Committee on the subject:

"The Council also notes and adopts the Executive Committee's Report on Collective Defence against Aggression."

- (2) "That the following resolutions be also included in the agenda for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Council:-

(a) Slavery.

The General Council of the League of Nations Union desires to place on record its high appreciation of the decision of the League of Nations to attempt to bring about the total suppression of Slavery in all its forms and to create an Expert Commission to assist the Council of the League in this task.



The General Council invites the attention of all its members to the report of the Expert Committee on Slavery and to the statements that abolition will be greatly facilitated by the education of public opinion. The Council suggests to the Branches that the year 1933/4, being the Centenary of Britain's decision to emancipate slaves throughout the Empire, affords a suitable opportunity for creating public interest in the larger task of world abolition.

(b) International Federation.

The General Council of the League of Nations Union desires that an oral report should be given at its summer meetings on the work of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies.

(c) Display of Literature at Meetings.

The General Council of the League of Nations Union urges Branches to arrange for the display of the Union's publications at their meetings or at public meetings organised by them.

- (3) "That in submitting resolution (b), the opportunity should be taken to remind the Council of the importance of arranging as soon as possible for the Federation's office to be transferred to Geneva."

The Committee went on to discuss nominations of officers and co-opted members of the General Council. It was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the substitution in the section headed "Trade and Industry" of the names of Miss Mary Carlin, Mr.S.C.Pope, Mr.H.G.Tanner and Sir Charles Mander for the names of Miss Guinness, Sir Percy Harris, Captain Pickering and Miss Julia Varley who had now resigned from the Industrial Advisory Committee, the list of officers and co-opted members proposed for nomination by the General Council at the forthcoming meeting be the same as that adopted by the Council in 1932."

107. MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Committee reconsidered the proposal of the Minorities Committee (minute 71(d)(15)) that a deputation should wait upon H.M.Government in order to discuss the reform of procedure. Sir Walter Napier read to the Committee the following letter signed by Mr.A.W. Leeper which had been received from the Foreign Office:

"I am to state, in reply to your letter of February 7th, that Sir John Simon recognises that the reforms proposed by your Executive Committee are reasonable, and while he is not yet convinced that it would be opportune to raise a discussion of the question in the Council of the League, the proposals of your Committee will receive sympathetic consideration, and it is hoped that it may be possible to give a fuller reply later on in the summer."



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After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Walter Napier be asked to see Mr. Leeper and to ascertain whether, in his opinion, any useful purpose would be served by the Union asking the Foreign Secretary to receive a deputation on the subject of Minorities Procedure."

The Committee went on to discuss (adjourned) minutes 26 (The League Guarantee) and 29 (East Galicia). Subject to the following decision these minutes were approved and adopted.

On Minute 26 - The League Guarantee, it was

RESOLVED: "That full discretion be left to Sir Walter Napier to support the report (S.G.5033) or to secure its amendment, on the lines of his memorandum (S.G.5032) at the meeting of the International Federation."

On Minute 28 - East Galicia, it was reported that a resolution drafted by Sir Walter Napier had been included in the Preliminary Agenda for the General Council in his name, and would come before the Executive, together with the other resolutions, at the next meeting.

108.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE. Subject to the following decision on minute 15, the minutes of the Political Committee dated April 11th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (15) The Situation in Germany; (16) The Union's Disarmament Activities; (17) Bye- Elections.

On Minute 15 - The Situation in Germany, the Committee considered a draft reply (S.G.5096) to the letter from the Deutsche Liga für Völkerbund dated April 7th. After considerable discussion, during the course of which Lord Dickinson entered a protest against the form in which the Executive's resolution of March 16th had been communicated to the press, it was, with one dissentient,

RESOLVED: "That a full reply be sent to the letter from the Deutsche Liga für Völkerbund, and that it be left to Sir Norman Angell and Lady Gladstone to draft the reply in the light of the Committee's discussion."

It was further

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to write a letter to the Under-Secretary of State on the lines suggested in paragraph 3(c) of the Political Committee's minute."

109.

ALTERATION IN DAY OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Lord Cecil reported that, since Lord Lytton, Sir Austen Chamberlain and Lord Eustace Percy were all members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on India which would be



meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays, they would be unable to attend meetings of the Executive Committee for some time to come. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to ascertain from Professor Murray whether it would be convenient for him to attend future meetings of the Executive on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays."

The Committee were informed that, if such a change in the day of meeting were made, it would not come in to operation until after the next meeting of the Executive on May 4th, since a meeting of the Regions Committee had already been fixed for Wednesday, May 3rd.

110. CENTENARY OF BRITISH FACTORY ACT OF 1833. Captain Green reminded the Committee that the Centenary of the British Factory Act of 1833 would be celebrated this year. It was a matter of considerable international importance from the point of view of the International Labour Office. He asked for authority from the Committee to publish a pamphlet showing the progress that had been made, and to arrange for the presentation by the British Delegation to the Plenary Congress at Montreux of an Address to the President of the International Labour Office. This Address, it was hoped, would ultimately be hung in the International Labour Office. A letter from Sir Ben Turner was read to the Committee, in which he expressed the hope that the Committee would co-operate in the celebrations for the Centenary of the British Factory Act. It was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal to publish a pamphlet, and to present an Address to the President of the International Labour Office be approved."

111. HOWARD LEAGUE FOR PENAL REFORM. The Committee considered a communication dated 15th March from Sir Malcolm Delevigne regarding the suggestion contained in the Executive's minute of February 16th (No.47) that the International Prison Commission's authority and activity should be strengthened by being brought under the League of Nations. Captain Green reported to the Committee on meetings of the Congress of the International Prison Commission which he had attended in recent years: he was of the opinion that this Congress, as at present constituted, served no useful purpose. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee, ~~having learned with great concern of the conditions at present obtaining in certain prisons, particularly in Eastern Europe, is of opinion that action should be taken by the League of Nations for the reform of prisons, and therefore strongly urges H.M. Government to press for the appointment of a League Commission on this subject to work in harmony with the International Prison Commission.~~"

After the Committee had been reminded that it was now too late to place a resolution on this subject on the agenda for the forthcoming Plenary Congress of the International Federation at Montreux, it was

*cf See minute 116.*



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RESOLVED: "That it be left to the discretion of the Union's delegates to take whatever action may be possible in regard to penal reform at the forthcoming Plenary Congress of the International Federation."

112. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Burnley, Edinburgh, Leeds, Montague Burton and Horsham Branches, and from the North Norfolk Divisional Labour Party and the Ethical Union.

113. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members, Industrial Associates and Junior sections, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

ADDITIONS.

4 Branches, 8 Junior Branches, 3 Corporate Members, 1 Junior Section.

DELETIONS.

9 Branches, 3 Junior Branches, 49 Corporate Members, 2 Industrial Associates.

BRANCHES: Aboyne, Scotland; Burnham, Bucks; Marion Glas & Moelire, Anglesey; Minchinhampton Commons, Glos.  
DELETIONS: Amberley, Glas; Gorton, Lancs; Harpfield, Staffs; Kempston, Beds; Kirtlington, Oxon; Eborington Street United Methodist Church, Plymouth; San Remo, Italy; Singapore, Federated Malay States; Yiewsley and West Drayton, Middlesex. JUNIOR BRANCHES: St. Helen's House, Cheltenham Ladies' College; Polam Hall, Darlington, Durham; Edlington Senior Girls' School, Edlington, Doncaster; The Grammar School, Hinckley, Leics; St. Phillip's Archbishop Sumner's Memorial Girls' School, Kennington; Stephenson Street Congregational Church Sunday School, North Shields; Spurley Hey Central Girls' School, Rotherham; St. James' School, West Malvern. DELETIONS: Victoria Central School, Dewsbury; Greenford Junior Branch, Middlesex; Congregational Church Sunday School, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancs. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Co-operative Women's Guild, Ferniegair, Scotland; Glebe Methodist Church, South Shields; First Lodge of England of the B'nai B'rith, London; Old Cattoon Methodist Church, Norwich Byrkley Street Methodist Church, Burton, Staffs; George Street Methodist C.E. Society, Sandford Hill, Staffs; St. Andrew's Literary and Social Circle, Cheam, Surrey; Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin, Holmbury St. Mary, Surrey. DELETIONS: Beamish Parish Church; Blakedown Brotherhood; Frome Wesleyan Church; Zion Congregational Church, Frome; British Women's Temperance Association, Heltwhistle; C. of E. Men's Bible Class, Kettering; British Legion, Kettering; National League of Young Liberals, Kettering; New Meeting Women's League, Kidderminster; Achei Aneth Order, London; Sir Marcus Samuel Lodge, No. 9 Order Achei Aneth, London; Cairns Church, Girls' Auxiliary, Milngavie; Netherfield Branch of National Union of Railwaymen; Newcastle Cathedral Church;



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East Newcastle Women's Liberal Association; Trinity Presbyterian Church, Newcastle; Norwich Training College; St. Peter's College, Peterborough; Clara Vale B.W.T.A.U., Ryton-on-Tyne; C. of E. Men's Society, St. Saviour's Church, Shotton; Amalgamated Engineer's Union, Southall; T.C. and Labour Party, Southall Primitive Methodist Church, Stakeford; War Memorial Institute, Stakeford; Women's Section Labour Party, Stakeford; Stanley Branch Engineers' and Firemen's Association; WallSEND Labour Party; Wembley Conservative and Unionist Association; Addison Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Beamish Air Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Boldon Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Dawdon Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Dean Chapter Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Hedley Pit Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Langley Park Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Rednaigh Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Roddymoor Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Thornley Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Towneley Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Trindon Grange Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; South Moor Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Springwell Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Stargate Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Urpeth Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; West Auckland Lodge, Durham Miners' Association; Boomersand Lodge, Northumberland Miners' Association; Burradon Lodge, Northumberland Miners' Association; Preston Colliery Lodge, Northumberland Miners' Association; Woodburn Lodge, Northumberland Miners' Association.

INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES: DELETIONS: Nottingham Branch, National Union of Printing, Bookbinding and Paper Workers; Coxhoe Co-operative Society. JUNIOR SECTION: First Skegness Company Boys' Brigade.

It was reported that there were now 2,957 Branches, 1,327 Junior Branches; 3,568 Corporate Members, 125 Industrial Associates, 46 Junior Sections; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 1,004,294 of whom 122,565 had paid a subscription in 1933 as compared with 124,999 during the corresponding period of 1932 and 141,175 during the corresponding period of 1931.

The Committee expressed the hope that membership figures would again be published in HEADWAY.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 4TH, 1933  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Vice-Admiral J.D.Allen, Sir Norman Angell, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Major Hills, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, T.M.McGiff, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.F.Shaw, John Sherborne, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Sir Arthur Haworth, Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Professor Murray, Lord Eustace Percy, Sir John Power, H.S.Syrett and Sir Ben Turner.

115. LORD LYTTON. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent to Lord Lytton expressing the Committee's deep sympathy with him in his terrible bereavement."

116. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions and reports on minutes 104, 106, 107, 108, 111 and 113, the minutes of the Committee dated April 27th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 104 - Disarmament Conference, Lord Cecil reported that, owing to the pressure of other business, the Political Committee had not discussed the note on Japan and the British Disarmament Plan (S.G.5893). This paper would be considered by the Disarmament Committee at its meeting on May 9th.

On Minute 106 - Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council, Lord Cecil reported that he had discussed the resolution on Collective Defence Against Aggression with Sir Austen Chamberlain and Major Hills, who had accepted the resolution subject to the substitution of the words "an important contribution to this problem" for the words "a valuable contribution to this important problem".

On Minute 107 - Minorities Committee, Sir Walter Napier reported that he was in communication with Mr. Leeper of the Foreign Office concerning the proposed deputation to the Foreign Secretary on the subject of Minorities Procedure.

On Minute 108 - 15 - The Situation in Germany, after discussion, in the course of which Lady Parmoor criticised the reference to the Society of Friends which was contained in the draft reply to the letter from the Deutsche Liga für Völkerbund, and Mrs. Dugdale and Mrs. Wilson-Fox questioned the desirability of replying to the letter, it was



RESOLVED: "That no change be made in the decision taken by the Committee at its last meeting, but that Lady Fairmoor be asked to discuss with Sir Norman Angell the reference to the Society of Friends contained in the reply to the Deutsche Liga für Völkerbund."

After Lady Hall had drawn the Committee's attention to the situation regarding Trade Unionism in Germany which, she thought, amounted to a contravention of Part XIII of the Peace Treaty, it was

RESOLVED: "That a small ad hoc Committee be appointed to advise the Executive in this matter, and to recommend what, if any, action should be taken."

At the close of the Committee it was agreed that the following should be invited to serve on this ad hoc committee, with power to co-opt: Lady Hall, Mr. Elvin, Captain Green, Sir Walter Napier and Major Hills.

On Minute 111 - Howard League for Penal Reform, it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be amended to read as follows:

That the Executive Committee strongly urges H.M. Government to press for the appointment of a League Commission on this subject to work in harmony with the International Prison Commission."

On Minute 113 - Recognition of Branches, on the motion of Sir John Harris it was

RESOLVED: "That the Branches Committee be asked to consider the question of the deletions that have recently been made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Industrial Associates."

117. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. On the motion of Lord Cecil it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee warmly appreciates the efforts being made by the British Government in concert with the American, French and other Governments to secure a speedy and definite result from the Disarmament Conference, and hopes that they will not allow the opposition of any Government to prevent the submission to the Conference by the General Commission of a just and far-reaching Draft Disarmament Treaty leaving to any recalcitrant Government the full responsibility for its rejection."

(2) "That copies of the above resolution be forwarded to Mr. MacDonald, Sir John Simon, Mr. Baldwin, Captain Eden and Mr. Arthur Henderson; and that a private letter be sent to Captain Eden, with the resolution, stating that the Committee has no objection to the resolution being published if he thinks this would serve any useful purpose."



118. THE FAR EAST. Lord Cecil asked for authority from the Committee to see Sir Robert Vansittart (in the absence of Sir John Simon) and to tell him that the Union is very anxious about the Far Eastern situation; that we suggest that the British Government might press for a meeting of the Committee of Twenty-One, and there urge that, since the Japanese have rejected the plan of settlement outlined under the Lytton Report, the League ought now to call upon the Japanese under Article 10 to withdraw all troops from China (including Manchuria) outside the railway zone and, upon her refusal, to propose a general embargo against all imports from Japan. Sir Norman Angell suggested that Lord Cecil should represent to Sir Robert Vansittart the grave misgiving felt by the Union at the surrender of the principle of discrimination by the League in the Sino-Japanese dispute. Lord Rhayader was of the opinion that, in addition to the embargo against imports from Japan, reference should also be made to the following steps (as suggested in minute No. 62 of 16.3.33):

- (1) Withdrawal of the heads of the diplomatic mission in Japan;
- (2) Prohibition of the export of arms and raw materials for the manufacture of arms to Japan;
- (3) Prohibition of financial assistance to Japan.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to see Sir Robert Vansittart; and that a resolution be drafted, in the light of his conversation, for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting."

119. COMMUNICATION FROM THE IRISH LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY. In the absence of Professor Murray it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this communication be adjourned until the next meeting."

120. PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the Preliminary Agenda for the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council, together with the recommendations made by the Regions Committee at its meeting on May 3rd. It was

RESOLVED: On resolution A.3 - Films. (Paddington)

"Not to oppose this resolution."

On resolution 4 - International Federation,  
(Executive)

"That the Regions Committee's amendment be adopted."

On resolution 7 - Proposed Peace Pledge,  
(Manchester District Council)

"That the following amendment to this resolution be submitted by the Executive:-

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The General Council of the League of Nations Union, having in mind that nations have solemnly bound themselves by the Covenant and the Pact of Paris to the pacific settlement of international disputes, considers that members of the Union should use all constitutional means to prevent the Government acting in contravention of that principle.

That the amendment be included in the covering letter to be sent to Branch Secretaries and members of the Council with the Preliminary Agenda; and that every effort be made to persuade the Manchester District Council to accept this amendment."

On resolution 8 - Youth Groups, (Executive)

"That the Regions Committee's amendment be adopted."

On resolution B.1(b) - The Far East, (Kensington)

"That an endeavour be made to secure an amendment to the Kensington resolution; and that, to this end, Lord Cecil be asked to discuss the resolution with Lady Henschel."

On resolution 5 - The World Economic Conference, (Executive)

"That the penultimate paragraph in this resolution be deleted."

121. ALTERATION IN DAY OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE. Lord Cecil reported that he had discussed with Professor Murray the proposed alteration in the day of meeting of the Committee, and that it would be impossible for Professor Murray to attend meetings of the Executive on Wednesdays until after the present Oxford term ended. Major Hills reported that he had consulted Sir Austen Chamberlain, who was very doubtful if Wednesday would be a convenient day for him. It was

RESOLVED: "That Major Hills be asked to communicate with Sir Austen Chamberlain and Lord Eustace Percy, and Lord Cecil to communicate with Professor Murray, in order to ascertain if Friday would be a suitable day for them to attend meetings of the Executive; that, in the meantime, the Committee continue to meet on Thursdays; and that Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Lytton and Lord Eustace Percy be asked to send to the Secretary in writing any comments they may have to make on the Executive's agenda."



122. REGIONS COMMITTEE. The minutes of the Regions Committee dated May 3rd, 1933 were received.

These minutes included (13) HEADWAY and other Publications of the Union; (14) Printing and Publishing by Local Organisations of the Union; (15) General Council; (16) Membership.

123. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Industrial Advisory Committee (Captain Green reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 32 and 35, the minutes of the Committee dated April 27th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (31) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (32) Conferences on the I.L.O.; (33) Conference on Unemployment Insurance; (34) Fircroft Residential College; (35) Centenary of Factory Act 1833; (36) Trades Union Congress, Brighton, September, 1933; (37) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (38) Industrial Affiliations, (39) XVII International Labour Conference - Union's Party; (40) I.L.O. National Offices.

On Minute 32 - Conferences on the I.L.O. it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'the Federal Council' be substituted for the words 'Mr. Grimes' in the first line of the resolution."

On Minute 35 - Centenary of Factory Act, 1833, it was

RESOLVED: "That copies of the Address for presentation to the President of the International Labour Conference be reprinted for distribution to the delegates of the Plenary Congress at Montreux."

- (b) Editorial Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 3, the minutes of the Committee dated April 27th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Appointment of Secretary; (3) Revision of Circulation of HEADWAY; (4) New Pamphlets.

On Minute 3 - Revision of Circulation of HEADWAY, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of the last paragraph of this minute be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee, and that in the meantime it be referred for consideration by the Branches Committee."

- (c) Private Manufacture of Arms. Colonel Carnegie presented the Committee's interim report, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the interim report of the Committee on the Private Manufacture of Arms (C.76 of 3.5.33) be approved and adopted."



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124. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, May 11th, 1933."

125. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Tyne District Council.

126. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches and Corporate Members, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly-formed bodies."

Additions.

2 Branches, 2 Junior Branches, 8 Corporate Members.

Deletions.

7 Corporate Members.

BRANCHES: Claydon, Suffolk; Alma Street Baptist, Newport.  
JUNIOR BRANCHES: Radley College, Abingdon; Dennis Memorial Grammar School, Onitsha, South Nigeria. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Airdrie and District Merchants' Association, Airdrie, Scotland; Wesley Church Senior Sunday School Guild, Cheltenham; Toc H., Bury; Toc H., Urmston, Flixton, Lancs; Teachers' Association, Oldham, Lancs; Jubilee Methodist Church, Rawtenstall, Lancs; Methodist Mission House, Lancs; DELETIONS. Park Road United Methodist Church, Battersea; Queen's Road Wesleyan Church, Battersea; Broomwood Wesleyan Church, Clapham; British Humane Association, London; Cigarette Makers and Tobacco Cutters Divisional Society, London; Cracow Jewish Friendly Society, London; Women Launderers' Social Club, London.

It was reported that there were now 2,959 Branches, 1,329 Junior Branches and 3,569 Corporate Members; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 1,004,144 of whom 133,025 had paid a subscription in 1933 as compared with 138,457 during the corresponding period of 1932 and 149,784 during the corresponding period of 1931.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 11TH, 1933  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Miss R.D.Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Major Hills, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord RhaYader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.F.Shaw, John Sherborne, H.S.Syrett, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from F.M.Burris, L.J.Cadbury, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Sir Hugh Jeudwine, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Lord Eustace Percy, Sir Ben Turner and Mrs. Wilson-Fox.
128. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decision on minutes 117 and 123(a), the minutes of the Committee held on May 4th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 117 - Disarmament Conference, Lord Cecil reported that the resolution had been communicated to the persons mentioned in paragraph (2); and that a reply had been received from Captain Eden stating that he saw no objection to the resolution being published. It had accordingly been forwarded to the press for publication in this country and in Geneva.

On Minute 123(a) - Centenary of Factory Act, 1833, it was

RESOLVED: "That copies of the Address for presentation to the President of the International Labour Conference be also distributed, if possible, among persons attending the Home Office Dinner, the delegates to the International Labour Conference, and the industrial organisations which are affiliated to the Union."

On Minute 123(a) - I.L.O. National Offices, Captain Green read to the Committee a letter received from Sir Atul Chatterjee on this subject.

129. QUEEN'S HALL MEETING. The Committee were reminded of the arrangements for a public meeting in the Queen's Hall on July 6th, when Sir Eric Drummond would make the principal speech and when the Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cecil and Professor Murray would be present. It was hoped that Mr. Arthur Henderson would also attend the meeting. Lord Cecil expressed the hope that this meeting would be made the occasion of an effective welcome to Sir Eric Drummond and a demonstration of continued faith in the League of Nations and all that it stands for.
130. TRADE UNIONISM IN GERMANY. The Committee considered the report of the sub-Committee (S.G.5921) appointed in accordance with minute 116(108) to consider the situation regarding Trade Unionism in Germany. After considerable discussion it was



RESOLVED:(1) "That the resolution contained in the report of the sub-Committee be approved and sent, to H.M. Government, as follows, together with a covering letter, to be drafted by Lord Cecil on the lines of the following paragraphs of the sub-Committee's report:-

'The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union desires

- a. To remind H.M. Government, through the Ministry of Labour, of the references in the Preamble of Part 13 of the Treaty of Versailles and of the second Guiding Point of Article 427, which deal with the right to freedom of association on the part of the employed as well as on the part of the employer.
- b. To draw the attention of H.M. Government to the action of the German Government in regard to the German free Trade Unions.
- c. To ask H.M. Government to consider what action their delegation shall take in the event of the credentials of the German delegation being challenged under Article 389 at the forthcoming International Labour Conference.

The sub-Committee is definitely of opinion that the action of the German Government referred to in the foregoing resolution is a violation of the intention of Part 13 of the Peace Treaty which recognises the tripartite nature of all industrial agreements if these are to be effective. That is to say, every agreement made within the framework of Part 13 must have the free consents of government, of organised employers and of organised labour.

The sub-Committee recognises that the German Government has not infringed legally Part 13 of the Treaty but is strongly of opinion that if a great industrial country, such as Germany, is allowed to violate the intention of that part of the Treaty, then it will be impossible for the International Labour Organisation to make effective Labour Conventions and in that event the peace and harmony of the world will be imperilled because agreements so made are not based upon social justice."

The Committee went on to discuss two resolutions proposed by Mrs. Dugdale and Professor Murray (S.G. 5925 and 5959). After discussion it was

RESOLVED:(2) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union, gravely concerned by the continuing indications showing that oppressive discrimination against Jews is part of the settled policy of the German Government,



Considering that this policy contravenes the undertakings of Members of the League of Nations in letter and in spirit, and is a matter of international concern,

Urges H.M. Government

- (1) to convey to the German Government the abhorrence with which this part of their policy is regarded by all sections of British public opinion;
- (2) to show practical sympathy with the victims of oppression by facilitating
  - (a) the immigration of German Jews into Palestine; and
  - (b) the admission of German Jews to this country under proper conditions.
- (3) "Seeing that the endeavour 'to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security' is the fundamental purpose of the League of Nations, of which both Germany and Great Britain are members,

The Executive of the League of Nations Union observes with grave alarm that the advocacy of that purpose is treated by the German Government as a penal offence, and its supporters persecuted;

The Executive therefore begs H.M. Government to ascertain by diplomatic means the meaning of an attitude apparently so inconsistent and so fraught with menace to Germany's neighbours, and to use its influence to secure if possible the cessation of this persecution of individuals whose only offence has been fidelity to those principles which Germany, as well as Great Britain, is pledged to support."

- (4) "That copies of the above resolutions be sent to H.M. Government, to Herr Rosenberg and the German Ambassador, to the press, and to those Branches of the Union who have already communicated resolutions on this subject to the Committee."

131. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. It was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That Lord Cecil be asked to draft a letter, to be sent to the TIMES if possible over his own signature and that of Sir Austen Chamberlain, regarding the urgent necessity of H.M. Government framing a definite and well thought out policy to deal with the present situation in regard to Disarmament."
- (2) "That copies of this letter be forwarded as soon as possible to Branches of the Union."

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of See minute 139.

- (3) "That Lord Cecil be asked to see Mr. Norman Davis and to discuss with him the present situation in regard to Disarmament and in regard to the Far East."

~~Mrs. Walter Runciman reported to the Committee an interview which had recently taken place between Mr. Norman Davis and Herr Hitler on the subject of Disarmament.~~

132. THE FAR EAST. Lord Cecil reported on his conversation with Sir Robert Vansittart. He had found Sir Robert extremely averse to the proposal that, if Japan refused to withdraw all troops from China (including Manchuria) outside the railway zone, a general embargo should be put upon all imports from Japan. Sir Robert was confident that we should have no support from America for such a step. Lord Cecil had replied that, if no support were forthcoming from America, it would be impossible to give effect to the proposal; but, in that case, the matter ought to be put clearly before America so that the actual position might be made known to the world; it was manifestly unfair and very disastrous that H.M. Government should bear the whole burden of responsibility for taking no action in this matter. Sir Robert Vansittart had promised to report his conversation with Lord Cecil to the Secretary of State. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee regard with increasing anxiety the situation in the Far East and the repeated acts of aggression by Japan on Chinese territory in defiance of the League of Nations. They urge on the Government the necessity of taking, in co-operation with the other members of the League and America, the measures necessary to put a stop to this state of things and to induce Japan to withdraw her troops to that part of Manchuria which by treaty she is entitled to occupy."

- (2) "That copies of the above resolution be forwarded to H.M. Government, to the press, and to the Union's Branches."

133. COMMUNICATION FROM THE IRISH LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY. The Committee considered a communication from the Secretary of the Irish League of Nations Society, dated March 25th, suggesting that, since it would now appear that the difficulties that have arisen between H.M. Government in London and the Government of the Irish Free State are unlikely to be solved in the near future through direct negotiations between them, the Union might see its way to propose that the matter be referred to either of the International Courts at the Hague or to a Conciliation Commission to be set up by the two Governments. Lord Cecil said that the Government would have to deal very shortly with the question of replacing the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council by some new court of justice for disputes between the self-governing parts of the British Commonwealth. Later in the year there would be a meeting at Toronto of unofficial representatives of this country and of the Dominions to discuss this and other questions, particularly the foreign policy of the Empire. In any reply that was sent to the Irish League of Nations Society the Committee ought, therefore, to



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avoid committing itself in a way which would make it appear that it was in conflict with whatever recommendations the Toronto Conference might make. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a small sub-Committee, representative of all political parties, be appointed to consider the proposal of the Irish League of Nations Society; and that it be left to the Chairman to nominate this Committee."

134. ALTERATION IN DAY OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE. Letters from Sir Austen Chamberlain and Lord Eustace Percy were read to the Committee, expressing the hope that, since it was probable that the India Committee would meet more frequently in the near future, the Executive would make no alteration in the day of its meetings. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That no alteration be made in the day of meeting of the Executive Committee."

(2) "That Mrs. Dugdale be requested to ask Sir Austen Chamberlain and Lord Eustace Percy whether, during their absence from the Executive Committee, they would agree to two Conservative Members of Parliament being appointed temporarily to serve on the Committee in their place, and, if so to suggest the names of suitable persons."

(3) "That Lady Gladstone be asked to make a similar enquiry of Lord Lytton."

135. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Political Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated May 2nd, 1933 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (19) The Situation in Germany; (20) Collective Defence Against Aggression; (21) The Union's Disarmament Activities.]

- (b) Welcome Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 19 and 24, the minutes of the Committee dated May 2nd, 1933 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (20) Secretary's Report; (21) Scandinavian Gymnasts' Tour; (22) Students' Receptions; (23) International Ball; (24) World Economic Conference.]

On Minute 19 - Arising out of the Minutes, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred for consideration by the Editorial Committee."

On Minute 24 - World Economic Conference, Lady Gladstone reported that it had been found impracticable to organise a dinner for the delegates to the World Economic Conference, but that it was hoped to arrange an evening reception.



- (c) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 3, the minutes of the Committee dated May 4th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Union Membership; (3) HEADWAY and the QUARTERLY NEWS; (4) The Executive Committee and the Branches.

On minute 3 - HEADWAY and the QUARTERLY NEWS, the Committee considered the last paragraph of minute 3 of the Editorial Committee of April 27th and minute 6 of May 4th. It was reported that, in the letter to be sent to members before their receipt of the June HEADWAY, a phrase, describing the QUARTERLY NEWS would be inserted after the reference to that journal. It was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved."

- (d) Editorial Committee. (Major Buxton reported.) Subject to the decision on minutes 3 and 6 recorded in paragraph (c) above, the minutes of the Committee dated May 4th, 1933 were approved and adopted. It was also

RESOLVED: "That when a matter which directly concerns the Branches of the Union is to be discussed by the Editorial Committee, the Chairman of the Branches Committee or his nominee be invited to attend the meeting."

These minutes included (6) Revision of HEADWAY Circulation; (7) New Publications; (8) Suppression of Pamphlets from the New Price List; (9) Speakers Notes.

- (e) Christian Organisations Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 29, the minutes of the Committee dated May 6th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (28) Minutes of Church and World Peace Committee; (29) Procedure of Crusade; (30) Service in St. Paul's Cathedral; (31) Oxford Movement Centenary Celebration.

Minute 29 - Procedure of Crusade, the Committee considered in this connection minute 24 of the Office Committee dated May 9th, and it was, on the motion of Lord Cecil,

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee has received with great interest the proposals of the Christian Organisations Committee. Without expressing any opinion on the details of the proposals the Committee desires to assure the leaders of the Churches that if they think it well to take any action in the direction mentioned the Committee will do everything in their power to assist such action and agree to the appointment of Mr. Brinton to carry out details necessitated by that assistance."

See minute 139.



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para. (a) of minute 16 adjourned.

See minute 139.

- (f) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 18, to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 24 and to the decision recorded in paragraph (e) above, the minutes of the Committee dated May 9th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (18) Members of the Staff and Trade Unions; (19) Press Section; (20) Sub-Editor of the Union's Publications; (21) Secretary to the Editor of the Union's Publications; (22) Press Cuttings Section; (23) Mr. Nicholas Wood; (24) The Church and World Peace.

On Minute 18 - Members of the Staff and Trade Unions. Mr. Elvin referred to a resolution of the London Trades Council to boycott the Union so far as London is concerned, and to a request which had been received by the Secretary of the Trades Union Congress from an affiliated body that the General Council should consider a boycott of the whole Union on the ground that, since the Union is appealing to organised labour forces in this country for support, it is a moral obligation on the part of the Union that the members of its staff should belong to a Trade Union. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back for further consideration by the Office Committee, and that Mr. Elvin and Captain Green be invited to attend the Committee when this matter is being discussed."

- (g) Disarmament sub-Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 15, the minutes of the Committee dated May 9th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (14) Japanese Naval Policy; (15) International Federation of League of Nations Societies: XVIIth Plenary Congress; (16) Treaty Revision.

On Minute 15 - International Federation of League of Nations Societies, XVIIth Plenary Congress, Montreux, it was

RESOLVED: "That in resolution (c) the word 'Congress' be substituted for the words 'the American Parliament' in the first paragraph, and the words 'of Articles X or XVI' be inserted after the words 'violation' in the third paragraph."

136.

CO-OPTIONS TO EXECUTIVE FOR THE YEAR 1933/4. It was

RESOLVED: "That a sub-Committee, consisting of Lady Gladstone, Major Hills and Lady Parmoor, be appointed to consider and recommend the names of persons for co-optation to the Executive Committee for the year 1933/4."



137. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates; and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly formed bodies."

Additions.

2 Branches, 1 Junior Branch, 4 Corporate Members, 5 Corporate Associates.

Deletions.

3 Branches, 6 Corporate Members, 10 Corporate Associates.

Branches. Kensal Rise, Brondesbury and Kilburn, London; Upperlands, Northern Ireland. Deletions: Darlaston, Staffs; Kensal Rise Wesleyan Church, London; Little Baddow, Essex. Junior Branch: Elgin Academy, Scotland. Corporate Members: Portadown Methodist Church, Northern Ireland; Co-operative Women's Guild, Blackpool; St. Thomas' Church, Hanwell, Middlesex; Industrial and Provident Society, Ltd., Wollaston, Northants. Deletions: 6th Anerley Guide Association; Green Lanes Wesleyan Church, Islington; Liverpool Road Wesleyan Church, Islington; Brahmō Somaj, London; David Wolffsohn Zionist Lodge No. 9: Grand Order Sons of Jacob, London; St. George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle. Corporate Associates: Asmurstwood Women's Institute; Chelmsford Centre Women's Institute; Great Wakering Women's Institute; Southam Women's Institute; Y.W.C.A., Greenock. Deletions: St. John's Sub Caster Women's Institute; Blakedown Women's Institute; Hanley Castle Women's Institute; Hurst Green Women's Institute; Bricklehampton, Great and Little Comberton, Women's Institute; Mothers' Meeting, Friends Hall, Erdington; Surrey Street Mission Women's Meeting, Kings Lynn; Lifton Hall Mission Women's Own; Northampton Y.W.C.A.; Bassenthwaite Mothers' Union.

It was reported that there were now 2,958 Branches, 1,330 Junior Branches, 3,567 Corporate Members and 764 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 1,004,592 of whom 138,202 had paid a subscription in 1933 as compared with 142,933 during the corresponding period of 1932 and 157,498 during the corresponding period of 1931.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 18TH, 1933  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair),  
L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord  
Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone,  
Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H.Green, Sir John  
Harris, Lady Henschel, Major Hills, Dr. C. W.  
Kimmins, Sir Walter Napier, Sir John Power,  
Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, Sir  
Ben Turner, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley,  
Major Lawrence Wright and Professor Zimmern,  
together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen,  
F.M.Burris, Major Buxton, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss  
Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Sir Arthur Haworth,  
Sir Hugh Jeurwine, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton,  
Lord Lytton, Lord Eustace Percy, Lady Parmoor, Lord  
Rhayader and L.M.Wynch.
139. MINUTES. Subject to the following decisions and reports  
on minutes 131, 133, 134 and 135(b) and (g), the minutes  
of the Committee dated May 11th, 1933 were confirmed as  
circulated.

On Minute 131 - Disarmament Conference, it was reported  
that, since Lord Cecil's speech in the House of Lords  
on May 11th had received such wide publicity in the  
TIMES, he had not felt able to write the letter  
suggested by the Executive. A letter dated May 17th  
from Sir Austen Chamberlain was read to the Committee  
explaining why he preferred not to write to the TIMES  
at this moment.

On the motion of Mrs. Runciman, it was

RESOLVED: "That the last paragraph of this minute be  
deleted."

On Minute 133 - Communication from the Irish League of  
Nations Society, the Chairman reported that, after  
further consideration, he had not felt it necessary to  
call a special Committee to consider the proposal of the  
Irish Society. He had, instead, drafted a reply which,  
after being approved by Mrs. Dugdale, was sent to the  
Secretary of the Irish Society, and which expressed the  
opinion that the present issue between the Irish Free  
State and our Government was not directly a League of  
Nations question and therefore did not fall within the  
scope of the Union's work.

On Minute 134 - Alteration in Day of Meeting of Com-  
mittee, Lady Gladstone reported that Lord Lytton was  
about to resign from the Joint Parliamentary Committee  
on India and would shortly be able to resume his member-  
ship of the Executive. Mrs. Dugdale reported that she  
had consulted Sir Austen Chamberlain and Lord Eustace  
Percy, who had suggested the names of Captain Loder,  
Captain Crookshank and Mr. Emrys Evans for consideration  
by the Executive in connection with the temporary  
appointment of two Conservative Members of Parliament  
to serve on the Committee during their absence. It was



RESOLVED: "That it be left to the Chairman to invite two of the Members of Parliament suggested by Sir Austen Chamberlain and Lord Eustace Percy to become temporary members of the Executive."

On Minute 135(b) - 24 - World Economic Conference, Lady Gladstone reported that Lord Aberconway and Lady Norman had very kindly consented to give a reception for the Union, on Wednesday, June 14th, to the delegates attending the World Economic Conference.

On Minute 135(e) - 29 - Procedure of Crusade, the Secretary reported that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York had decided not to take any action at the present time on the lines which the Committee had considered at its last meeting.

On Minute 135(g) - Disarmament sub-Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of Paragraph (a) of minute 16 (Treaty Revision) be adjourned, pending the completion of the Report of the German Polish Committee."

On Minute 136 - Co-optations to Executive, it was reported that a meeting of this Committee had been summoned for 2.30 the same afternoon, but that Lady Parmoor was unable to be present. It was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Zimmern and Sir Ben Turner be asked to serve on the sub-Committee in place of Lady Parmoor."

140. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Secretary reported his telephone conversation with Lord Cecil earlier in the day, and it was unanimously

RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union urges H.M. Government warmly to welcome President Roosevelt's message and immediately to express their unqualified acceptance of his proposals."

(2) "That copies of the above resolution be telegraphed to Mr. Henderson and Captain Eden at Geneva, and that copies be also sent to H.M. Government, to the American Ambassador and to the press."

The Secretary informed the Committee of Lord Cecil's desire that a question should be asked in the House of Commons concerning H.M. Government's reply to President Roosevelt's message, and reported a conversation he had had with Mr. Morgan Jones on this subject. Mr. Morgan Jones had said that, if a question was asked in the House and no satisfactory reply was given, he would ask the Labour Party's Parliamentary Executive (of which he was a member) to raise the question on the adjournment. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (3) "That Sir John Power be asked to consult the Prime Minister with a view to a question being asked in the House of Commons that afternoon, if possible."



See minute 149.

The Committee also had before them a second draft resolution (S.G.5950), and it was

RESOLVED: (4) "That consideration of this resolution be adjourned."

141. GERMANY. (a) Dr. Breitscheid. At the invitation of the Chairman, Dr. Breitscheid, the leader of the German Social Democratic Party, attended the Committee and spoke on recent events in Germany. The Committee expressed their cordial thanks to Dr. Breitscheid for his informative address, and to Professor Zimmern for his interpretation of it.

(b) Resolution Proposed by the Fédération Française for the XVIIth Plenary Congress. The Committee considered a resolution on the persecutions in Germany which had been submitted by the Fédération Française for consideration by the XVIIth Plenary Congress at Montreux. The Chairman reported a letter from Professor Ruyssen to Lord Cecil, in which he pointed out that the German Society had raised objections to this resolution. After considerable discussion, it was, on the motion of Captain Green,

RESOLVED: "That it be left to the discretion of the Union's delegation to the Plenary Congress to take what action they consider desirable at Montreux, bearing in mind the views expressed by members of the Executive Committee."

142. STATELESSNESS. The Committee considered an appeal by the Quaker International Centre, together with a note upon it by Sir Walter Napier (S.G.5936). It was

RESOLVED: "That Sir Walter Napier be asked to draft a letter, on the lines suggested in his note, to Sir John Simon; but that, before the letter is written, Mr. Carl Heath, the Secretary of the Society of Friends, be asked if he has any comments to make on the proposal."

143. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- (a) Library Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated May 8th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (13) Appointment of Librarian; (14) Appointment of Assistant Librarians; (15) Children's Section of the Library; (16) Book List; (17) Reprinting of Library Leaflet.

- (b) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 71 and 78, the minutes of the Committee dated May 8th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (53) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (54) Report on work in Universities and Colleges; (55) Report of Youth Committee; (56) Youth Groups; (57) Association of Young Zionist Societies; (58) Active Service sub-Committee; (59) The Badge; (60) Report of Junior Branches Committee; (61) Membership of the Committee; (62) Scheme of work for Junior Members and School Branches; (63) League of Nations Painting Book; (64) Curriculum Committee; (65) International Federation of League



of Nations Societies; (66) Draft Programme of Collaboration between ministries of Education and League of Nations and Educational Societies; (67) Proposal of the Polish League of Nations Federation; (68) Moral Disarmament; (69) Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council; (70) Civil Service Examinations; (71) Summer Schools; (72) Unity History School; (73) Observance of Empire Day; (74) Preamble to the Covenant; (75) Insurance for Junior Branches; (76) Communication from Lieut-Colonel W.B. Dautesey; (78) The League of Nations and the Schools; (79) The Educational Survey.

On Minute 71 - Summer Schools, the Chairman stated that he would write to Mr. John Bell, expressing the thanks of the Union for his kind promise to act as Warden of the Boys' Hostel at the Junior Summer School at Geneva.

On Minute 78 - The League of Nations and the Schools, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved and adopted, subject to the approval of the Editorial Committee."

- (c) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 192, the minutes of the Council dated May 10th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (489) Standing Orders; (490) Composition of W.A.C. for 1933; (491) Representation of Women's Organisations on General Council of Union; (492) Jews in Germany; (493) Address; (494) Reports of Representatives; (495) Applications for Corporate Associateship.

On Minute 492 - Jews in Germany, it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be forwarded to the German Ambassador as from the Women's Advisory Council."

- (d) Editorial Committee. (Dr. Garnett reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated May 11th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (11) Revision of HEADWAY circulation; (12) Speakers' Notes; (13) Suggested Reprint from HEADWAY; (14) Production of a Special Leaflet for Open Air Meetings; (15) Revision of "Driving Power"; (16) Youth Group Poster; (17) Circulation to the Committee of Proposed Leaflets; (18) Pamphlet on Treaty Revision.

44. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, May 25th instead of on June 1st, in view of the forthcoming meeting of the Plenary Congress at Montreux."



145. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches on the subject of Minorities.

The Committee also considered a resolution from the London Regional Federation (Streatham Branch) asking the Executive "to explore the feasibility of forming a temporary class of Associates to which persons may be admitted at a fee of 2d. upon a declaration that they are quite unable to afford 1s.0d. but will become full members as soon after as possible". It was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

146. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates; and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly formed bodies."

Additions.

2 Junior Branches, 3 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

Deletions.

3 Junior Branches, 3 Corporate Members.

JUNIOR BRANCHES: Girls' Council School, Wadebridge; St. Faith's School, Oxford. DELETIONS: Aldham Church of England School, Colchester; Faircourt Preparatory School, Eastbourne, Upper Marylebone Street School, London. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Airdrie Branch B.W.T.A. Scotland; Northfield Methodist Church, Ealing, Middx; Little Horton Congregational Church, Bradford, Yorks. DELETIONS: Cadby Baptist Church; Shepshed Branch of the National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives; Christ Church, Turnham Green. CORPORATE ASSOCIATE: Huntingdon (Hereford) Women's Institute.

It was reported that there were now 1,329 Junior Branches, 3,567 Corporate Members and 765 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 1,004,810 of whom 147,426 had paid a subscription in 1933 as compared with 148,971 during the corresponding period of 1932 and ~~173,721~~ during the corresponding period of 1931. 167,135



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MAY 25TH, 1933  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, Captain Crockshank, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Ralph Glyn, Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Dr. C.W.Kinnins, Lady Layton, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Captain Loder, T.M.McGiff, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.F.Shaw, John Sherborne, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and Major Lawrence Wright, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

147. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury, Miss Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Sir John Power, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern.
148. CAPTAIN LODER AND CAPTAIN CROCKSHANK. The Chairman welcomed Captain Loder and Captain Crockshank, who were attending the Committee for the first time in the place of Sir Austen Chamberlain and Lord Eustace Percy.
149. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 142, the minutes of the Committee dated May 18th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 142 - Statelessness, Sir Walter Napier reported that Mr. Carl Heath had warmly approved the proposal that a letter be sent to Sir John Simon on the lines suggested in Sir Walter's note (S.G.5936). The letter had accordingly been sent to the Foreign Secretary.

150. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. The Committee considered draft resolutions on Disarmament (S.G.5970 and 5972). After considerable discussion, in the course of which various amendments were suggested, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union

Welcomes the moderate tone of the German Chancellor's speech, the withdrawal by the German representative of his amendments to the British Draft, and the valuable explanation of President Roosevelt's Message by Mr. Norman Davis.

It trusts that H.M. Government will take full advantage of this opportunity to secure success for the Disarmament Conference

- (1) by making it clear that, in view of the declaration of Mr. Norman Davis, Great Britain intends to fulfil all her Treaty obligations under the Covenant;
- (2) by agreeing to real and effective international supervision of armaments;

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- (3) by agreeing to the abolition, within a limited period, of all classes of weapons forbidden to Germany;
- (4) by stating its willingness to consider lower figures than those suggested in the Draft Convention."

(2) "That copies of the above resolution be communicated to H.M. Government and to the press."

151. GERMAN POLISH COMMITTEE. Lord Dickinson presented the Report of the sub-Committee on German Polish Relations. The Chairman read to the Committee a letter, dated 24th May, from Sir Austen Chamberlain, suggesting that, in addition to the statement of fact in Part I of the Report, the conclusions of the sub-Committee should also be published, since they provided "a most useful examination of the various possibilities and of the conditions which are required for, and the consequences which would follow from, any of them". After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Report of the sub-Committee on German Polish Relations should be published, with suitable maps, and given as wide a circulation as possible; and that the Editorial Committee be asked to give effect to this decision."

152. FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee were reminded that the present meeting provided the last opportunity to consider the Preliminary Agenda of the Council and to decide upon amendments for inclusion in the Final Agenda. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Committee re-affirms the amendment to resolution 7 (War in Contravention of the Covenant) recommended at its meeting on May 4th; and that Lord Cecil or Sir Norman Angell be asked to commend this amendment to the Council on the ground that it is not the function of the Union to decide questions for the individual conscience but to influence, so far as possible, the policy of H.M. Government."

(2) "That Lord Allen of Hurtwood be proposed for co-optation to the Council under Bye-Law 6(iii)."

The Committee were informed that the Report on Collective Defence against Aggression, and the Report on the Private Manufacture of Arms, for which the General Council had asked at their last meeting, were now available. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be authorised to approve for circulation to the General Council with the Final Agenda (a) the Report from the Political and Parliamentary Committee on Collective Defence against Aggression, including such new material as may be available at the time of going to press, and (b) the Report from the sub-Committee on the Private Manufacture of Arms, provided that both Reports be clearly marked as coming from their respective Committees and not from the Executive."



153. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported. The minutes of the Committee dated May 18th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (43) Conferences on the I.L.O.; (44) Conference on Unemployment Insurance; (45) Fircroft Residential College for the Higher Education of Working Men; (46) London Regional Federation, Labour Organisations Committee; (47) I.L.O. National Offices; (48) Centenary of Factory Act 1833; (49) Trade Unionism in Germany; (50) Workmen's Compensation Acts; (51) International Federation; (52) Industrial Affiliations - Report; (53) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (54) Trades Union Congress, Brighton; (55) XVII International Labour Conference.

- (b) Economic Committee. (Mr. Hartley Withers reported). The minutes of the Committee dated May 18th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (7) Creation of a World Bank; (8) World Monetary and Economic Conference; (9) American Resolution on Reflation; (10) Reception to Delegates attending the World Economic Conference.

- (c) International Law Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 79, the minutes of the Committee dated May 23rd, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (77) Treaty Revision; (78) Article 18 and the Doctrine of Non-Recognition; (79) Declaration of American Policy; (80) Mr. Moelwyn Hughes.

On Minute 79 - Declaration of American Policy,  
it was

RESOLVED: "That in view of the resolution adopted in minute 150 above, no further action be taken."

- (d) Finance Committee. (Lord Rhayader reported). The minutes of the Committee dated May 13th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (27) Financial Statement; (28) Council's Vote for London; (29) The Church and World Peace; (30) Leicestershire Federal Council; (31) Mr. Hawkey's Insurance Policies; (32) Lease of 15, Grosvenor Crescent; (33) City of London Branch; (34) General Council Meetings at Edinburgh; (35) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

- (e) Overseas Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 17(2)(ii)(3) the minutes of the Committee dated May 24th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (17) XVIIth Plenary Congress; (18) Presentation to the President of the I.L.O.; (19) Overseas Report.



On Minute 17(2)(ii)(3) - Persecutions in Germany,  
It was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee's decision recorded in minute 141 of May 18th be reaffirmed; and that it be left to the discretion of the Union's delegation, in consultation with the German and Polish delegations, to include a reference to the persecution of socialists and pacifists in a separate resolution."

154. RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries.

155. CLOSING OF OFFICE AT WHITSUN It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Friday June 2nd until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 6th, 1933."

156. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, June 15th at 11 a.m."

157. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions and deletions be made in the roll of Branches, Corporate Members and Corporate Associates and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly formed bodies."

Additions.

1 Branch, 3 Corporate Members, 1 Corporate Associate.

Deletions.

3 Branches, 9 Corporate members.

BRANCHES: Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. DELETIONS: Delabole, Cornwall; Lelant and District, Cornwall; Welsh Tabernacle, King's Cross, London. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Women's Liberal Association, Aldershot, Hants; Congregational Church and Sunday School, Clitherow, Lancs; St. Michael's Under Thirty Club, London. DELETIONS: Barrow-in-Furness Labour Party; Hindpool Road Wesleyan Church, Barrow; Bywell Church Council; St. Paul's Girls' Friendly Society, Clacton; The College Club, Colne; United Congregational Church, Colne; Buddhist Lodge, London; Peckham Women's Co-operative Guild; New Synagogue, Stamford Hill. CORPORATE ASSOCIATE: Blackheath Sisterhood.

It was reported that there were now 2,956 Branches, 3,561 Corporate Members and 766 Corporate Associates; and that the number of persons who have at any time joined the Union and are not known to have died or resigned was 1,005,271 of whom 154,712 had paid a subscription in 1933 as compared with 154,786 during the corresponding period of 1932 and 173,721 during the corresponding period of 1931.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY,  
JUNE 15TH, 1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair)  
Sir Norman Angell, Major Anthony Buxton,  
L.J. Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss  
K.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe,  
Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H. Green,  
Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Major Hills,  
Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Miss Megan Lloyd  
George, Captain J. de V. Loder, T.M. McGiff,  
Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Rhayader,  
Councillor H.F. Shaw, H.S. Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Fox,  
Major Lawrence Wright, Herbert Worsley and  
L.M. Wynch, together with the Secretary and  
Deputy Secretary.

158. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen,  
F.M. Burris, Captain Crookshank, H.H. Elvin, Mrs. Ralph  
Glyn, Lady Hall, Commander Kenworthy, Sir John Power and  
Mrs. Runciman.

159. ADMIRAL DRURY-LOWE. The Chairman welcomed Admiral Drury-  
Lowe on his return from Canada and the United States.

160. MINUTES. Subject to the following reports on minutes  
149 (142) and 151, the minutes of the Committee dated  
May 25th, 1933, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 149(142) — Statelessness, the Chairman  
reported a letter received from the Foreign Office  
on this subject.

On Minute 151 — German Polish Committee, it was  
reported that the question of the publication of the  
Report of the German Polish Committee was to be  
further considered by the Editorial Committee when  
it met at the close of the Executive Committee.

161. QUEEN'S HALL MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That, considering that the Japanese Govern-  
ment has broken its Covenant and rejected  
the unanimous recommendations of the  
Assembly of the League of Nations no  
invitation to be present at the meeting  
in the Queen's Hall on July 6th in honour  
of the Secretary-General of the League be  
sent to the Japanese Ambassador."

(2) "That members of the Executive who wish to  
attend the Queen's Hall meeting be asked  
to pay for their tickets."

162. MR. T. V. SOONG. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Welcome Committee be asked to  
arrange a Union luncheon at which Mr.T.V.Soong  
should be invited to speak."

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163. RECEPTION TO DELEGATES TO WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a letter of thanks be sent from the Committee to Lady Norman and Lord Aberconway for the reception given to the delegates to the World Economic Conference on June 14th."

(2) "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Dame Adelaide Livingstone for the successful organisation of the party."

164. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. After discussion, during the course of which resolutions adopted by the Council of the London Regional Federation on 13th June were reported to the Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That resolutions be drafted, for submission as items of urgency to the General Council at Edinburgh, on the subject of bombing for police purposes, the abolition of national air forces and other aspects of Disarmament and Security; and that it be left to a sub-Committee, consisting of Miss Courtney, Mrs. Dugdale and Professor Murray, to draft the resolutions."

165. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. Dr. Garnett reported that it was hoped to use the opportunity provided by the World Economic Conference, and particularly by the speech of H.M. the King referring to the close relationship of the Conference to the League, to obtain funds for the Union from the City of London.

166. FINAL AGENDA FOR THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the Final Agenda for the meeting of the General Council and it was

RESOLVED: "That members be invited to take charge of the various items included in the Final Agenda as follows:-

I. Welcome. Lord Cecil (in the Chair)

II. Minutes. Professor Murray.

IV. Presentation of Annual Report. Professor Murray.

Resolutions.

1. Membership. Mr. Sherborne.

2. Church Corporate Members. Mr. Burris. To oppose.

3. Films. To endeavour to secure the withdrawal of the Paddington resolution in favour of an amendment drafted by the Secretariat (S.G.6009) and submitted to the Paddington Branch, which combines the original resolution with the subsequent amendments.

4. International Federation. Sir Walter Napier.

5. Military Displays. Sir Norman Angell. To endeavour to secure the withdrawal of this resolution on the ground that it deals with a subject with which the Union is not concerned.



6. Display of Literature at Union Meetings. Major Buxton.
7. War in Contravention of the Covenant. Lord Cecil To move Executive Committee's amendment.
8. Youth Groups. Mr. J. C. Smuts (or Lord Phayader). To move resolution subject to amendment of paragraph (b) to read as follows:-
- "(b) be open to members of the Branch (or group of Branches) not exceeding the age of thirty."
10. The Far East. Sir Austen Chamberlain (or Lord Lytton).
11. International Disarmament. Lord Cecil to move resolution; Miss Courtney to speak to it; and Colonel Carnegie to support Lord Cecil in regard to the paragraph dealing with the manufacture of armaments, and to draw the attention of the Council to the resolution on this subject adopted by the XVIIth Plenary Congress at Montreux.
12. Defence of International Order. Professor Murray. To ask the sub-Committee appointed in minute 164 above, to suggest amendments to this resolution rendered necessary by recent events.
13. Moral Disarmament. Dr. Barbour. To move resolution, subject to the following being inserted as paragraph (a) and to the subsequent paragraphs being altered to read (b) (c) and (d) respectively:-
- "(a) that the teaching given in their respective territories is not of a character to create or maintain amongst the young generation hatred, contempt or misunderstanding of other peoples, but is so conceived as to develop good understanding and mutual respect between peoples."
14. World Economic Conference. Lady Leyton. To move resolution subject to the amendment of fourth paragraph to read as follows:-
- "Welcomes the World Monetary and Economic Conference convoked by the League of Nations for the purpose of restoring confidence and reviving international trade."
15. International Police Force. Sir Austen Chamberlain to move resolution.
16. Slavery. Sir John Harris. To accept, in substitution for the second paragraph of (a) the resolution of the East of Scotland District Council (b).
18. Definition of War. Miss Courtney. To draw the attention of the Council to the statements on the definition of "aggression" contained in the Report on Collective Defence against Aggression and to endeavour to secure the withdrawal of the resolution.
19. Conferences on the I.L.O. and
20. Hours of Work in Coal Mines. Captain Green to invite a member of the Industrial Advisory Committee to move these resolutions.



It was further

- RESOLVED: (1) "That a resolution on the Situation in Germany be submitted as a matter of urgency to the General Council, and that the sub-Committee, appointed in minute 164 above, be asked to draft the resolution."
- (2) "That, if possible, arrangements be made for members of the Executive attending the Council to meet in Edinburgh before the first session of the Council takes place."

167. REPORT ON XVIIITH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this Report be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee."

168. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Editorial Committee. (Sir Norman Angell reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 22, the minutes of the Committee dated May 25th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (20) Ronald Knox's Pamphlet; (21) Treaty Revision; (22) Polish-German Relations; (23) Leaflet for International Section; (24) Free Literature; (25) Leaflet on International Federation; (26) "Recovery".

On Minute 22 - Polish-German Relations, it was

RESOLVED: "That before being printed this report be submitted to Lord Dickinson and Sir Walter Napier in the form in which it is proposed to be published."

- (b) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated May 25th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (7) Union Membership; (8) The Executive and Branch Activities; (9) Membership for Commercial Firms; (10) Life Membership.

169. LORD LYTTON. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the hearty congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Lord Lytton on his new honour."

170. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the National Association of Schoolmasters; the Worcester Park Branch; Huddersfield Branch; Canterbury Branch; Burford Branch; Reading Branch; Chiswick Branch; and Streatham Branch.



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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON TUESDAY,  
JUNE 27TH, 1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray, Miss Courtney, Captain  
Crookshank, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone,  
Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Lady Layton,  
Rev. Dugald MacFadyen, Councillor H.F. Shaw,  
J.C. Smuts, L.M. Wynch, together with the  
Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Major Buxton  
and Major Hills.
172. CHAIRMAN. After it had been reported that Professor Murray  
could not be present at the commencement of the meeting,  
Lady Gladstone was, on the motion of Admiral Drury-Lowe,  
voted to the Chair.
173. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS. The Chairman welcomed the Reverend  
Dugald MacFadyen and Mr. J.C. Smuts who were attending the  
Committee for the first time.
174. CO-OPTATIONS. The Committee considered the report of the  
Co-optations sub-Committee dated May 18th, 1933, and it was  
RESOLVED: (1) "That the following persons be co-opted to  
serve on the Executive Committee for the  
year 1933/34:-

Vyvyan Adams, M.P.  
Colonel David Carnegie  
Earl of Cavan  
Dean of Chichester  
Mrs. E. Dugdale  
H.H. Elvin  
Arnold Forster  
Captain L.H. Green  
Lady Hall  
Dr. C.W. Kimmins  
G. le M. Mander, M.P.  
T.M. McGiff  
Sir Walter Napier  
Sir John Power, Bt., M.P.  
Lord Rhayader  
John Sherborne  
Rennie Smith  
H.S. Syrett  
Mrs. Wilson-Fox  
Herbert Worsley.

- (2) "That the Chairman of the Executive and the  
Honorary Treasurer of the Union be regarded  
as ex-officio members of the Executive."
- (3) "That Major J.W. Hills be re-appointed Vice-  
Chairman of the Executive."
- (4) "That the General Council, at its next meeting,  
be recommended to elect Sir Ben Turner as a  
Vice-President of the Union."
- (5) "That the one remaining vacancy on the Exe-  
cutive Committee be not filled at the  
present time."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Admiral J.D.Allen, Sir Norman Angell, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss K.D.Courtney, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Captain J. de V. Loder, The Reverend D.Macfadyen, T.M.McGiff, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, J.C.Smuts, H.S.Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Pox, Herbert Worsley and Major Lawrence Wright, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

176. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury, H.H.Elvin, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Parmoor and L.M.Wynch.

177. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 162 and 174, the minutes of the meeting held on June 15th and of the special meeting held on June 27th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 162 - MR. T.V. Soong, it was reported that Mr.T.V.Soong, who had originally intended to leave London this week, had now postponed his departure until the end of next week. One of the Union's hostesses had expressed her willingness to give a semi-private luncheon or dinner in honour of Mr.T.V. Soong if a convenient date could be arranged.

On the motion of Miss Courtney it was

RESOLVED: "That the Welcome Committee be also asked to consider the possibility of arranging a luncheon or dinner in honour of Mr.Yen."

On Minute 174 - Co-optations, the Secretary reported a letter from Mr. Arnold Forster, thanking the Committee for their kind invitation to him to join the Executive but regretting that it was not possible for him to accept the invitation owing to the fact that he was at present living three hundred miles from London. On the motion of Miss Courtney, seconded by Dr.Kimmins, it was

RESOLVED: "That Dr.G.P.Gooch be invited to serve on the Executive Committee for the year 1933/34."

78 SIR ERIC DRUMMOND. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union desire to pay their tribute to the great service which Sir Eric Drummond has rendered to the cause of international peace. They are proud to feel that, as the first Secretary-General of the League of Nations, a British subject has given the world an example of loyalty and devotion to the international community

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as a whole. To his tact and perseverance the solution of many conflicts of personalities and of nations must justly be attributed. To have built up and directed for fourteen difficult years a permanent international civil service with so high a standard of integrity, impartiality and efficiency as the Secretariat of the League displays, may be seen by the historian of the future to be one of the greatest contributions which any one man of this generation has made to the order and tranquillity of mankind.

The Committee are confident that in saying this they express the feelings of the vast majority of British citizens."

- (2) "That copies of the above resolution be forwarded to Sir Eric Drummond, the Foreign Secretary and the Press."

179. THE FAR EAST. The Secretary read to the Committee a letter from Mrs. Warr, Secretary of the Kensington Branch, concerning the resolution adopted by the General Council at its meeting in Edinburgh, and asking what positive action the Executive intended to take and in what way the Branches could support them. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Far East sub-Committee, appointed by the Executive on January 19th (consisting of Major Buxton, Lord Cecil, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Dugdale, Lord Lytton and Professor Murray) be asked to meet as soon as possible and to consider and report on the communication from the Kensington Branch."

- (2) "That Lady Gladstone be invited to join the Far East sub-Committee; and that, if Sir Austen Chamberlain finds it impossible to attend the meeting of the Committee, Captain Crookshank be invited to take his place."

180. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Political Committee, when it meets on Tuesday next, be asked to prepare a statement on the present position in regard to Disarmament with special reference to those aspects of the problem on which the Union would be well advised to concentrate during the adjournment of the Conference, together with a note on the present situation in Germany in regard to Disarmament."

The Committee were reminded of the important statement made by Sir Austen Chamberlain about bombing from the air at the Annual Meeting of the General Council. The Committee expressed the earnest hope that Sir Austen would make a statement on similar lines during the course of the debate which was shortly to take place in the House of Commons on that subject.

181. WORLD ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. The opinion was expressed that since the progress of the Economic Conference was hindered by the difficulty of overcoming the spirit of economic nationalism, and since the desire for national economic self-sufficiency was mainly due to the fears lest the



advent of war should compel States to depend for essential supplies upon their own unaided resources. the Economic Conference should state plainly that it is indispensable for the success of the Conference that such fears should be relieved by agreement on the subject of Disarmament. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee is of this opinion; and that the Chairman be asked to convey to General Smuts the feeling of the Committee in this matter."

182. REPORT ON XVIIITH PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. The Committee had before them a report on the meeting of the XVIIth Plenary Congress at Montreux, together with the text of the resolutions adopted by the Congress. It was reported that the resolutions on I.L.O. and Economic matters had been presented to the President of the International Labour Conference, and that certain resolutions dealing with Disarmament, including Moral Disarmament, had been presented to Mr. Arthur Henderson. It was

RESOLVED: "That copies of the resolutions adopted by the XVIIth Plenary Congress, when printed, be forwarded to H.M. Government."

183. REPORT ON FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. It was reported that the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council which had taken place in Edinburgh from June 20th to 23rd, had been one of the most successful ever held. The two Scottish Districts, Wales and all but three of the English counties were represented at the meeting.

The Chairman reported to the Committee a communication from Mr. Mortimer Grimes, Secretary of the Nottinghamshire Federal Council, regretting that so short a time had been allowed by the Council for the discussion of resolutions on Eastern Galicia and International Labour questions. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the cordial thanks of the Executive Committee be conveyed to the East of Scotland District and the Edinburgh Branch for the admirable arrangements made for the Council Meeting."

- (2) "That a time table be included in the agenda for the next meeting of the Council; and that the time limit for speakers, provided in the Standing Orders, be enforced as far as possible throughout the Council meeting."

The Committee then considered the resolutions adopted by the Council, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That resolutions adopted by the Council be referred to sub-Committees as follows:-

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| 1. Films              | Education and Film Committees.                   |
| 14. Moral Disarmament | Education and Christian Organisation Committees. |

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20. Definition of War International Law Committee.  
 21. Conferences on the I.L.O. Industrial Advisory Committee.  
 22. Hours of Work in Coal Mines Industrial Advisory Committee.

(2) "That the Chairmen be asked to consider which of the resolutions adopted by the Council should be forwarded to H.M. Government and to report to the next meeting of the Committee."

184. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Editorial Committee. (Sir Norman Angell reported). Subject to the following decision on minute 33, the minutes of the Committee dated June 15th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (28) Ronald Knox's Pamphlet; (29) Treaty Revision; (30) German-Polish Relations; (31) Driving Power; (32) Preamble to the Covenant; (33) Posters.

On Minute 33 - Posters, reference was made to a cartoon by Bateman which had been obtained for reproduction in the QUARTERLY NEWS. The Committee expressed the hope that this cartoon would also be published separately in the form of posters or postcards.

(b) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated June 15th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (58) Mr. G.N. Barnes; (59) Unemployment Insurance - Conference Report; (60) I.L.O. National Offices; (61) Conferences on the I.L.O.; (62) Fircroft Residential College; (63) Centenary of Factory Acts, 1833; (64) International Federation; (65) Industrial Affiliations; (66) Annual Conference, 1934; (67) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (68) Trade Union Congress, Brighton; (69) International Labour Conference - Union's Party; (70) General Council, Edinburgh.

(c) Library Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated June 19th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (20) Appointment of Library Assistants; (21) Children's Section of the Library; (22) Reprinting of Library Leaflet; (23) Resolution of the British National Committee on Intellectual Co-operation; (24) Book List; (25) Library Conferences; (26) Miss Newton; (27) Miss Cohen; (28) Supply of League Documents and Books to Adult Education Classes.

(d) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 99, the minutes of the Committee dated June 19th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (83) Membership of the Committee; (84) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (85) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges;



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(86) Report of Youth Sub-Committee; (87) Regional Organisation of Youth Groups; (88) Youth Manifesto on Disarmament; (89) Resolution on Youth Groups for the General Council; (90) Youth Work of the International Federation; (91) Report of Curriculum Sub-Committee; (92) The Geography Panel; (93) The History Panel; (94) Panel for Physical Education and Hygiene; (95) Panel for Languages and Literature; (96) Panel for Science and Mathematics; (97) Panel for Arts and Crafts; (98) The Union and the Reports of the Subject Panels; (99) Civil Service Examinations; (100) Suggestions for Peace Day; (101) British National Committee on Intellectual Co-operation; (102) British Co-ordinating Committee for International Studies; (103) Report of XVIIth Plenary Congress of International Federation; (104) Observance of Empire Day in the Schools; (105) Armistice Day Message to the Schools; (106) List of Books for Children and Teachers; (107) Conference of Educational Associations; (108) First Youth Camp.

On Minute 99 - Civil Service Examinations, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to the word 'but' being substituted for the word 'and' in the fourth line of the resolution."

185. HOURS OF WORK. It was

RESOLVED: "That the draft resolution on Hours of Work, proposed by Captain Green, be adjourned for consideration at the next meeting."

186. RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Worcester Park Branch; Birmingham District Committee; St. Ives Branch; Paddington Branch; National Women Citizens' Associations.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD  
AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 6TH,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Admiral J.D.Allen, P.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Lady Gladstone, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Captain L.H.Green, Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Rev.Dugald Macfadyen, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rha-yader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, J.C.Smuts, Rennie Smith, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and Major Lawrence Wright, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

187. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lady Hall, *lady Henschel*, Major Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Lady Parmoor, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern.
188. WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed Dr.G.P.Gooch and Mr. Vyvyan Adams who were attending the Committee for the first time.
189. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decision on minutes 177(162) and (174), and 183, the minutes of the Committee dated June 29th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 177 - 162 - Mr.T.V.Soong, Lady Gladstone reported that it had not been possible to arrange a date for a luncheon or dinner to Mr.T.V.soong. Arrangements had, however, been made for a luncheon to be held on Friday, July 14th at the Washington Hotel in honour of Mr. Yen. Lord Cecil had promised to preside and Captain Eden had consented to speak at the luncheon. Lady Gladstone hoped that as many members of the Executive as possible would be present.

On Minute 177 - 174 - Co-optations, it was reported that the Earl of Cavan was unable, owing to his other engagements, to accept membership of the Executive Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins, Principal of the Bonar Law College (Ashridge) be invited to serve on the Executive for the year 1933/34; and that, in the event of his being unable to accept membership of the Committee, an invitation be sent to Lt.Gen. Sir William Purse."

On Minute 183 - Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the General Council, Mr. Rennie Smith drew the attention of the Committee to the correspondence which had been appearing in the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN on the subject of the resolution dealing with War in Contravention of the Covenant. Lord Cecil said that he would probably be sending to the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN for publication a copy of a letter which he was writing to a correspondent who was a lecturer in the University of Birmingham.

see Minute 198.



On Minute 178 - Sir Eric Drummond, it was reported that the Committee's resolution had been forwarded by telegram to Sir Eric Drummond. A reply from Sir Eric, dated June 30th, was before the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That as wide publicity as possible be obtained for Sir Eric Drummond's letter of June 30th."

190. THE FAR EAST. Lord Cecil reported that the Far East sub-Committee had already held one meeting. He hoped that a report would be available for the Executive at its next meeting.

191. HOURS OF WORK. On the motion of Captain Green it was

RESOLVED: "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union draws the attention of H.M. Government to the fact that an Act has recently been promulgated in Italy to enable Italy to ratify the Washington Hours Convention without such ratification being conditional upon similar action by other countries; it draws attention also to expressions of official opinion in France and in the U.S.A. that the reduction of hours of work can contribute to the reduction of Unemployment; and it urges H.M. Government to treat the question of reduction of hours of work as requiring urgent and immediate consideration."

192. INTERNATIONAL BALL. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the sincere thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mrs. Stanley Baldwin (Chairman) for her valuable help in connection with the International Ball, as well as to the Deputy Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen."

193. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Overseas Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) Subject to the following report and decisions on minutes 22, 23 and 25, the minutes of the Committee dated June 28th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (22) Report of the Montreux Meetings; (23) Memorandum of the Rumanian Society on the Political Organisation of Europe; (24) Autumn Meetings of the Federation; (25) Overseas Report.]

On Minute 22 - Report of the Montreux Meetings, it was reported that the Finance Committee, at their meeting on the previous day, had approved the proposals contained in this minute, provided that the special contribution by the League of Nations Union to the funds of the Federation should only be paid, in whole or in part, in so far as it was needed to make the Federation's income sufficient to meet its expenditure upon its present activities. It was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved, subject to the proviso made by the Finance Committee and quoted above."



On Minute 23 - Memorandum of the Rumanian Society on the Political Organisation of Europe, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved, subject to the deletion of the last two paragraphs quoted from the declaration by the Xth Plenary Congress of the Federation in 1927; and that the Rumanian Society be informed that the Committee would be grateful for more detailed particulars of the scheme they are proposing."

On Minute 25 - Overseas Report, in response to a question the Secretary reported a conversation he had had with Lord Lytton concerning the proposals for a great increase in the activities of the Indian League of Nations Society, and referred to a meeting which it was hoped to arrange between Lord Lytton, Lord Irwin, Lord Goschen and two or three eminent Indians. Mr. Rennie Smith expressed the hope that at least one person interested in the economic, as distinct from the purely political, aspect of the proposal would be invited to the meeting.

- (b) Editorial Committee. (Major Buxton reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated June 29th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (35) Pamphlet on Treaty Revision; (36) German-Polish Relations; (37) Publication of Special Reports to the General Council; (38) Proposed Volume Containing Various Studies on Vital League Problems; (39) Driving Power; (40) Window Bill; (41) Production of "King's Speech" Poster; (42) Proposals for Improving HEADWAY.

BROADSHEETS. Mrs. Dugdale drew the attention of the Committee to the words "International Truth Broadsheet" which appeared at the head of the paper containing Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement to the General Council on Bombing from the Air. It was

RESOLVED: "That in future editions of the broadsheets the words 'International Truth' be omitted."

- (c) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 32 and 34, the minutes of the Committee dated June 29th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (31) Resolutions of the International Federation and General Council on the Jewish Question; (32) Proposed Deputation to the Foreign Office on Procedure; (33) Bulgarian Minorities; (34) Eastern Galicia; (35) Minorities in Iraq; (36) Minorities at Montreux; (37) Statelessness.

On Minute 32 - Proposed Deputation to the Foreign Office on Procedure, Captain Crookshank expressed his willingness to put down a question in the House of Commons on the lines suggested in this minute.



On Minute 34 - Eastern Galicia, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved, subject to the deletion of the words 'endorses this resolution and'."

- (d) Political Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 25, the minutes of the Committee dated July 3rd, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (23) The German Situation; (24) Air Bombing for Police Purposes; (25) International Disarmament; (26) Open Meeting for Members of Parliament; (27) Demilitarised Zones; (28) The Union's Disarmament Activities; (29) By-Elections.

On Minute 25 - International Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That this minute be approved, subject to the recommendations in paragraph (b) being amended to read as follows:-

'The adjournment of the Disarmament Conference does not mean that the Conference has failed or that the need of a disarmament treaty is any less urgent. On the contrary, the situation in Germany has rendered an agreed reduction and limitation of armaments more important than ever. Yet we cannot hope to achieve a disarmament treaty unless provision is made both for a real advance towards equality of status for Germany and security for France. The unconditional abolition of military aircraft and of bombing from the air within a limited period, as well as the abolition of the other aggressive weapons now forbidden to Germany, would constitute the most practical and at the same time the most striking step towards equality. From the point of view of security, whatever other measures may be employed, the provision of economic sanctions against re-armament, which can only be regarded as preparation for aggression, should be advocated.'

- (2) "That a more definite and detailed statement, on the lines of the above recommendations, be prepared for Union speakers, Branch Secretaries and others."

Major Lawrence Wright reminded the Committee of a resolution adopted by the Council of the London Regional Federation on June 13th. Mr. Rennie Smith suggested that during the adjournment of the Conference the Union should organise mass meetings in, say, half

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a dozen large centres in the country. Lord Cecil expressed the opinion that more effective work could be done by members of the Union through their Members of Parliament than by the holding of public meetings.

The Secretary informed the Committee of a proposal made by the Church and Peace sub-Committee at its meeting on July 4th that a large public meeting should be held in London in October before the Disarmament Conference resumed its work. The Albert Hall had been provisionally booked for this purpose for Monday, October 2nd.

(e) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minutes 26 and 27, the minutes of the Committee dated June 27th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (26) Half-Yearly Revision of Wages and Salaries; (27) Mr. Ritchie; (28) Church and World Peace.

194. CONSIDERATION BY EXECUTIVE OF SUB-COMMITTEES MINUTES. Mr. Worsley drew the attention of the Committee to the recommendation of the Branches Committee, approved by the Executive on June 15th, that the Executive should deal with reports of sub-Committees at each meeting not later than 12.30 p.m.
195. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was  
RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, July 20th, and that a further meeting be held on Thursday, July 27th."
196. RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the National British Women's Total Abstinence Union.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 20TH, 1933  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Major Hills (in the Chair), Sir Norman Angell,  
Admiral J.D.Allen, Major Anthony Buxton,  
L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil,  
Miss K.D.Courtney, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, Lord  
Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale,  
H.H.Ewin, Miss Lloyd George, Lady Gladstone,  
Dr.C.P.Gooch, Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth,  
Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Captain J.de V.Loder, Rev.Dugald  
Macfadyen, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier,  
Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.F.Shaw,  
John Snerborne, Rennie Smith, J.C.Smuts, H.S.Syrett  
Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and Major Lawrence  
Wright, together with the Secretary and Deputy  
Secretary.

197. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Vyvyan Adams,  
F.M.Burris, Captain Green, Lady Hall, Lady Henschel,  
Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Lady Parmoor, L.M.Wynch  
and Professor Zimmern.
198. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision and report  
on minutes 189(177) and 193(d), the minutes of the  
Committee dated July 8th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 189(177) - Co-optations, it was reported that  
the Dean of Chichester had accepted membership of the  
Executive, but had explained that, owing to other calls  
upon his time, he could only be sure of attending meetings  
of the Committee when questions concerning the Christian  
Organisations Committee were to be discussed or when his  
presence was specially desired for some other reason.  
Owing to their other engagements, neither Major-General  
Sir Reginald Hoskins nor Lieut-General Sir William Furse  
were able to serve on the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Dean of Chichester be regarded as  
having accepted the invitation to serve on  
the Committee; and that the Co-optations sub-  
Committee be asked to suggest names of  
Service men who might now be invited."

On Minute 193(d) - Political Committee, it was reported  
that an open meeting for Members of Parliament had been  
held in the House of Commons on the previous day.  
Captain Eden had made an admirable speech to the meeting.

199. THE FAR EAST. Lord Cecil presented to the Committee a  
memorandum (S.G.6071a) which he had prepared at the  
request of the Far East sub-Committee. After prolonged  
discussion, in which many members of the Committee took  
part, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That further consideration of Lord Cecil's  
memorandum be adjourned until the next meet-  
ing of the Committee; and that, in the mean-  
time, Lord Cecil be asked to make such  
alterations in the memorandum as seemed to  
him necessary in the light of the Committee's  
discussion."



- (2) "That the Editorial Committee, at their meeting at the close of the Executive, be asked to prepare, for consideration by the Executive, a paper suitable for publication on the basis of Lord Cecil's memorandum.

Members of the Committee who had suggestions to make for the amendment of Lord Cecil's memorandum were asked to send them to the Secretary as soon as possible.

200. PROPOSED DISARMAMENT MEETING IN GENEVA. Lord Cecil reported that Mrs. Puffer Morgan had suggested to him that a great international meeting should be held in Geneva on October 15th, the day before the Disarmament Conference resumed its work. It was proposed to invite Mr. Motta to preside at the meeting, to have two or three speakers dealing with various aspects of the Disarmament problem, and to obtain messages from important persons all over the world. The meeting would be held in the Batiment Electorale, and all the delegates to the Disarmament Conference would be invited to attend. Mrs. Puffer Morgan was most anxious that Dame Adelaide Livingstone should help in organising the meeting. It was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of the Finance and office Committees, Dame Adelaide Livingstone be granted temporary leave of absence, with pay, for the purpose of organising the Geneva meeting."

201. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Finance Committee. (Mr. Syrett reported.) Subject to the following report on minutes 46 and 47, the minutes of the Committee dated July 5th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (38) Financial Statement; (39) Lease of 15, Grosvenor Crescent; (40) Appeals in London; (41) Half-Yearly Revision of Wages and Salaries; (42) The Church and World Peace; (43) Leicestershire Federal Council; (44) City of London Branch; (45) Legacy; (46) International Ball; (47) Geneva Office of the Federation; (48) Passing of Cheques for Payment.]

On Minute 46 - International Ball, it was reported that the International Ball held on June 20th had resulted in a profit to the Union's general fund of about £800. A full report on the Ball would be presented to the Committee as soon as possible.

On Minute 47 - Geneva Office of the Federation, the Secretary reported on the meeting of the sub-Committee of the Federation which he had attended in Geneva on July 13th, and read the following resolution which had been adopted by the Committee:

"The Committee recommends

That the Bureau at its next meeting should decide to transfer the Headquarters of the Federation to the R. of property before June 1st, 1934, provided that the trustees of the property shall, before the Bureau meets, have signified their willingness



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- (1) to lease the property to the Federation for not more than 4,000 Swiss francs a year for not less than five years; and
- (2) to undertake to carry out at their expense such reconditioning of the premises (including the installation of central heating and double windows) as shall have been agreed upon by M. Hugli and Mr. Malcolm Davis (with the assistance of Mr. Sweetser and Professor Huyssen) before the Bureau meets."

- (b) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 14, the minutes of the Committee dated July 6th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (13) Branches and Junior Branches; (14) Corporate Members and Associates; (15) Membership; (16) Lapsed Members; (17) Work in the Country; (18) Membership for Commercial Firms; (19) Life Membership.]

On Minute 14 - Corporate Members and Associates. Mr. Macfadyen suggested that, before Church Corporate Members or Corporate Associates were deleted from the Union's Roll, persons of the same denomination should be asked to pay a personal visit to the responsible officer in each case. Mr. Worsley assured Mr. Macfadyen that, before the name of any Corporate member or Corporate Associate was removed, the fullest enquiries were made and deletions were only made when such a course appeared practically inevitable. But he thanked Mr. Macfadyen for his suggestion which he promised would be carefully borne in mind.

- (c) Education Committee. (Dr. Kilmins reported.) Subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on minutes 122, 127 and 128, and to the following decision on minute 120, the minutes of the Committee dated July 10th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (112) International Federation; (113) Resolutions of the General Council; (114) Composition of the Films and Slides Sub-Committee; (115) "The Educational Survey"; (116) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (117) Report of Youth Sub-Committee; (118) International Federation; (119) Composition of the Committee; (120) Youth Manifesto on Disarmament; (121) Youth and Active Service Sub-Committee; (122) Youth Group Bulletin; (123) Arrangements for Boys and Girls under Youth Group Age; (124) Meetings for Teachers and Schods; (125) History Panel; (126) Junior Branches; (127) Additional Assistance for the Education Department; (128) Barsaries; (129) Group for Surveying books on Citizenship; (130) British Co-ordinating Committee for International Studies; (131) Organisation of the Committee; (132) School Journey Association; (133) Correspondence with Local Education Authorities; (134) Twelfth Annual Conference of the British Institute of Adult Education.]



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On Minute 120 - Youth Manifesto on Disarmament, it was

RESOLVED: "That a list of the societies on whose behalf the Youth Manifesto on Disarmament had been signed, be circulated for the information of this Committee."

- (d) Welcome Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated July 12th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (28) Secretary's Report; (29) International Ball; (30) World Economic Conference Reception; (31) Luncheon to Dr. Yen; (32) Hospitality to Secretaries of Delegations to the Monetary and Economic Conference and to Members of the Secretariat; (33) Modern Language Association; (34) Visit of Count Bethlen.]

- (e) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported.) The minutes of the Council dated July 12th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (499) Deputation on Aerial Bombing; (500) Report of Sub-Committee; Representation on W.A.S.; (501) Reports of Representatives; (502) Address on World Economic Conference; (503) Sale of Intoxicants in Palestine; (504) Corporate Associates Deletions.]

- (f) Christian Organisations Committee. The Secretary reported, as a matter of urgency, on minute 37 of the Committee held on the previous day, in which it was proposed to hold a public meeting in the Central Hall on Monday, October 16th, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York should be invited to speak. It was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of the Appeals Committee which was meeting the same afternoon, the proposal of the Christian Organisations Committee be approved and adopted."

202. DATE OF DECEMBER MEETING OF COUNCIL. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the General Council be held on Thursday, December 14th and, if necessary, Friday, December 15th, 1933."

203. GERMAN REFUGEES. Lady Gladstone reported that a Committee of which she was a member had been formed in London for the purpose of co-ordinating the efforts that were being made by various societies to assist German refugees in this country. This Committee would work in close co-operation with a similar Committee which had already been established in Geneva. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Gladstone be asked to keep the Executive informed of the work of this Committee."

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h represent the Union on this Committee.  
(See Minute 207 of 27. 7. 33.)



204. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND DISARMAMENT. Lord Cecil said that, when the Disarmament Conference resumed its work, it was most important that the British Government should be prepared to go as far as possible in the direction of giving equality to Germany and security to France. He therefore urged most strongly that, during the few weeks remaining before the resumption of the Conference, everything possible should be done with individual Members of Parliament in order that they might use their influence with the Government. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a letter be sent to Branches of the Union urging them to take action with their local Member or Members of Parliament

(2) "That Lord Cecil be asked to consult with Sir Norman Angell with a view to preparing a short statement for the guidance of Branch Secretaries."

205. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from Yeadon and Purley Branch. Lord Cecil expressed his willingness to write to the Secretary of the Yeadon Branch and to explain the meaning of the words "all constitutional means" in the resolution adopted by the General Council on War in Contravention of the Covenant.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JULY 27TH, 1933  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Admiral  
J.D.Allen, Colonel David Carnegie, the Dean of  
Chichester, Miss K.D.Courtney, Captain H.F.C.  
Crookshank, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe,  
Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Lady  
Gladstone, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Sir John Harris, Captain  
J.de V.Loder, Lord Lytton, the Rev.E.Macrae, J.  
C.le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor,  
Lord Rhayader, H.F.Shaw, Mrs. Wilson-Fox,  
Herbert Worsley and Major Lawrence Wright,  
together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

206. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from F.M.Burris,  
Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Major J.W.  
Hills, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Professor Murray, Mrs. Walter  
Runciman, Rennie Smith, J.C.Smuts, L.M.Wynch and  
Professor Zimmern.

207. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decision  
on minutes 201(e) and 203, the minutes of the Committee  
dated July 20th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 201(e) - Women's Advisory Council, Mrs.  
Wilson-Fox reported on the deputation from the Women's  
Advisory Council which had waited on Captain Eden on  
Monday, July 24th on the subject of aerial bombing.  
Representatives from thirty societies had taken part  
in the deputation.

On Minute 203 - German Refugees, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution contained in this  
minute be amended to read as follows:-

'That Lady Gladstone be asked to represent  
the Union on this Committee.'

208. THE FAR EAST. Lord Cecil presented to the Committee a  
draft (S.G.6088) which he and Sir Norman Angell had  
written to take the place of the memorandum (S.G.6071a)  
considered at the previous meeting, and in response to  
the Committee's request for "a paper suitable for  
publication on the basis of Lord Cecil's memorandum"  
(minute 199(2)). Lord Cecil explained that the draft  
consisted of two documents, one being a statement of the  
Union's policy for general publication, and the other  
containing facts and arguments in support of this policy  
for use in writing signed articles or making speeches on  
the subject. The Committee then proceeded to discuss  
the draft paragraph by paragraph, and it was finally

RESOLVED: (1) "That the statement of policy be approved  
and adopted in the following form:-

X THE FAR EAST AND THE LEAGUE SYSTEM.

The action of Japan in relation to  
China constitutes a grave menace to the  
League system which the world since the  
Armistice has been struggling to substi-  
tute for the national rivalries and chaos  
which produced the war.



The present situation is as follows: Japan has overrun and occupied four provinces which belong to China, covering an area greater than the combined areas of Britain, France and Germany. These operations have involved great destruction of Chinese property and the killing and wounding of many thousands of Chinese subjects, the Japanese themselves having also suffered casualties. The responsibilities are no longer in question: by the unanimous decision of the Assembly of the League - including the vote of Great Britain - China has been declared the victim of aggression. This decision does not mean that China is blameless in her dispute with Japan and that the latter had no provocation; but that Japan did not, as she might have done, seek redress through the League, and persisted, instead, in attempting to settle a dispute to which she was a party, by her own force, thus becoming her own judge in her own cause and challenging the fundamental principle upon which any system of organised peace must rest. Lord Lytton's Commission found that the interests of China and Japan were not irreconcilable. The Chinese had done much to irritate the Japanese and had not fulfilled their treaty obligations but they had neither made nor threatened an attack on the Japanese, and the Japanese seizure of Manchuria could not be called a defensive measure. The Commission, moreover, suggested changes in the government of Manchuria which would have secured to Japan the internal order for which she was entitled to ask.

Throughout the discussion the Japanese, as well as certain sections of opinion in Britain have confused the issue. The question as it concerns the world is not whether Japan has received provocation from China, but whether Japan is justified in settling the whole issue by her own force and defying League intervention. Lord Lytton has himself again and again insisted upon this distortion of the point at issue. He says of the Japanese attitude:-

Throughout the discussions which have taken place at Geneva, the arguments used by the representatives of Japan have been irrelevant to the issue which was under discussion. The Japanese speeches have all dwelt upon the chaotic condition of China, upon the provocative nature of the anti-foreign propaganda of the Chinese Government, or of the faults of the Chinese administration in Manchuria; but beyond the bare assertion that everything that Japan has said is true and everything that Japan has done is right, there has been no attempt to answer the charge that whatever the grievances of Japan might have been they did not justify the occupation by force of Chinese territory. That is why the efforts to arrive at an agreed basis for the starting point of the negotiations were doomed to failure from the outset. The parties were never discussing the same issue.



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Japan persists in her claim to be arbiter in her own quarrel and remains in occupation of the Chinese provinces in defiance of the unanimous decision of the League.

Lord Lytton's commission stated in its Report:

'The interests of peace are the same the world over. Any loss of confidence in the application of the principles of the Covenant and of the Pact of Paris in any part of the world diminishes the value and efficacy of those principles everywhere.'

Failure to effect a settlement of the Far Eastern dispute and acquiescence in a situation which has been brought about by force would undoubtedly be a weakening of the Covenant and would have grave consequences in Europe where the difficulties of the League would be greatly increased. The situation in the Far East has already reacted unfavourably on the Disarmament Conference.

The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union is, therefore, of opinion that, when the aid of the League is again invoked by China, the League should take action to bring to an end the present position in the Far East, and that the British Government should support such action, and be prepared with a definite policy for that emergency.

It is suggested that the League of Nations Union should, on all its platforms and in its publications, insist upon

- (1) the moral obligation of every State Member of the League to preserve Chinese territory against external aggression; and
- (2) the grave consequences of allowing Japanese troops to remain in occupation of Chinese territory.

It is of great importance that the Members of the League should make clear to Japan the seriousness with which they view the situation. For this purpose they should be prepared to withdraw the chiefs of their diplomatic missions from Tokyo, and to exert concerted economic pressure by such a measure as the general refusal to accept imports from Japan. The need for American co-operation in collective action on these lines would be essential to its success.

In the meantime efforts should be continued to secure agreement between the parties on the lines of the Lytton Report. We should also do everything we can to assist international co-operation in Chinese reconstruction.



- (2) "That this statement of policy be forwarded
- (a) to H.M. Government;
  - (b) to the League of Nations Societies in the Dominions with the request that they should communicate it to the Governments of the Dominions;
  - (c) to the International Federation of League of Nations Societies for communication to the constituent societies;
  - (d) to the Branches of the Union; and
  - (e) to the Press.
- (3) "That the attached document containing facts and arguments in support of the above policy be made available for any persons wishing to write articles or to make speeches on the subject of the Far East."

209. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. Miss Courtney spoke of the Disarmament meeting which was to be held in Geneva on October 15th, and of the desirability of arranging meetings all over the country in the week preceding October 15th in order that messages from these meetings might be sent to the demonstration in Geneva. Miss Courtney also asked if it would be possible for the Christian Organisations Committee to alter the date of the meeting they proposed to hold in the Central Hall on October 16th in order that a message might also be sent from that meeting to Geneva. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That in the letter to be sent to Branch Secretaries at the beginning of August, they be asked, as far as possible, to arrange for meetings to be held in their neighbourhood during the week preceding October 15th and to obtain from such meetings messages which can be sent to the Disarmament Demonstration in Geneva."

- (2) "That the Christian Organisations Committee be asked to consider whether the meeting they proposed to hold on October 16th could not be arranged for a few days earlier."

Major Lawrence Wright suggested that the Disarmament Campaign sub-Committee, with the addition perhaps of a few members of Youth Groups, should be asked to meet and consider what action could be taken by the Union in the interval before the resumption of the Disarmament Conference. Lord Cecil expressed the opinion that the question of disarmament had now gone beyond popular agitation in the country, and that the important thing at the present time was to get Members of Parliament converted to the view that disarmament is really a matter of the first importance. He hoped that the Secretary and his colleagues would bend all their energies to secure this result.



210. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Christian Organisations Committee. (The Dean of Chichester reported.) Subject to the decision on minute 37 contained in minute 209 above, the minutes of the Committee dated July 19th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (36) Minutes of the Church and World Peace Committee; (37) Albert Hall Meeting; (38) Conference of Religious Leaders; (39) Amistice Literature; (40) Sunday School Lessons; (41) Resolutions of General Council; (42) Applications for Corporate Membership; (43) Chairman's Visit to Germany.

- (b) Editorial Committee. (Lord Rhayader reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated July 20th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (44) Pamphlet on Treaty Revision; (45) Volume Containing various studies on vital League problems; (46) Leaflet on the Situation in the Far East; (47) Reprint of Speech by Sir Norman Angell; (48) Christmas Cards; (49) League of Nations Painting Book; (50) Posters; (51) Reprint of Speech by Professor C.K. Webster; (52) Leaflet for Membership Campaigns, etc.; (53) Proposed Leaflet on Communism and the League; (54) Publication of Statement on the Position of the Disarmament Conference.

- (c) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Major Lawrence Wright reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 82, the minutes of the Committee dated July 20th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (73) The Viscount Burnham; (74) Membership; (75) Centenary of Factory Acts, 1933; (76) Conferences on the I.L.O.; (77) Fircroft Residential College; (78) Industrial Affiliations; (79) Annual Conference, 1934; (80) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (81) Trades Union Congress, Brighton; (82) XVIIth International Labour Conference; (83) Hours of Work; (84) General Council; (85) International Federation of League of Nations Societies.

On Minute 82 - XVIIth International Labour Conference - Report, a letter, dated 26th July from Sir Norman Angell, on the subject of the publication of Mr. Macartney's report on the XVIIth International Labour Conference was read to the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: "That paragraph (3) of this minute be referred to the Editorial Committee for consideration and report."

- (d) Appeals Committee. (Sir John Harris reported.) Subject to the following decision and report on minutes 194 and 204, the minutes of the Committee dated July 20th, 1933 were approved and adopted.



These minutes included (191) International Ball; (192) Dances at Political Clubs; (193) Foundation Members; (194) Legacies; (195) Reports of Appeals Department Activities; (196) Worcestershire; (197) Northamptonshire; (198) Essex; (199) Future Work; (200) City of London Branch Organiser; (201) Letter from Mr. Hawkins of Edinburgh; (202) Mr. R.E.H. Bailly; (203) Flag Day; (204) Guarantee Appeal; (205) Superannuation Scheme; (206) Church Meeting at Central Hall; (207) Trained Economist on the Staff. 7

On Minute 194 - Legacies, Sir John Harris suggested that in the paragraph to be inserted in HEADWAY concerning legacies to the Union, the purpose for which such legacies would be used should be clearly stated. It was

RESOLVED: "That this suggestion be referred for consideration by the Finance Committee."

On Minute 204 - Guarantee Appeal, the Secretary reported that about £1,000 had so far been received in response to this appeal.

211. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee considered the following resolution from the Executive Committee of the London Regional Federation:-

"The Executive Committee of the L.R.F. notes that a proposal has been made to the National Peace Council and the League of Nations Union for a Peace Week in June or September, 1934, and welcomes any proposal for arousing public interest in peace. It hopes that the L.N.U. Executive will arrange for the matter to be discussed in detail with Mr. Greer, keeping in mind that the main function of the L.N.U. is continuous educational work rather than special efforts for a limited time. The Committee relies on the L.N.U. Executive to examine the proposal sympathetically and would ask to be kept informed of any developments."

It was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be referred to the Branches Committee for consideration and report."

212. LEAGUE OF NATIONS BUDGET. Admiral Drury-Lowe drew the attention of the Committee to a statement appearing in the TIMES of July 25th to the effect that the Budget of the League for 1934, which would be submitted to the Assembly in September, had been reduced by more than £111,000. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee expresses its earnest hope that H.M. Government will not support any further proposals for reducing the expenditure of the League of Nations; and that they will carefully consider what steps can be taken in regard to those States Members from whom contributions have not been received."

213. ARMISTICE DAY MESSAGE. It was

RESOLVED: "That an endeavour be made to obtain an Armistice Day Message for schools from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and, failing him, from the Headmaster of Harrow."



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214. MR. BULLOCK. It was

RESOLVED: "That the temporary appointment of Mr. Bullock at a salary of £1 a day for two days a week during the months of August and September be approved."

215. CLOSING OF OFFICE FOR AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY. It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Friday, August 4th until 10 a.m. on Tuesday August 8th."

216. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, September 21st at 11 a.m., but that the Chairman be asked to call a special meeting of the Committee before that date if such a course appears to him to be necessary."

217. RECOGNITION OF BRANCHES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following additions be made in the roll of Branches, Junior Branches, Corporate Members and Junior Sections, and that the Union's seal be affixed to the certificates of recognition to be sent to the newly formed bodies."

Additions.

4 Branches, 3 Junior Branches, 12 Corporate Members, 2 Junior Sections.

BRANCHES: Consett, Durham; Eridge, Sussex; Portsmouth Training College, Hants; Wandsworth, London. JUNIOR BRANCHES: Sunny Hill Girls' School, Bruton, Somerset; Queen's College, Harley Street, London; Scalby Junior Branch, Yorks. CORPORATE MEMBERS: Warrender Church, Edinburgh; Friends' Adult School, Glasgow; West Church, Perth; Stalybridge Labour Party, Stalybridge, Cheshire; Rotunda Methodist Church, Aldershot; Unitarian Church, Rawtenstall, Lancs; Y.W.C.A. St. John's Wood; Women's Co-operative Guild, Harrow, Middx; Baptist Church, South Harrow, Middx; Wembley Welsh Society, Middx; Charles Street Methodist Church, Hanley, Staffs; JUNIOR SECTIONS: History Society, Hull High School, Hull; Friends' Sunday School, Swarthmore Hall, Plymouth.

It was reported that there were now 2,964 Branches, 1,336 Junior Branches, 3,553 Corporate Members and 48 Junior Sections.



THE FAR EAST AND THE LEAGUE SYSTEM.

(Some facts and arguments in support of the statement of policy adopted by the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union on 27th July, 1933—leaflet No. 350.)

The following is unofficial and may only be made use of in signed articles or speeches.

Before any attempt is made to put pressure on Japan in order to induce her to abandon her aggression on China the first step would be to ascertain officially what view America takes on this subject, because action in the Far East without America is impracticable. The questions to which an answer should be sought are these:—

1. Would the United States of America be prepared to join with the League in recommending to both parties in the dispute the procedure of settlement outlined in Chapter 10 of the Lytton Report?
2. If China accepted and Japan refused an invitation to participate in such a procedure of settlement would the United States of America join with the League in putting concerted pressure upon Japan?

A favourable answer to these questions would make it much easier for the League to take effective action.\*

In this connection it should be remembered that throughout the whole crisis the United States has shown a disposition to follow a resolute policy and to co-operate most fully with the League. The facts are as follows:—

\* NOTE. In order strictly to comply with international law, the technical method which the League would have to employ in exercising anything more than moral pressure upon Japan for the purpose of securing her acceptance of the League's Recommendations — e.g. her participation in the procedure of settlement outlined in Chapter 10 of the Lytton Report — would consist in saying that, under Article 10 of the Covenant, Japan must withdraw from all the Chinese territory outside the railway zone which she has occupied and thus restore the territorial integrity and political independence of China.



As early as September, 1931, on the occasion of the adoption of the resolution of September 30th, the League Council had forwarded the minutes of its meeting to Washington, together with all the documents relating to the dispute, and the U.S. Government "had affirmed its whole-hearted sympathy with the attitude of the League". The Report states that, on October 16th, "it was determined to continue to co-operate with the Government of the U.S.A., which was invited to send a representative to sit at the Council table. The representative of the United States was authorised by his Government to consider with the Council the relationship between the provisions of the Pact of Paris and the present unfortunate situation in Manchuria and, at the same time, to follow the deliberations of the Council with regard to other aspects of the problem with which it is now confronted". And when, on the next day, a number of Governments represented on the Council sent an identical Note to the Governments of China and Japan, calling their attention to the provisions of the Kellogg Treaty, the U.S. Government despatched a similar Note to the two disputants.

In the following March, when the hostilities at Shanghai broke out, the U.S. Government intimated to the League that the American military authorities had been instructed to co-operate in the measures which were to be taken to open negotiations on the spot, in accordance with a resolution passed by the Assembly on March 4th, 1932. And a few days later, when the resolution of March 11th was adopted providing for the setting up of the Committee of Nineteen, the Government

"declared that the action of the Assembly would go far towards developing into terms of international law the principles of order and justice which underlay the Paris Pact and the League Covenant. The United States Government was especially gratified that the nations of the world were united on a policy not to recognise the validity of results attained in violation of the treaties in question, and this was a distinct contribution to international law and offered a constructive basis for peace."

More recently United States initiative has been confined to reiterations of the principle that no recognition should be accorded to territorial changes brought about by the use of force and to statements made on more than one occasion by Mr. Stimson calling attention to the fact that the principle of consultation was inherent in the terms of the Kellogg Treaty. The most important of these was a speech before the Council on Foreign Relations on August 8th, 1932, and in this Mr. Stimson referred to the Note sent to China and Japan on the previous January 7th, in which the attitude of



the United States was very clearly set forth.\*

The general impression in a large section of American opinion is that the United States has gone ahead of League action in the attempted restraint of Japan and that American efforts to that end have secured only tardy and hesitating response.

In any case, the record of the immediate past in American policy gives no justification for supposing that America would adopt a non-possimus attitude in this matter. Her co-operation in the application of economic pressure to Japan would almost certainly be decisive.

The States which have most to lose in any quarrel with Japan are Great Britain and the United States of America, but they are also in a position to exercise the strongest economic pressure. It is obvious, therefore, that the lead must come from them, and there is no doubt that any action jointly recommended by these two countries would be accepted by all other States. The following facts are sufficient to show the economic pressure which a few countries alone are in a position to exercise.

Japan supports a population of sixty-five and a half millions largely upon industry and commerce. She is short of raw materials, especially food stuffs, coal, oil, metals and cotton. Since she is already a debtor country and cannot for the present increase her indebtedness abroad, she is obliged to pay for these raw materials by exporting manufactured goods. And 68.3 per cent. of Japan's exports go to the British Empire and the United

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\* In his speech of August 8th, Mr. Stimson reminded his hearers that there is to be no recognition either by the United States (the reference is to Mr. Stimson's Note of January 7th) or by any League Member (according to a decision of the Assembly on March 11th) of any situation or agreement resulting from illegal war; and Mr. Stimson declared American "readiness to co-operate for peace and justice in the world". In effect the United States will, for the future, co-operate with the League under Article 11 of the Covenant; and any war or threat of war is henceforth a matter of concern to America as well as to the whole League.



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States and China, while 76.9 per cent. go to this group together with Germany, France and the Netherlands.\*

Because of Japan's indebtedness abroad, she needs a balance of exports over imports. In the last three years that balance has been 15 per cent., 26 per cent. and 7 per cent. If, therefore, the British Empire and the United States, in addition to China, were to refuse to take imports from Japan, Japan would be prevented from buying most of her raw materials; and the effect would be a little greater still if France, Germany and the Netherlands followed the Anglo-American lead.

That the difficulties of such an embargo are by no means technically insuperable has been proved by the recent British embargo against goods from Soviet Russia.

It is said that if Great Britain were to join in excluding imports from Japan the Japanese Government, in its present frame of mind, might attack Hong Kong or even Singapore. There is, however, nothing in recent Japanese history to suggest that Japan would be guilty of a policy so utterly suicidal as an attack upon the British Empire plus the world at large. The diplomatic situation which would be created if America co-operated or even acquiesced in the League policy outlined above would be such as to deprive Japan in fact of any possibility of any effective military, political, economic or financial assistance.

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\* Japan's principal customer is the United States of America, which takes 31.6 per cent. of her exports, including almost all her silk. Next comes British India, which takes 13.6 per cent. of Japan's exports, principally in the form of cotton goods. Then comes China, which takes now 11 per cent. of the exports of Japan but before the boycott took more than British India.



Though, of course, there are some risks<sup>x</sup> involved in the policy of world coercion of Japan, they are assuredly infinitely less than the risks involved in the weakening of the whole League system. A reversion to competition of armament (and of military alliances) would assuredly produce a situation of great jeopardy for the security of the British Empire and, indeed, of the whole world.

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<sup>x</sup> These have already been dealt with in a memorandum (S.G.4903) which was submitted to the Executive on February 11th, 1932, and which read as follows:—

.....The destruction of the collective peace in the East and submission to the military dictatorship of Japan must have disastrous repercussions in India and would cause the gravest anxieties in Australia and Canada.

Moreover, if we do not now do all in our power to secure joint action with other countries in honouring our common engagements and employing the system of pooled security — the defence of each by the strength of all — at a time when we may have the co-operation of practically the whole world to restrain Japanese aggression, we must not hope to benefit from this system in a case where British Imperial interests were directly threatened: for example, if Japan demanded a free entry for Japanese colonists into Australia.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Sir Norman Angell, Admiral Allen, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, the Dean of Chichester, Miss K.D. Courtney, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H. Elvin, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Major Hills, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Captain J. de V. Loder, Lord Lytton, the Reverend Dugald Macfadyen, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Queenborough, Lord Rhayader, H.S. Shaw, Rennie Smith, J.C. Smuts, Herbert Worsley and Major Lawrence Wright, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

218. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from F.M. Burris, L.J. Cadbury, Captain Crookshank, Miss Lloyd George, Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hall, Commander Kenworthy, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, H.S. Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, L.M. Wynch and Professor Zimmern.
219. LORD GREY. The Committee were informed that, immediately after the announcement of Lord Grey's death, Mr. Eppstein had written to Captain Graves conveying to him the sympathy of the members of the Union's secretariat, and that a letter of thanks had been received from Captain Graves. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write, on behalf of the Executive Committee, a letter of sympathy to Captain Graves."

220. MINUTES. The minutes of the Committee dated July 27th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

221. DISARMAMENT.

(a) Report. The Committee received a report on the Union's programme of work and preparation for the resumption of the Disarmament Conference (S.G. 6164). The report mentioned the Queen's Hall meeting on October 13th, the Guildhall meeting on October 6th, and the Geneva meeting on October 15th, at which Lord Cecil had promised to speak and M. Motta to preside. It was hoped to secure two other speakers for the Geneva meeting.

The report included the six-point disarmament programme, approved by Lord Cecil on July 31st, and subsequently communicated to branches and printed in HEADWAY. The same programme had been commended to all the League of Nations Societies by a circular letter from Lord Cecil dated August 20th.

The Committee also received a communication dated September 14th from the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, including a draft resolution urging that at least four specified points should be embodied in the Convention which the Disarmament Conference should conclude.

(b) Union Policy. A general discussion on the disarmament question took place in which Major Hills pointed out the danger that in the present state of public opinion in France and England towards Germany, it might prove impossible to secure a Disarmament Convention which would

See Minute 230



satisfy Germany. The opinion was generally expressed that disarmament was now more essential than ever and that only a Convention which provided for the reduction of armaments to apply in stages on given dates, simultaneously with effective supervision, would satisfy Germany's legitimate demands and "disarm her will to re-arm". It was agreed that the French plan of automatic, continuous and all-round inspection was preferable to the British proposal for inspection only when demanded by an aggrieved Power. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union

Assures H.M. Government of its strongest support for the Government's present efforts to secure a Convention for the reduction and limitation of armaments with effective control.

It believes that the adoption of such a convention is more essential now than ever.

It trusts that H.M. Government will press for an automatic, periodic and effective system of supervision applicable to all countries alike and for a reduction in armaments which will begin on the ratification of the Convention and proceed by regular stages."

(2) "That this resolution be communicated to H.M. Government and to the Press."

On the motion of Mrs. Dugdale it was further

RESOLVED: (3) "That the Editorial Committee be asked to consider as soon as possible the production of a pamphlet on the Principles and Practice of General Inspection of Armaments."

Mr. Rennie Smith having pointed out the importance of the effect which Germany's foreign policy in Austria would have upon the European situation, it was

RESOLVED: (4) "That the item 'The Situation in Austria and German Foreign Policy' be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee."

(c) Communication from the National Peace Council. The Secretary reported that Mr. Gerald Bailey of the National Peace Council had approached him with a view to arranging a deputation on disarmament to wait upon the Prime Minister and possibly the Foreign Secretary and other leading members of the Cabinet. It was proposed that the deputation should represent, in addition to the Union, the National Peace Council and other sections of the Peace Movement: Trade Unions, Teachers, the Churches, the Co-operative Movement, the Federation of British Industries, the Chambers of Commerce and the Rotary Movement, together with a small proportion of eminent individuals. Mr. Bailey had agreed that such a deputation might be organised by the same kind of machinery as arranged the deputation of October 20th, 1932. It was

See Minute 230.



RESOLVED: (5) "That, in the event of a deputation to the Government being arranged, the Union be represented upon it."

(6) "That the policy to be urged by the deputation be further discussed when the deputation has been definitely arranged."

222. THE FAR EAST. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Committee expresses its satisfaction with Lord Lytton's letter in the TIMES of September 15th."

223. COMMUNICATION FROM MRS. WILSON-FOX. On the motion of Major Hills it was

RESOLVED: "That the communication from Mrs. Wilson-Fox be referred to the Editorial Committee for consideration and report."

224. IRAC COMMITTEE. Subject to the following report on minute 8, the minutes of the Committee dated August 29th and September 14th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (6) Deputation to the Foreign Office; (7) Communication from Iraq; (8) Action in support of the Committee's Policy.

On Minute 8 - Action in Support of Committee's Policy, it was reported that a letter had been sent to the TIMES and it was hoped would appear on the following day.

225. SITUATION IN GERMANY. The Committee received a communication from the Netherlands League of Nations and Peace Society dated 25th July, 1933 (S.G.6161). Mrs. Dugdale reported that a joint committee was being formed of the societies that had been trying to work for German refugees. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Mrs. Dugdale be authorised to communicate the Netherlands League of Nations and Peace Society's proposal to the joint committee."

(2) "That the Minorities Committee be asked to consider and report on the question of German refugees, and in particular on the proposal contained in the Netherlands League of Nations and Peace Society's communication."

226. L.N.U.OFFICE.

(a) The Secretary reported that following upon a visit which Lord (Queenborough and he had paid to Mr. Hopgood (of Messrs. Hopgood, Mills and Lonsdale, solicitors for the landlords of 15, Grosvenor Crescent), a letter, dated August 3rd had been received from Messrs. Hopgood, Mills and Lonsdale, agreeing to reduce the £1,250 a year, payable under the lease in respect of the seven years beginning 25th March, 1933, to £1,000 a year. It was

RESOLVED: "That the lease continue accordingly at the reduced rent."



(b) The Secretary reported that, as the Union had received notice from the Red Cross Society to vacate on Lady Day, 1934 the five rooms occupied in 14, Grosvenor Crescent at the rent of £350 a year, including rates, it had become necessary to secure alternative accommodation. Negotiations were in progress to secure the lease of 15a, Grosvenor Crescent (containing seven rooms in addition to bathrooms) at a rental of £300 excluding rates. The Secretary also reported that it might be found necessary to engage another messenger to attend the door of the new premises. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be authorised to sign the lease of 15a, Grosvenor Crescent, subject to the approval of the terms of the lease by the Union's solicitors."

227. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. Consideration of this item was adjourned.

228. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, September 28th at 11 a.m."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Sir Norman Angell, F.M.Burris, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Miss K.D.Courtney, Captain H.F.Crookshank, Lord Dickinson, Mrs.Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Lady Hall, Major Hills, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, the Rev.Dugald Macfadyen, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, H.F.Shaw, Rennie Smith, J.C.Smuts, H.S.Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

229. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen, Major Anthony Buxton, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Captain L.H. Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Miss Megan Lloyd-George, Sir John Power, John Sherborne, Major Lawrence Wright, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern.

230. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 219 and 221, the minutes of the Committee dated September 21st, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 219 - Lord Grey, the Chairman reported that he had written to Captain Graves and had received a sympathetic reply from him.

On Minute 221 - Disarmament (c) Communication from the National Peace Council, the Secretary reported that, in consultation with Mr. Gerald Bailey, he was proceeding with the arrangements for the proposed deputation to the Prime Minister.

231. REPRINTING OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Editorial Committee be asked to consider the desirability of reprinting in the Union's journals from time to time extracts from suitable newspaper articles, as for example that which appeared in the TIMES on September 28th on the subject of Disarmament."

The Secretary stated that he had already given instructions with a view to obtaining reprints of the article on the League's Assembly which appeared in the TIMES of September 26th.

232. SITUATION IN AUSTRIA AND GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY. A general discussion took place on the present situation in Austria and German foreign policy. Dr. Gooch spoke of the situation in Germany and her Eastern neighbour States as he had found it during his recent visit. Sir Norman Angell felt that it was the duty of the Union to show the relation of this problem to the cause it had been trying to preach for ten years. The solution to the problem was a real League as indicated by the Covenant. The old pre-war competition of power differed from the League principle



in that Germany was then confronted by a circle of countries seeking power over her; but they gave her no assurance that her rights would be respected. Our business as a Union supporting the League was to see that under the League system the united nations offered Germany all that they claimed for themselves, while making it clear that they would not permit any conspiracy against the peace or any defiance of Germany's obligations as a Member of the League. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the policy outlined by Sir Norman Angell be approved."

Mrs. Dugdale drew attention to the fact that, whereas the treatment of the Jews in Germany had been a doubtful case for the League since Germany had not signed any minority treaties, a Jewish persecution in Austria would be quite different in view of Austria's obligations to her racial and religious minorities. Mrs. Dugdale went on to refer to the possibility that, during the meeting of the Assembly, the Dutch Government would raise the question of appointing a Refugee Commissioner and that the British Government would support the proposal. The Chairman expressed his willingness to write to Sir John Simon on this subject.

Professor Murray reported to the Committee a letter which had been received from the Council of Austrian Peace Societies, in which the Austrian League of Nations Society was represented, stating that, "in view of the danger threatening at the moment, we have been recommended to call a conference of leading people in the peace movement in Vienna as quickly as possible to consider what steps should be taken to develop Vienna as the principal German base of European peace, civilisation and democracy". The Chairman felt that, without the approval of Herr Dollfuss' Government, this proposal would have no chance of success, and it was

RESOLVED: "That enquiries be made privately of Herr Dollfuss in Geneva with regard to the proposal of the Council of Austrian Peace Societies."

233. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Editorial Committee. (Sir Norman Angell reported.) Subject to the following report on minute 55, the minutes of the Committee dated September 21st, 1933 were approved and adopted.

[These minutes included (55) Communication from Mrs. Wilson-Fox; (56) Editorial Policy; (57) Painting Book.]



On Minute 55 - Communication from Mrs. Wilson-Fox, at the request of the Chairman the Secretary explained to the Committee the circumstances in which the six-point Disarmament Programme had been drawn up. After the Committee had been reminded that each of the six points had already been approved by the Executive on previous occasions, it was

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

234. HEADWAY. In reply to a question from Mr. Shaw, the Secretary stated that, in response to the circular letter sent in June to rather less than sixty thousand members of the Union, eleven thousand persons had expressed their desire to continue to receive HEADWAY. In addition, between one and two thousand persons who, not having replied to the circular letter, had received the QUARTERLY NEWS instead of HEADWAY, had stated that they would prefer to receive HEADWAY rather than the QUARTERLY NEWS in the future; and this number was daily increasing. The present circulation of HEADWAY was about forty thousand.

In reply to a further question the Secretary stated that negotiations were at present being conducted with Messrs. Potter in regard to advertisement space in HEADWAY.

235. CO-OPTIONS. After the Committee had been reminded that there were at present two vacancies on the Committee, one of which the Committee had decided was to be filled by a Service man and in regard to which the Co-optations sub-Committee would shortly make a recommendation, and after several suggestions had been made by members of the Committee in connection with the second vacancy, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this question be adjourned until the next meeting."

236. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with much interest important resolutions adopted by the Welsh National Council at its meeting on July 8th. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to send a letter of thanks to Lord Davies."

237. CRY HAVOC! The attention of the Committee was drawn to Mr. Beverley Nichols' book entitled CRY HAVOC! and to the review of the book which was contained in the leading article in the September HEADWAY. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Editorial Committee be asked to consider and report on the possibility of obtaining a supply of reprints of the Chapter in CRY HAVOC! dealing with correspondence between Sir Norman Angell and Lord Beaverbrook for circulation to the Union's Branches."

See minute 239.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1933  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Admiral J.D.Allen, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, Lady Gladstone, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Captain L.H.Green, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Rev.Dugald Macfadyen, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Rhayader, Rennie Smith, J.C.Smuts, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

238. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Captain H.F.Crookshank, Admiral Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel, Major J.W.Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Sir John Power, Mrs. Runciman, John Sherborne, H.S.Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Pox and Professor Zimmern.

239. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decision on minute 237, the minutes of the Committee dated September 28th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

See minute 251.

On Minute 237 - CRY HAVOC! the Secretary reported that, after consulting Sir Norman Angell, he had been in communication with Messrs. Jonathan Cape with regard to the reprinting of the chapter from CRY HAVOC! entitled LORD BEAVERBROOK IS TOO BUSY. He had asked Messrs. Jonathan Cape if they would give the Union 10,000 or 15,000 copies of the reprint for free distribution to the Union's Branches, and thereafter print another 25,000 copies for sale by the Union's Branches; on the understanding that the proceeds from such sales would be used in the first place to refund to Messrs. Jonathan Cape the cost of publication, and would thereafter be divided equally between Messrs. Jonathan Cape and the Union. Dr. Garnett read to the Committee a letter dated October 3rd from Mr. Wren Howard, stating that "We are perfectly prepared to... print 3,000 or more copies of this chapter as a twelve page pamphlet for distribution to your Branches, and we hope for eventual sale through them; it being understood that the cost of printing shall be refunded to us when possible from the proceeds derived from such sale".

Mr. Worsley considered that the pamphlet would be most useful as a means of enrolling new members, and particularly in connection with house to house canvassing. He therefore hoped that a large proportion of the reprints would be available for free distribution. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be requested, in consultation with Sir Norman Angell, to communicate again with Messrs. Jonathan Cape and to enquire whether, in place of the proposal contained in their letter of October 3rd, they would accept



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a proposal that a large proportion (say 40,000 copies) of the whole issue of the pamphlet should be available for free distribution in order that Branches who agreed to distribute the pamphlet to non-members of the Union might be supplied with copies free of charge for this purpose; on the understanding that, in these circumstances, the Union would be prepared to bear part of the cost of publication."

240. LADY LAYTON. The Chairman reported that Lady Layton would not be able to attend meetings of the Committee until the New Year.
241. MR. SHERBORNE. The Committee learned, with deep regret, of the recent death of Mrs. Sherborne, and it was  
RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. Sherborne."
242. LEAGUE BUDGET. The Chairman referred to a letter which he had received from Sir John Harris regarding the attacks which are constantly being made in connection with the League Budget, particularly by Great Britain, and suggesting that a sub-Committee of the Executive should be appointed to consider the question with a view to making constructive proposals. After discussion it was  
RESOLVED: "That a sub-Committee, consisting of Lord Cecil, Major Buxton, Lord Rhayader and Professor Murray, with power to add to their number, be appointed to enquire into the Budget of the League and to make recommendations."  
Major Buxton expressed the hope that the sub-Committee would also enquire into, and make recommendations concerning, the non-payment of their contributions by certain States Members of the League.
243. DISARMAMENT. (a) France. Lord Cecil referred to a statement which had recently appeared in French and other newspapers to the effect that a great controversy was taking place in regard to the possibility of the French reducing the numbers of their army, and that it was doubtful whether they could be induced to support any policy on those lines. The Chairman promised to make enquiries from the Foreign Office concerning the accuracy of this statement.  
(b) Private Manufacture of Arms. The Chairman spoke of the strong feeling which existed throughout the country concerning the private manufacture of arms, and suggested the possibility of holding a meeting in the Albert Hall on the subject. After discussion it was



See minute 251.

RESOLVED: "That the following motion be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee:-

'That it is contrary to the public interest that the manufacture and sale of armaments should be carried on for private profit.'

(c) Resolution of Labour Party Conference. Reference was made to the resolution adopted by the Conference of the Labour Party on the previous day. The Chairman suggested to Mr. Rennie Smith that, if he wished to have the resolution discussed, he should send in writing to the Secretary a motion for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

(d) Deputation to the Prime Minister. At the request of the Chairman the Secretary read to the Committee the formal letter of invitation which had been sent to all those persons who had been asked to take part in the deputation to the Prime Minister, together with a list of those who had so far promised to accompany the deputation, subject to their other engagements. The Secretary also read to the Committee the letter he had addressed to the Prime Minister, asking him to receive the deputation. The Prime Minister had replied that, on the question of disarmament, he thought it necessary that the Foreign Secretary should be with him when he received the deputation; and since Sir John Simon was going back to Geneva this week he must hold over the question of receiving the deputation until Sir John Simon returned.

(e) Geneva Demonstration. Lord Cecil reported that great difficulty had been experienced in obtaining speakers for the Disarmament Demonstration on October 15th, and he had just heard from Dame Adelaide Livingstone that M. Motta was unable to take the Chair at the meeting. Dame Adelaide had therefore invited M. William Martin to preside, and he had accepted the invitation. Lord Cecil stated that, in these circumstances, he would consider, when he arrived in Geneva during the week-end, the relative disadvantages of abandoning the meeting or proceeding with the present arrangements.

244. THE FAR EAST. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the article on JAPAN AND THE LEAGUE SYSTEM which Dr. Garnett had written in the current number of the CONTEMPORARY REVIEW.

245. TORONTO CONFERENCE. Lord Cecil reported very briefly on the Conference which he had recently attended in Toronto. It was, he thought, very satisfactory from a League point of view. There was a practically unanimous opinion that it was very desirable to preserve the British Commonwealth, and that it could only be done on the basis of the League of Nations.

At this stage Professor Murray had to leave the meeting and the Chair was taken by Lord Cecil.



246. ECONOMIC SITUATION. The Committee considered a draft resolution (S.G.6194) which had been approved by Professor Murray as well as by Mr. Hartley Withers, the Chairman of the Economic Committee, for submission to the December meeting of the General Council. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this draft resolution, together with the proposal of the Industrial Advisory Committee for a pamphlet on the effects of economic nationalism (see minute 247 below) be referred for consideration by the Economic Committee with the addition of Captain Green, Lady Hall and Mr. Walkden, with power to add to their number; and that the Economic Committee be asked to report to the next meeting of the Executive on October 19th."

247. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) Subject to the following decision on minutes 95, 96 and 98, the minutes of the Committee dated September 28th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (88) Membership; (89) Conferences on the I.L.O.; (90) Fircroft Residential College; (91) Unfair Commercial Practices; (92) Industrial Affiliations; (93) Annual Conference, 1934; (94) T.U.C. Brighton; (95) Resolutions for the December Meeting of the General Council; (96) Hours of Work in Coal Mines; (97) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (98) Economic Nationalism.

On Minute 95 - Resolutions for the December Meeting, after the Chairman had expressed the opinion that resolutions for submission to the General Council should be as short and concise as possible, it was

RESOLVED: "That these resolutions be approved in principle, but that Captain Green be asked to prepare a shortened form of resolutions (2) and (3) for consideration by the Committee at their next meeting."

On Minute 96 - Hours of Work in Coal Mines, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved, and that it be left to the Chairman to nominate the deputation."

On Minute 98 - Economic Nationalism, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred for consideration by the Economic sub-Committee as indicated in minute 246 above."



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248. CO-OPTATIONS. Lady Parmoor stated that she would be leaving for Egypt in November and would not be returning to this country until the middle of March. In these circumstances she felt she ought to offer her resignation from the Committee. The Committee expressed their desire to retain Lady Parmoor's help in their work.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Co-optations Sub-Committee be asked to make recommendations with regard to the two vacancies at present existing on the Committee."

- (2) "That in Professor Zimmern's absence abroad, Mr. Rennie Smith be asked to serve on the sub-Committee."

249. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions from the Burslem, Bentham and Southampton Branches were received by the Committee. The Secretary was asked to inform the Secretaries of Bentham and Southampton that it was not within the power of the Executive Committee to deal with a matter which had previously been decided by the General Council.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, LONDON, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 19TH, 1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Admiral Allen, Sir Norman Angell, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, the Dean of Chichester, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. E. Dugdale, H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Captain L.H.Green, Dr. G.P.Gooch, Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Captain J. de V.Loder, the Reverend Dugald Macfadyen, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Rennie Smith, J.C.Smuts, H.S.Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

250. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Captain Crookshank, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Professor Murray, Sir John Power, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne and Professor Zimmern.
251. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 239, 242 and 243, the minutes of the Committee dated October 5th were confirmed as circulated.

See minute 263.

On Minute 239 - 237 - CRY HAVOC! the Secretary reported that, in addition to the offer which Messrs. Jonathan Cape had already made to print 8,000 copies of the reprint from CRY HAVOC! for free distribution and 25,000 copies for sale, he had arranged for a further 10,000 copies to be printed for free distribution on the lines suggested in minute 239. Two-thirds of the cost of printing the additional 10,000 copies would be defrayed by the Union. The Secretary hoped that the pamphlet would be ready for distribution before the beginning of November.

On Minute 242 - League Budget, it was

RESOLVED: "That Sir John Harris be invited to serve on the sub-Committee 'to enquire into the Budget of the League and to make recommendations'".

Sir John Harris expressed his willingness to prepare a memorandum for consideration by the sub-Committee.

On Minute 243(e) - Geneva Demonstration, Lord Cecil reported that the Demonstration held in Geneva on October 15th had been very successful. The resolution adopted by the meeting had been presented to Mr. Arthur Henderson on the following day by a representative deputation. Mr. Henderson, in reply, had made a striking speech which Lord Cecil hoped would be printed and circulated. It was



RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil be asked to send, on behalf of the Committee, a letter of thanks to Dame Adelaide Livingstone."

252. GERMANY. A general discussion took place on the situation arising out of Germany's withdrawal from the Disarmament Conference. Mrs. Wilson-Fox presented to the Committee a resolution which had been adopted by the Women's Advisory Council at its meeting on the previous day. Lord Cecil read to the Committee a letter and draft resolution which he had received from Professor Murray. A letter from Professor Murray to Lord Rhayader was also read to the Committee. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union

Welcomes the recent statement by Mr. Baldwin affirming the determination of H.M. Government to carry out its existing treaty obligations.

Urges H.M. Government to use its utmost endeavours to secure an immediate first measure of disarmament on the part of the Powers from whom it is due in fulfilment of the pledges made to Germany 14 years ago.

Recognises the renewed alarm of other nations at the resuscitation of the militant spirit in Germany; and

Expresses its earnest desire for the continuance of the World Disarmament Conference and its conclusion of a Convention assuring equality of status and security for all nations, as well as the co-operation of States to educate their public opinion in the spirit and methods of peace, and embodying at least the following points:-

Abolition within a specified period of "aggressive weapons", including the air weapon;

Substantial reduction of armaments and limitation of expenditure;

A permanent organisation to exercise a strict supervision of existing armaments, including their manufacture and sale, to prevent rearmament by any State and to prepare for further disarmament."

△Note: the final wording was left to a small sub-Committee who settled it as above after the meeting.

(2) "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Women's Advisory Council for their resolution."



See minute 263.

Lord Cecil further read to the Committee the draft of a Message which Professor Murray had suggested the Executive might like to send to Herr Hitler. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (3) "That no action be taken."

Mr. Rennie Smith expressed his willingness to prepare, for consideration by the Committee at their next meeting, (a) a memorandum containing evidence of the actual re-arming of Germany at the present time, and (b) a memorandum dealing with the use of German industry in peace time for war purposes.

253. COMMUNICATION FROM DR. MAUDE ROYDEN. Lord Cecil read to the Committee a letter he had received from Dr. Maude Royden stating that she and her friends at the Guildhouse were very anxious to respond in some way to Hitler's appeal and had booked the Albert Hall for a public meeting on November 7th at which she hoped the Reverend Dick Sheppard would be one of the speakers. Dr. Royden had written to Dame Adelaide Livingstone for advice about the organisation of this meeting and Dame Adelaide had expressed her willingness to postpone taking her leave and to return to London for the purpose of organising the meeting, if the Executive agreed. Lord Cecil further reported a telephone conversation he had had with Dame Adelaide in the course of which she had suggested that Dr. Royden's meeting, and the demonstration which the Union proposed to hold in the Albert Hall in December in connection with the General Council meeting, might be combined. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Dame Adelaide Livingstone be asked not to postpone her holiday for the purpose of organising Dr. Royden's meeting on November 7th; that the Union be not associated with this meeting; and that Lord Cecil be asked to use every effort to dissuade Dr. Royden from holding the meeting."

254. DISARMAMENT.

(a) Deputation to the Prime Minister. The Committee were reminded of the arrangements which had been made by Dr. Garnett and Mr. Gerald Bailey for a deputation to wait upon the Prime Minister on the subject of disarmament. Mr. MacDonald had thought it necessary that the Foreign Secretary should be with him when he received this deputation, and he had therefore asked that the question of receiving the deputation should be held over until Sir John Simon returned to England. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the members of the proposed deputation be asked whether, in the present altered circumstances, they would still wish to take part in a deputation to the Prime Minister on the subject of disarmament; and that it be left to Lord Cecil and Professor Murray to decide, in the light of the replies received, whether or not the arrangements for the deputation should be continued."



(b) Private Manufacture of Arms. It was

RESOLVED: "That the motion contained in minute 243(b) be adjourned for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee."

255. GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the following resolution drafted by Captain Green in accordance with minute 247 of the last meeting,

"Ratification of Conventions.

The General Council of the League of Nations Union

Notes with satisfaction the steps that are being taken towards ratification of the Conventions dealing with Dockers (protection against accidents), and the Marking of the Weight of Packages Transported by Vessels;

Observes that there are other Conventions of equal importance, such as Hours of Work in Coal Mines, the Age of Entry of Children into non-Industrial Occupations, Hours of Work of Employees in Industry, the Abolition of Fee-Charging Agencies and the minimum Age of Entry into Agriculture; and

Hopes that H.M. Government will ratify these outstanding Conventions without further delay."

and it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be included in the name of the Executive Committee in the Preliminary Agenda for the December meeting of the General Council."

The Committee then proceeded to consider the Preliminary Agenda for the meeting of the Council (S.G.6233) and it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That it be suggested to the Kensington Branch that the words 'at the appropriate time' be inserted after the word 'Executive' in the last paragraph of their resolution;
- (2) That notice be given that the Executive intends to move a resolution on Germany and Disarmament at the meeting of the Council;
- (3) That, subject to the above, the Preliminary Agenda for the December meeting of the Council be approved."

256. CO-OPTATIONS. It was reported that the Co-optations sub-Committee had met on October 10th and had recommended that Lord Howard of Penrith be invited to join the Committee. A recommendation with regard to the other vacancy would be made later. It was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Howard of Penrith be invited to serve on the Committee for the year ending June, 1934."

See minute 263.



257. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October 5th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (22) Lapsed Members; (23) Branches, Junior Branches and Junior sections; (24) Corporate Members, Corporate Associates and Business Associates; (25) Membership; (26) Peace Week Scheme; (27) Membership for Commercial Firms; (28) Life Membership; (29) War in Contravention of the Covenant; (30) Affiliation of Branches to other Organisations; (31) Nottinghamshire Federal Council.

- (b) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 30, the minutes of the Committee dated October 10th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (30) Members of the Staff and Trade Unions; (31) Intelligence Staff; (32) Film Work; (33) Press work in Geneva; (34) Dame Adelaide Livingstone.

On Minute 30 - Members of the Staff and Trade Unions, it was

RESOLVED: "That further consideration of this minute be adjourned until the next meeting."

- (c) Finance Committee. (Major Lawrence Wright reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October 10th, 1933, were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (51) Financial Statement; (52) Central Office; (53) Budget for 1934; (54) Federal Councils; (55) Business Associates; (56) Appeals in London; (57) City of London Branch; (58) Legacies; (59) Appeals Expenses; (60) Disarmament Meeting in Geneva on October 15th; (61) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

- (d) Economic Committee. Subject to the following decision on minute 12, the minutes of the Committee dated October 12th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (12) Resolution on the Economic Situation; (13) Economic Nationalism.

On Minute 12 - Resolution on the Economic Situation, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolutions for submission to the General Council be approved; and that the Economic Committee be asked to prepare for consideration by the Executive a report on the methods by which economic and financial pressure might be used for the maintenance of peace."

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258. COMMUNICATION FROM LORD CRANBORNE. Lord Cecil stated that he had recently learned from Lord Cranborne that Mr. Baldwin was a little disturbed by the fact that certain Branches of the Union communicated to the Government, on notepaper on which his name was printed as Honorary President, resolutions criticising or condemning the Government's conduct. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to arrange that the names of the Honorary Presidents do not appear on the notepaper used by local Branches of the Union."

259. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES. Lord Cecil reported that, at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Federation, held in Geneva on October 14th, it had been decided to transfer the headquarters of the Federation from Brussels to Geneva, and a small sub-committee had been appointed to make arrangements for the transfer. A full report would be presented to the Executive at its next meeting.

260. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Bourn and Basingstoke Branches of the Union. It was reported that 250 resolutions had been adopted by local Branches on the subject of Disarmament and had been forwarded to the meeting in the Queen's Hall on October 13th and to the Demonstration in Geneva on October 15th.

261. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on the normal day, November 2nd."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Admiral Allen, P.J.Noel Baker, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil, the Dean of Chichester, Miss K.D. Courtney, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, Lord Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W.Hills, Dr.C.W. Kimmins, Captain J. de V.Loder, The Reverend Dugald Macfadyen, T.M.McGiff, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.F.Shaw, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

262. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Lady Henschel, Lord Lytton, Lady Layton, Sir John Power, H.S.Syrett, and Professor Zimmer.
263. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decision on minutes 251(239), 253, 256 and 257, the minutes of the Committee dated October 19th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 251(239) - CRY HAVOC! the attention of the Committee was drawn to the reprint of the chapter entitled "Lord Beaverbrook is too busy" from Mr. Beverley Nichols' CRY HAVOC!

On Minute 253 - Communication from Dr. Maude Royden, it was reported that Dr. Royden had abandoned her arrangements for the proposed meeting in the Albert Hall on November 7th. She had, however, promised to address a meeting, organised by the Women's Peace Crusade, to be held in the Queen's Hall on November 18th.

On Minute 256 - Co-optations, it was reported that Lord Howard of Penrith was unable to accept the invitation to serve on the Executive since he did not expect to spend more than three or four months of the year in London.

On Minute 257(b) (30) - Members of the Staff and Trade Unions, it was reported that the Chairman had, in the absence of Mr. Elvin and Captain Green, agreed to the further consideration of this minute being adjourned until the next meeting.

264. DISARMAMENT.

(a) Private Manufacture of Arms. Lord Cecil proposed the following motion to the Committee:-



"That it is contrary to the public interest that the manufacture and sale of armaments should be carried on for private profit."

He reminded the Committee that this resolution had nothing to do with the question whether Germany was behaving badly in regard to her armaments at the present time. The point was whether or not it was desirable that there should be a large body of manufacturers whose interest it was to promote unrest in the world in order to encourage the sale of their products. It was reported that this resolution had already been included in Lord Cecil's name in the Preliminary Agenda for the General Council. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That it is contrary to the public interest that the manufacture and sale of armaments should be carried on for private profit."

(2) "That the above resolution be included, in the name of the Executive, in the Final Agenda for the December meeting of the General Council; and that, in the meantime, a sub-Committee consisting of Mr. Noel Baker, Colonel Carnegie, Captain Loder, Lord Cecil and Mr. Syrett, with power to add to their number, be appointed to prepare a report on the subject for consideration by the General Council."

(b) Proposed Meeting in the Albert Hall. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That a public meeting be organised in the Albert Hall in connection with the meeting of the General Council on December 15th "

(2) "That it be left to a sub-Committee, consisting of Lord Cecil, Mr. Noel Baker, Mrs. Dugdale and the Chairman, to prepare for submission to the meeting a resolution, re-affirming belief in the collective system as the only way by which the world can attain security, and dealing, in a separate resolution or otherwise, with the present situation in regard to disarmament."

(c) Lord Cecil's Letter and Enclosure to Branches. Mrs. Dugdale criticised the memorandum entitled DISARMAMENT AND GERMANY which had been sent to Branches of the Union (together with the resolution adopted by the Committee at its last meeting and a covering letter from Lord Cecil) on the ground that it had not been considered or authorised by the Executive. Lord Cecil agreed that his covering letter to Branches should have explained clearly that the memorandum was from himself and not from the Executive Committee.



(d) Geneva Demonstration. Miss Courtney drew the attention of the Committee to the Official Journal dated October 26th containing Mr. Henderson's speech to the deputation which waited upon him in Geneva, as well as the messages sent to the demonstration by various heads of States. The Secretary reported that copies of the Journal were being sent to all those Branches who had forwarded resolutions to the meeting.

(e) Letter from Mr. Henderson. The Committee had before them a letter, dated 17th October, from Mr. Henderson to Lord Cecil, and it was

RESOLVED: "That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Henderson."

(f) Communication from Professor Zimmern. It was reported that Professor Zimmern had suggested that the immediate objective of the Union policy should be the insertion in the Draft Disarmament Convention of provision for world control of the sale and shipment of a selected list of 'key' minerals, especially ferro-alloys. Thus control under the Convention could be effectively applied to non-signatory countries. Professor Zimmern had referred to WORLD MINERALS AND WORLD POLITICS by C.K. Leith of the University of Wisconsin, and especially to the diagram on page 143 of that work. It was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Zimmern's suggestion be referred to the Political Committee for consideration and report."

65. DEPUTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER. The Secretary reported that, in accordance with the decision recorded in minute 254(a) of the last meeting, he had written to all the members of the proposed deputation, asking them whether, in the present altered circumstances, they would still wish to take part in a deputation to the Prime Minister which would now urge that the Disarmament Conference should continue and produce a Draft Convention which would be presented to Germany as the joint proposal of the Conference. The Draft Convention should cover the ground indicated in the deputation's original request for an interview. It should:-

1. Limit expenditure upon armaments;
2. Forbid the re-armament of any nation;
3. Provide for the abolition within a limited period of every type of weapon forbidden to Germany by the Treaty of Versailles;
4. Establish during that period an effective, regular and continuous system of international supervision extending
  - a. to the armaments of all nations alike;
  - b. to the traffic in and manufacture of arms; and
  - c. to civil aviation.



The following persons had agreed, subject to their other engagements, to serve on the deputation:-

Archbishop of Canterbury  
The Reverend L. Maclean Watt (Moderator of the Church of Scotland)

Bishop of Chichester  
Dean of Chichester  
Dr. J. Scott Lidgett  
The Reverend W. Lewis Robertson (Moderator of the Federal Council of Evangelical Free Churches)  
H. J. Morland (Clerk to the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends)

Canon Raven  
The Reverend R. Rowntree Clifford (President of the Baptist Union)

The Reverend H. Elvet Lewis, D.D. (Chairman of the Congregational Union)

The Reverend W. H. Drummond (World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches)

Commissioner Henry W. Mapp (Salvation Army)

Lord Howard of Penrith (Member of Catholic Council of International Relations)

Professor Gilbert Murray (Regius Professor of Greek, Oxford)

Professor G. M. Trevelyan, O.M. (Regius Professor of Modern History, Cambridge)

Headmaster of Harrow

Sir Thomas Holland, K.C.I.E., F.R.S. (Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh University)

Captain H. N. Penlington, M.A. (President of National Union of Teachers)

Sir F. Gowland Hopkins, LL.D., D.Sc., F.R.S. (President of Royal Society and of the British Association)

J. B. Priestley

Miss Winifred Holtby

Barrow Cadbury (formerly Chairman, Cadbury Bros.; Vice-Chairman, National Adult School Union)

A. G. Walkden (Trades Union Congress)

Sir Arthur Salter

Sir Josiah Stamp

Colonel John Brown (Chairman, British Legion)

Colonel G. R. Crosfield (past Chairman of Interallied Federation of ex-Service Men, FIDAC)

Dr. G. P. Gooch (President, National Peace Council)

Harrison Barrow (Chairman, National Peace Council)

Mrs. George Cadbury

Lord Home

Miss Courtney (President, Women's International League)

Lord Allen of Hurtwood

Lord Cecil (President, League of Nations Union)

Arnold Forster

Maxwell Garnett

Gerald Bailey.

The Secretary had written to the Prime Minister on October 23rd, asking him to receive this deputation. He had learned on October 30th from Mr. Barlow, the principal private secretary, that Mr. MacDonald would be away



See minute 271.

during the greater part of the week but, that he would be seeing the Foreign Secretary to-day. At the beginning of next week at latest he hoped to be able to give his decision. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to inform Mr. Barlow that the subject with which the proposed deputation is to deal is regarded by the Executive Committee as a matter of extreme urgency. They would therefore be glad to learn as soon as possible the Prime Minister's decision with regard to the deputation."

266. GERMANY. The Committee had before them two memoranda prepared by Mr. Rennie Smith dealing with (i) German Re-armament, and (ii) Peace time organisation of German industry for war production (S.G. 6277 and 6260). After discussion, in the course of which it was suggested that Mr. Rennie Smith should forward his memoranda to the Foreign Office, stating at the same time the authority on which they were based, it was

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Rennie Smith for his interesting memoranda."

267. REGIONS COMMITTEE. (Mr. Burris reported). The minutes of the Regions Committee dated October 23rd, 1933 were received, and it was

RESOLVED: "That on minute 20, the recommendations of the Regions Committee concerning resolutions V.8 (International Labour Organisation) and V.10 (Affiliation of Branches to other organisations) be approved; and that the recommendations contained in minutes 21 and 22 be also approved."

268. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Iraq Committee. (Professor Murray reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 12 and 13, the minutes of the Committee dated October 31st, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (10) The Assyrian Case before the Council; (11) The Policy of the League of Nations Union; (12) Communication to the Government; (13) Public Action by the Union; (14) Branch Resolutions.

On Minute 12 - Communication to the Government,  
it was

RESOLVED: "That in communicating the substance of the statement in minutell to the Foreign Secretary, the Chairman be asked to make special reference to the desirability of a League representative being sent to Iraq."



On Minute 13 - Public Action by the Union, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution suggested in this minute be included as a matter of urgency in the Final Agenda for the General Council."

- (b) Library Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October 16th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (32) Presentation of "Law Triumphant"; (33) Resolution of the British National Committee on Intellectual Co-operation; (34) Catalogue of Children's Books; (35) Loan of Books Abroad; (36) Co-opting of Mrs. Hodgson on to Library Committee; (37) Book List; (38) Voluntary Help in Library.

- (c) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 146 and 149, the minutes of the Committee dated October 16th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (137) Summer Schools, Camps and Conferences; (138) Staff; (139) Additional Assistance in the Education Department; (140) British Co-ordinating Committee for International Studies; (141) Report on Universities and Colleges; (142) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (143) Armistice Day Message; (144) Report of the Films and Slides Sub-Committee; (145) New Film; (146) Report of Youth Sub-Committee; (147) Youth Group Bulletin Finance; (148) Recognition of Junior Branches; (149) League of Nations Painting Book.

On Minute 146 - Report of Youth Sub-Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That, with the exception of paragraph (c), this minute be approved and adopted."

On Minute 149 - League of Nations Painting Book, after the material for the book had been examined by several members of the Committee it was

RESOLVED: "That a further effort be made to find a publisher for the painting book."

- (d) Religions and Ethics Committee. (Professor Murray reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October 17th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Death of Mr. G. R. S. Mead; (4) New Member of Committee; (5) Deletion of Corporate Members; (6) Series of Lectures; (7) Instruction for Speakers and Workers.



- (e) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 509, the minutes of the Committee dated October 18th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (507) Deputation on Aerial Bombing; (508) Report of Sub-Committee; (509) The Far East and the League System; (510) Disarmament; (511) Address on XIVth Assembly; (512) Reports of Representatives; (513) Application for Corporate Associateship; (515) Composition of the W.A.C. New Nominations.

On Minute 509 - The Far East and the League System, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be received, and that it be suggested to the Women's Advisory Council that the statement of policy adopted by the Executive on July 27th be quoted in their resolution."

- (f) Christian Organisations Committee. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 48 and 50, the minutes of the Committee dated October 18th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (47) Church and World Peace Committee; (48) Queen's Hall Meeting; (49) Present International Situation; (50) Geneva Cathedral Service; (51) Applications for Corporate Membership; (52) Resolutions; (53) Secretary of Committee.

On Minute 48 - Queen's Hall Meeting, it was

RESOLVED. "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Porter Goff, Miss Clarke, Miss Bruce and Mr. Boakes for their help in the organisation of the Queen's Hall Meeting on October 13th."

On Minute 50 - Geneva Cathedral Service, after the Secretary had reported that the expenses incurred by Canon Thompson Elliott in connection with his visit to Geneva for the Cathedral Service amounted to between £14 and £15, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on paragraph (1)."

- (g) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) The Minutes of the Committee dated October 19th, 1933 were approved and adopted.



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These minutes included (39) Minorities at the  
XIVth Assembly; (40) German Refugees; (41)  
Bulgarian Minorities.

269. JOINT MEETING WITH ROTARY INTERNATIONAL. It was

RESOLVED: "That Captain Green, Mr. Sherborne and  
Mr. Worsley be asked to represent the Union  
at the Joint Meeting with Rotary Inter-  
national on 8th November at 2.30 p.m."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams,  
F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David  
Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Mrs. Dugdale, H.H.Elvin,  
Miss Megan Lloyd George, Lady Gladstone,  
Dr.G.P.Gooch, Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth,  
Major J.W.Hills, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, Captain J. de  
V.Loder, Reverend Dugald Macfadyen, G. le M.  
Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord  
Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Napier, Rennie Smith,  
H.S.Syrett, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley,  
and Major Lawrence Wright, together with the  
Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

270. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral Allen,  
L.J.Cadbury, the Dean of Chichester, Miss K.D.Courtney,  
Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Lady  
Henschel, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, J.C.Smuts,  
L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern.

271. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 266,  
the minutes of the Committee dated November 2nd 1933,  
were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 266 - Germany, it was reported that Mr.  
Rennie Smith had forwarded his memoranda to the  
Foreign Office.

272. DISARMAMENT. (a) Debates in Parliament. Mrs. Dugdale read  
to the Committee an extract from Captain Eden's speech in  
the House of Commons on November 6th (printed in the second  
quarter of column 152 of HANSARD for November 7th) which  
she suggested should be printed as a leaflet. It was

RESOLVED: "That it be suggested to the Editorial Committee  
that extracts from the speeches of Captain  
Eden and Sir John Simon during the debate in  
the House of Commons on November 6th be re-  
printed in HEADWAY."

Lord Cecil drew the attention of the Committee to a com-  
munication made to the Foreign Office on behalf of the  
German Government by Herr Otto von Bismarck on October 6th.  
This communication had been published in L'EUROPE NOUVELLE,  
described as an "Official Note sent by Herr von Neurath  
in reply to a proposed Anglo-Franco-American Convention".  
Lord Cecil had read the document to the House of Lords on  
the previous day. Lord Hallsham had stated that, while  
the Government had never received any such paper, the  
German Charge d'Affaires had called at the Foreign Office  
on October 6th and had made a statement which was sub-  
stantially the same as the Note which Lord Cecil had read.  
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RESOLVED: "That the widest possible publicity should be given to this Note, and that, to this end, Lord Cecil be asked to write a letter on the subject to the TIMES." 153

(b) Deputation to the Prime Minister. The Secretary reported that the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had decided to receive the deputation at 12 noon on the following day, November 10th, at the House of Commons. He read to the Committee the programme which it was suggested the deputation should follow.

273. MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AND TRADE UNIONS. The Committee further considered minute 30 of the Office Committee dated October 10th, 1933. They also had before them the report of the Staff Committee dated April 25th, 1933 referred to in the Office Committee's minute. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (a) "That the existing decision of the Executive affording complete freedom to every member of the staff to join or not to join a Trade Union according to his or her discretion be not altered."

(b) "That, in view of the argument put forward in paragraph (c) of the Staff Committee's report of April 25th, the Executive Committee desires it to be understood that they see no kind of objection if individual members of the staff see fit to join a Trade Union."

(c) "That, as Mr. Elvin desires to have a further opportunity to address the staff, such an opportunity should be afforded to Mr. Elvin, as well as to representatives of other Trade Unions, if the members of the staff so desire."

274. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Editorial Committee. (Major Buxton reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October 19th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (59) Recovery; (60) Re-printing of Newspaper Articles; (61) Suggested Pamphlet by Lady Horsley; (62) Youth Group Bulletin; (63) Production of Pamphlet on Principles and Practice of General Inspection of Armaments; (64) Renewal Subscriptions to HEADWAY; (65) Re-printing of Speeches on the German Situation and the Disarmament Conference; (66) Revision of 50 Facts and Figures about the League of Nations; (67) Chairman. Sir John Harris reminded the Committee that, in the interests of economy, the League Secretariat had decided to discontinue their practice of sending free of charge to certain persons information on important subjects. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Editorial Committee be asked to consider this matter and to make a recommendation."



(b) International Law Committee. On the motion of Sir Walter Napier, it was

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the International Law Committee dated October 24th be considered along with the minutes of the Committee's next meeting."

(c) Overseas Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October 25th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

These minutes included (28) Report of the Federation's Executive Meeting in Geneva, October 14th; (29) Mr. Wynch's Report on his recent visit to the United States of America; (30) Overseas Report; (31) Dr. Inazo Nitobe.

(d) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated November 2nd, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

These minutes included (33) Lapsed Members; (34) Branches and Junior Branches; (35) Corporate Members and Corporate Associates; (36) Membership; (37) League of Nations Week; (38) Membership for Commercial Firms; (39) Disarmament; (40) Affiliation of Branches to other Organisations.

275. REPORT ON BYE-ELECTIONS. The Committee received a report on the Bye-Elections at East Fulham, Kilmarnock and Skipton. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That, during the Conference of Branch Secretaries on December 15th, reference should be made to the importance of appointing Constituency Correspondents for all Branches of the Union."

276. EMPIRE MARKETING BOARD. The Committee considered the following resolution adopted by a Conference of Surrey and West Sussex Rotary Clubs.

(a) "That this conference recommend to Rotary Headquarters that, in view of the dissolution of the Empire Marketing Board and the consequent availability of 18,000 advertising positions throughout the country, formerly used by that Board and now being used for Post Office propaganda, application should be made through the League of Nations Union to the responsible Government for the use of these advertisement positions for a period of three months or more, coinciding, if possible, with the period of the Disarmament Conference, for the purpose of advertising Peace."

(b) "That the terms of this resolution, if approved, be communicated to the following Associations, and that they be asked, in view of the fact that the great majority of the advertising sites in question have been provided free of charge by



Local Authorities, to support the proposal contained in the Resolution and to communicate with the appropriate Government Department at the earliest possible date:

Association of Municipal Corporations,  
Palace Chambers, Bridge Street, S.W.1.  
County Councils' Association,  
84, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.  
Rural District Councils' Association,  
191, St. Stephen's House, S.W.1.  
Urban District Councils' Association,  
Palace Chambers, S.W.1."

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary be asked to make enquiries on the lines suggested in the above resolution and to report to the Committee."

Mr. Worsley reported that at the Joint Meeting of Rotary International and the Union held on the previous day, it had been stated that, in many places, Rotary Clubs would be willing to provide sites and boards for the display of the Union's posters if the local Branches would defray the cost of the posters. It was

RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Rotary Clubs, and that the Branches of the Union be advised to avail themselves of this generous offer."

277. LEASE OF 15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT. It was reported that the reduction in the rent of the premises at 15, Grosvenor Crescent necessitated an alteration in the lease, and it was

RESOLVED: "That authority be given for the necessary alteration in the lease of 15, Grosvenor Crescent."

278. PROPOSED MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION. The Committee considered a proposal from the London Regional Federation that a message be sent, by cable or letter, to the American League of Nations Association, urging it to join even more closely in the work of influencing public opinion towards the entry of their country into the League, and it was

RESOLVED: "That no action be taken."

279. PLACE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL IN 1935. It was

RESOLVED: "That the General Council be recommended to hold their Annual Meeting in 1935 in Cambridge."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams,  
P.J.Noel Baker, Major Anthony Buxton, L.J.Cadbury,  
Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, the Dean of  
Chichester, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, Admiral  
S.R.Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Dr.G.P.Gooch,  
Captain L.H.Green, Lady Hall, Sir Arthur Haworth,  
Lady Henschel, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Captain J. de  
V.Loder, the Reverend Dugald Macfadyen, G. le M.  
Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lady Parmoor, Lord  
Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne,  
Rennie Smith, J.C.Smuts, Mrs. Wilson-Fox,  
Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, L.M.Wynch,  
together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

280. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral J.D.Allen,  
F.M.Burris, H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Sir John Harris,  
Major J.W.Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Lord  
Lytton and Professor Zimmern.

281. MINUTES. The minutes of the Committee dated November 9th,  
1933 were confirmed as circulated.

282. DISARMAMENT.

(a) Deputation to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary.  
Lord Cecil reported on the deputation which had waited  
on the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary on November  
10th. A full account of the proceedings, but not  
a verbatim record, had been given to the press. At  
the request of the Ministers Lord Cecil's questions  
and their answers were omitted from the press account.

(b) Message to Mr. Henderson. It was

RESOLVED: "That the following message be telegraphed  
to Mr. Henderson in Geneva and be there-  
after communicated to the press:-

'The Executive Committee of the League  
of Nations Union desire to assure you  
that at this difficult moment you have  
the strong support of the overwhelming  
mass of public opinion in this country.  
They trust that your recent vigorous  
action will have a beneficial result  
and that it will be unnecessary for you  
actually to resign.'"

(c) Articles in the TIMES. The attention of the Committee  
was drawn to articles appearing in the TIMES of  
November 15th and 16th, and it was



RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to write, on behalf of the Executive, to Mr. Geoffrey Dawson, expressing the gratitude of the Committee for the recent articles in the TIMES."

283. RESOLUTIONS FOR GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered two draft resolutions for the General Council, S.G.6304, prepared in accordance with minute 264b of November 2nd. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the following resolution be submitted as a matter of urgency to the General Council at its December meeting:-

'The General Council records its unaltered conviction that only through the League of Nations and the collective system can war be averted and civilisation saved.'

At the request of the Chairman, Dr. Garnett made a statement to the Committee. He urged that the question of collective security should be considered once more by the Committee at an early date and in a new light. It was quite clear that the Government's policy was to get equality in respect of types of armaments and that could only be achieved either (1) by agreement that within a specified period every type of weapon which is now forbidden to Germany should be abolished all round; or (2) by allowing Germany to acquire all those types of weapons which the other Powers decided not to abolish. If the first method were chosen the French would feel a difficulty about security, which could best be met by proving that His Majesty's Government meant to apply in practice the principle of pooled security. He therefore suggested that the Executive should pass a further resolution to show public opinion where we stood in this matter.

Mr. Noel Baker and Lord Cecil spoke in favour of this proposal. In Lord Cecil's opinion the maintenance of the provisions for security was vital to the peace of the world, and he would like to see a separate resolution on this subject prepared for the consideration of the General Council. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (2) "That consideration of the second draft resolution be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee; and that, in the meantime, the Chairman, in consultation with Mr. Noel Baker, be asked to prepare a further resolution on the subject of collective security for consideration at that meeting."

284. ALBERT HALL MEETING. The Committee considered draft resolutions for submission to the public meeting in the Albert Hall on December 15th, prepared in accordance with minute 264b of November 2nd. It was



RESOLVED: (1) "That the following resolutions be approved for submission to the Albert Hall Meeting:-" 5

- (a) This meeting records its unaltered conviction that only through the League of Nations and the collective system can war be averted and civilisation saved.
- (b) This meeting declares that it is not in the public interest that the manufacture and sale of armaments should be carried on for private profit.

It was reported that Lady Astor and Mr. Noel Baker had accepted invitations to speak at the meeting, and that the Archbishop of York and Major Walter Elliot had been invited but their replies had not yet been received. Mr. Henderson had been invited to take the Chair at the meeting but was unable to accept, and it was suggested that Lord Cecil should be asked to preside. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (2) "That the arrangements for the Albert Hall Meeting on December 15th be approved; that the expenditure, up to a maximum of £500, be guaranteed; and that Colonel Lindbergh and Mr. "Bunny" Austin be also invited to speak at the meeting."

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#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Welcome Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated November 7th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (38) Secretary's Report; (39) Reception for Modern Language Association; (40) Dinner to Count Bethlen; (41) Receptions to Students; (42) Letter from Lady Braye; (43) Madame Chang.

(b) Editorial Committee. (Major Buxton reported.) Subject to the following report on minute 71, the minutes of the Committee dated November 9th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (69) Broadsheet; (70) "Our Contemporaries" Page in HEADWAY; (71) Suggested Pamphlet on "What would now have been the conditions in Europe if there had been no League of Nations; (72) Statement countering the ideas contained in "The Economic Foundations of Peace" by Professor Laski; (73) Posters; (74) Window Bill; (75) Reprinting of Article from "Contemporary Review"; (76) "The Assembly at a Glance".

On Minute 71 - Suggested Pamphlet on "What would now have been the conditions in Europe if there had been no League of Nations, Professor Murray expressed his willingness to prepare a draft leaflet for the consideration of the Committee.

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(c) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated November 14th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (36) Intelligence Staff; (37) Film Work; (38) Miss Henson; (39) Advance to Member of the Staff.

(d) Political Committee. Lord Cecil reported, as a matter of urgency, on a minute of the Political Committee dated November 14th on the subject of Branch Officials and the Covenant. He read to the Committee a letter which had been received from Colonel Docker, Chairman of the Olton Branch of the Union, on this subject. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the statement recommended by the Political Committee to form the basis of the reply to Colonel Docker and to future enquiries of the same nature be approved in the following amended form:-

'It is desirable, as far as possible, to refrain from investigating the individual convictions of members of the Union. In the event, however, of any person holding office as an official of a local organisation giving the impression by some public utterance that he would give no support to this country's participation in collective action to resist aggression under the Covenant of the League of Nations, it should be pointed out to him that the League of Nations Union exists to support the League and the Covenant. It would then be well to invite him to read the Covenant carefully. Should he thereafter still declare himself to be prepared to work for the League of Nations Union, the matter should be pressed no further.'

(2) "That the Chairman be asked, if possible, to see Colonel Docker and to explain to him the views of the Committee on this subject."

286. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the London Speakers Group, the Fleetwood Branch and the Fellowship Branch. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the resolution of the London Speakers Group be considered at the next meeting of the Committee when the draft resolutions for the General Council are being discussed."

(2) "That the Fellowship Branch be thanked for their interesting resolution, but that it be not forwarded to H.M. Government by the Union."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams,  
Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel Carnegie, Lord Cecil,  
Miss K.D.Courtney, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank,  
Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Megan Lloyd  
George, Lady Gladstone, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Captain L.H.  
Green, Lady Hall, Lady Henschel, Dr.C.W.Kimmins,  
Captain J. de V.Loder, the Reverend Dugald  
Macfadyen, T.M.McGiff, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter  
Napier, Lord Rhyader, Mrs. Walter Runciman,  
H.F.Shaw, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, H.S.Syrett,  
Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence  
Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary  
and Deputy Secretary.

287. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral J.D.Allen,  
Sir Norman Angell, F.M.Burris, the Dean of Chichester,  
Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Sir John Harris,  
Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W.Hills, Commander Kenworthy,  
Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Lady Parmoor and Professor  
Zimmern.
288. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 284,  
the minutes of the Committee dated November 16th, 1933  
were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 284 - Albert Hall Meeting, after it had been  
reported that it had not been possible to find a  
member of the Government who would speak at the Albert  
Hall meeting on December 15th, and that arrangements  
had been made by the Labour Party to hold a Peace  
Meeting in the Albert Hall four days later, at which  
Mr. Henderson had promised to preside, it was

RESOLVED: "That the meeting to be organised by the  
Union in the Albert Hall be postponed  
until the third or fourth week in January."

289. DISARMAMENT.

- (a) Resolutions for General Council. In accordance with  
minute 283 of the last meeting, the Committee con-  
sidered draft resolutions for the General Council.  
After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolutions be included  
in the agenda for the December Meeting of  
the General Council; and that the Chairman  
be given authority to propose any amendments  
to resolution (1) which changes in the  
present situation may render necessary when  
the Council meets:

'The General Council urges H.M.Government  
to make forthwith a declaration of  
British policy on Disarmament with a



See minute 297.

view to obtaining an agreed draft which shall bring about for all nations alike

- (1) the abolition by a stated time of all the weapons now prohibited to Germany;<sup>\*</sup>
- (2) the limitation of expenditure on armaments; and
- (3) the establishment forthwith of an effective regular and continuous system of supervision and control.

<sup>\*</sup>including warships of over 10,000 tons, submarines, tanks, heavy artillery, military and naval aircraft, and chemical and bacteriological weapons.'

'The General Council reiterates its belief that it is essential that the collective system of security by common responsibility, embodied in Articles 8 to 16 of the Covenant, should be made a reality, particularly by the organisation in advance of economic and financial action.'

- (b) Memorandum by Lord Cecil. The Committee received with much interest a memorandum by Lord Cecil on the Disarmament Situation (S.G.6343). It was suggested that this memorandum should be sent, in the form of a letter, to the TIMES, if possible over the signatures of leaders from all the political parties as well as of Lord Cecil and Professor Murray. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Lord Cecil be asked to arrange for this memorandum to be published in whatever manner seems to him most effective."

- (2) "That, after publication, copies of Lord Cecil's memorandum be sent to all Branches of the Union for their information."

290. PARLIAMENTARY ACTION OF THE UNION. The Committee considered a letter to Branch Secretaries, drafted by Lord Cecil, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the letter be approved, in the attached amended form, for circulation to Branch Secretaries."

291. THE FAR EAST. The Committee considered the resolution on the Far East submitted by the Kensington Branch for the December meeting of the General Council. They were of the opinion that, in present circumstances, no useful purpose would be served by adopting this resolution and that therefore consideration of the resolution should be postponed. After discussion it was



RESOLVED: (1) "That Lady Gladstone be asked to draft an amendment, to be included in the Final Agenda in the name of the Executive Committee, re-affirming the Union's support of the League's policy and recommending that consideration of the Kensington resolution be adjourned."

(2) "That the Secretary be asked to prepare for the consideration of the Committee a memorandum on the subject of the present competition in naval armaments, and of Japan's proposal to provide armaments for Manchukuo."

292. DECEMBER MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the proof of the Final Agenda for the December Meeting of the General Council, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That an interim report on action taken on minute 515 of the Council be included in the Final Agenda, and that this be supplemented by an oral report at the meeting."

(2) "That the report of action taken on minute 541 be amended to read as follows:-

'It would be undesirable at present to ask the League to provide a definition of war or to obtain further powers than it already possesses to declare when a situation constitutes a state of war. The International Law Committee is considering whether it can suggest a definition of the expression 'resort to war' as used in the Covenant and has already advised as follows:-

The expression 'resort to war' occurring in the Covenant does not necessarily involve the setting up of a state of war in the sense in which that term is used in international law.

The term 'resort to war' as used in the Covenant includes a unilateral act irrespective of the response which the act may evoke."

The Committee went on to consider two resolutions on the Manufacture of Arms prepared by the sub-Committee appointed on November 2nd (S.G.6350). After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (3) "That the resolutions, in the following amended form, be submitted by the Executive as an amendment to their previous resolutions on this subject:

(1) The General Council, recognising the evil effects arising from the Private Manufacture of armaments;



Declares it to be contrary to the public interest that arms should be manufactured or sold for private profit;

Recommends that a vigorous national and international control of the manufacture of and trade in arms should be instituted on the lines of the Traffic in Arms Convention of 1925, and the amendments proposed by the French Government to the British Draft Disarmament Convention (May 29th, 1933), "for the purpose of establishing supervised limitation of the manufacture of and trade in war material.

- (11) The General Council receives and commends to the careful study of members and branches the Second Report\* of the Special Committee appointed by the Executive Committee upon the Private Manufacture of Armaments. (\*To be circulated).
- (4) "That the last paragraph of resolution 13 (Assyrian Christians) be amended to read as follows:

'The Council is glad to learn that the machinery and experience of the Nansen International Office for Refugees is being utilised for this purpose, and urges that H.M. Government should take their full share of the financial responsibility.'

- (5) "That, since the question of the proposed Peace Act of Parliament is at present being considered by the International Law Committee, the Welsh National Council be asked to allow consideration of their resolution (No.14) to be postponed until the next meeting of the Council."

The Chairman read to the Committee the following resolution which was recently adopted by the Oxford Branch with a view to its being submitted to the General Council.

"The General Council of the League of Nations Union, in order to organise active support for the League of Nations, recommends to its members

- (1) That they should oppose any candidates for election to Parliament who do not declare themselves in sympathy with the League of Nations; and
- (2) That they should urge individuals, and organisations to which they themselves belong, publicly to state that they will give all support to the Government in carrying out its obligations under the Covenant and the Locarno Treaties, and will actively oppose any war waged in contravention of those Treaties."



The Committee were reminded that, since the December meeting of the Council was concerned only with questions of League policy and of Union finance, this resolution could not be considered unless a special meeting was called for that purpose by the Chairman. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (6) "That the Oxford Branch resolution be included on the agenda for discussion at the Conference of Branch Secretaries on December 15th, and that copies of the resolution be circulated with the Final Agenda for the Council."

(7) "That further consideration of the Final Agenda for the Council be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee."

293. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Library Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated November 13th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (41) Mrs. Hodgson; (43) Book List.

(b) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following report and decision on minutes 154 and 167, the minutes of the Committee dated November 13th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (153) Membership of the Committee; (154) Re-appointment of Sub-Committees for 1934; (155) Report on work in Universities and Colleges; (156) Report of the Youth Sub-Committee; (157) Youth Manifesto on Disarmament and the Organisation of Peace; (158) Questionnaire to Youth Groups; (159) Youth Posters; (160) Chalice Well, Glastonbury; (161) Report of Films and Slides Sub-Committee; (162) New Film; (163) Miss Buckton; (164) Appointment of Representative on Cineman Committee of National Council of Women; (165) Panel for Modern Languages and Literature; (166) International Federation; (167) Staff of Education Department; (168) Work in the Training Colleges; (169) Observance of Armistice Day in the Schools; (170) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (171) Communication from the Christian Organisations' Committee; (172) Recognition of Junior Branches.

On Minute 154 - Re-appointment of sub-Committees for 1934, it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this minute be adjourned."

On Minute 167 - Staff of the Education Department, the Secretary reported that Mr. R.H. Bulmer had been offered a mastership at Harrow, and would therefore have to give up his work in the Education department after December 16th. It was

For further action see minute 6 of Education C'Hee dated February 12th, 1934, approved by Executive Feb. 22.



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RESOLVED: "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Bulmer for the help he has given the Union; that he be congratulated upon his new appointment; and that the Committee's best wishes for his future success be conveyed to him"

- (c) Political and Parliamentary Committee. Subject to the following report on minute 34 and to the decision on minute 33 contained in minute 285(d) of the last meeting, the minutes of the Committee dated November 14th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (31) The Future of the Disarmament Conference; (32) International Control of Minerals; (33) Branch Officials and the Covenant; (34) Open Meeting for Members of Parliament; (35) Bye-Elections; (36) Report of the Union's Disarmament Activities; (37) Membership of the Committee.

On Minute 34 - Open Meeting for Members of Parliament, it was reported that this meeting, to be addressed by M. Avenol, had been arranged for December 11th.

- (d) Christian Organisations Committee. Subject to the following report and decision on minutes 60 and 64, the minutes of the Committee dated November 15th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (57) Resolutions on Moral Disarmament; (58) Observance of Armistice Day; (59) Further Use of Four Points; (60) Summer Campaign in 1934; (61) Clergy School in Geneva; (62) Geneva Cathedral Service; (63) Composition of Committee for 1934; (64) Applications for Corporate Membership.

On Minute 60 - Summer Campaign in 1934, the Secretary reported that on November 27th a meeting of over one hundred clergy had been held in Canterbury to discuss the present international problem and the application of Christian principles to this problem. The Secretary had spoken at the morning session and Canon Raven had addressed the meeting in the afternoon. It was hoped that similar meetings would be held in other dioceses.

On Minute 64 - Applications for Corporate Membership, it was

RESOLVED: "That the list of applications for Corporate Membership contained in this minute be approved, subject to the addition of Beechgrove Church, Aberdeen."

- (e) Editorial Committee. (Major Anthony Buxton reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated November 16th, 1933 were approved and adopted.



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These minutes included (78) Poster Policy;  
(79) British Legion.

- (f) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.)  
The minutes of the Committee dated November 16th, 1933  
were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (101) General Council; (102)  
Economic Nationalism; (103) Constitution of Com-  
mittee for 1934; (104) Conferences on the I.L.O.;  
(105) Conference on Hours of Work and Employment;  
(106) Hours of Work in Coal Mines; (107) Union  
Publications on the I.L.O.; (108) International  
Federation; (109) Mr. Gillinder's Report.

- (g) International Law Committee. (Sir Walter Napier re-  
ported.) The minutes of the Committee dated October  
24th and November 21st, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (83) Mr. Moelwyn Hughes;  
(84) Definition of 'War'; (85) Optional Clause;  
(86) Peace Act of Parliament; (90) Composition  
of Committee for 1934; (91) Definition of 'War';  
(92) Optional Clause; (93) Peace Act of Parliament.

294. CO-OPTATIONS TO COMMITTEE. It was reported that the  
Co-optations sub-Committee had recommended that Professor  
Webster and Brigadier Temperley should be invited to  
serve on the Committee, and it was

RESOLVED: "That Professor C.K. Webster and Brigadier  
A.C. Temperley be invited to serve on the  
Executive for the current year; and that, in  
the event of Brigadier Temperley being unable  
to join the Committee an invitation be sent  
to Lt.-General G.S. Clive."

295. RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest  
resolutions from the Welsh National Council and from the  
Reading, Addlestone and Wallington Branches.



15, Grosvenor Crescent,  
S.W. 1.

1st December, 1933.

Dear Secretary,

1. In this most critical situation, when the authority of the League of Nations has been weakened by the withdrawal of Japan and Germany, it is a matter of great satisfaction to our Union that the speech of His Majesty the King, in opening the new session of Parliament, should contain the following sentence:

"My Government remain determined to uphold the work of international co-operation by collective action through the machinery of the League of Nations".

Nothing is more important than for the citizens of this country to make it abundantly clear to all Members of Parliament that this determination represents the convictions of the vast majority of the people, who look for a vigorous policy to give effect to it. If you have not recently assured your Member of Parliament of this fact, I trust that you will not delay to do so.

2. The preoccupation of the press and of public opinion with the international crisis has inevitably given rise to controversy upon important questions of foreign policy between supporters of the Government of the day and supporters of the Opposition. These differences of opinion, which often give rise to bitter feelings, extend to the Covenant of the League itself and to other Treaty obligations of this country. The Executive Committee, however, including as it does persons belonging to all parties, continues to maintain and develop the proposals which — irrespective of any partisan considerations — it considers best suited to advance the cause of international co-operation.

It is more than ever important that branches should maintain the same representative character and independence of party bias, particularly in their relations with their Members of Parliament.

3. A number of individual branches, or groups of branches within a Parliamentary Division, have on the advice of Headquarters already set up "constituency committees" for this particular purpose.

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Such a committee should be composed of three persons belonging to different political parties. Or, at the least, a "constituency representative" should be chosen who is not himself prominently identified with any political party. It is the duty of such constituency representatives and committees not only to put definite questions on behalf of the branch or branches which they represent to their Member of Parliament and to secure publicity for his replies, but to maintain regular and friendly relations with him so that he is fully informed of the Union's views. When a Bye-election or General Election occurs the machinery is thus available for ascertaining, with the least possible danger of misunderstanding, the position which each of the candidates adopts upon the great international issues of the moment.

4. At the Conference of Branch workers to be held on December 15th, on the occasion of the General Council meetings of the Union, the Felixstowe Branch will urge the importance of establishing such an organisation in every constituency. I intend most earnestly to support that proposal; and I trust that your delegate or delegates will come to the meeting prepared to contribute to the discussion and to state whether, if your branch or district has not appointed a constituency committee or representatives already, it will be prepared to do so at the earliest possible moment.

Yours sincerely,

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1. ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 1933  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, P.J.Noel Baker, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, the Dean of Chichester, Miss H.D.Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral J.R.Drury-Lowe, Mrs.Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Major J.W.Hills, Dr.C.W. Kimmins, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, Reenie Smith, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

296. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sir Norman Angell, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, H.H.Elvin, Captain L.H.Green, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Lord Lytton, the Reverend Dugald Macfadyen, Lady Pannoor, John Sherborne, H.S.Syrett and Professor A.E.Zimmern.

297. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 289(b) and 294, the minutes of the Committee dated November 30th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 289(b) -- Memorandum by Lord Cecil, it was reported that Lord Cecil had sent his letter to leading members of all the political parties but none had seen their way to sign it. He had thereafter signed the letter alone and sent it to the TIMES, who had asked to be excused from publishing it at the present moment.

On Minute 294 -- Co-optations to Committee, it was reported that Brigadier-General Temperley, while thanking the Committee for their invitation, felt unable to accept membership of the Executive while he remained an officer on the Active List and the military Representative of H.M.Government at the Disarmament Conference. It was further reported that Professor Webster was at present in Vienna but that the Executive's invitation had been forwarded to him.

298. DISARMAMENT.

(a) Competition in Naval Armaments. The Committee received a memorandum (S.G.6364) on the subject of the present competition in naval armaments and of Japan's proposal to provide armaments for Manchukuo, prepared in accordance with minute 291(?) of the last meeting.

(b) Albert Hall Meeting. The Secretary informed the Committee of the dates towards the end of January and beginning of February on which the Albert Hall would be available, and it was

RESOLVED: "That the Albert Hall be provisionally booked for Tuesday, February 6th, and that the programme for the meeting be decided later."

See minute 307.



See minute 307.

(c) Communication from the London Regional Federation. The Committee considered a communication from the London Regional Federation (S.G. 6362) recording its views and offering certain suggestions with regard to the Union's policy on Disarmament. After discussion, in the course of which Mr. Rennie Smith referred to the article on aerial disarmament by Mr. P.J. Noel Baker in the DAILY HERALD for December 4th, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Miss Courtney be asked to draft a rider to be added to the Executive's resolution on Germany and Disarmament for the General Council, dealing with the control of civil aviation and, in particular, with the statement made by Lord Londonderry in the House of Lords on November 29th."

(2) "That further consideration of the communication from the London Regional Federation be adjourned until the next meeting."

299. ITALY AND THE LEAGUE. The Committee considered the decision of the Fascist Grand Council, at its meeting on December 6th, that "the continued collaboration of Italy with the League of Nations shall be conditional upon the radical reform of the League in its constitution, organisation and objectives within the shortest possible time". If the changes advocated by the Fascist Grand Council were designed to secure

- (a) the inclusion of the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. in a reformed League;
- (b) workable machinery for the revision of treaties;
- (c) separation of the League's Covenant or constitution from the Treaties of Peace; and
- (d) the abolition or reduction of the influence of all except the Great Powers in League affairs;

members of the Committee said that the first three objects would be welcomed if Italy could suggest means for attaining them by general agreement. The fourth objective was highly undesirable but perhaps some practical convenience might be achieved by expanding the provisions of Clause 10 of Article 15.

It was suggested that a question should be asked in the House of Commons so as to secure an answer which would show that the present British Government and Parliament were, in the words of the King's Speech, "determined to uphold the work of international co-operation by collective action through the machinery of the League of Nations" of which the small Powers form an indispensable part. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Major Hills' offer to ask a question on these lines in the House of Commons be welcomed"

(2) "That when further information regarding the Italian proposals is available, the Political and Parliamentary Committee be asked to consider and report on the suggested amendments to the Covenant."



300. SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST. The Committee received with interest a memorandum by Mr.L.M.Wynch (S.G.6349) concerning the resolution submitted by the Kensington Branch for the General Council. The Committee also received, in confidence, an extract from a letter (S.G.6363) addressed to Lord Lytton and stating that despite Japanese claims to the contrary, Manchuria was in a greater state of disorder than it had ever been prior to September, 1931.

301. DECEMBER MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the Final Agenda for the General Council, and it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That members be invited to take charge of the various items contained in the Final Agenda as follows:-

I. Welcome. M.Avenol, Mr. Arthur Henderson and Captain Eden to be invited to say a few words of welcome to the Council.

II. Minutes. Lord Cecil.

IV. Budget. Lord Queenborough to propose, and Sir John Power to second, resolutions.

Resolutions.

1. The Far East. Lady Gladstone to move Executive's amendment.

2. Germany and Disarmament. Mr.P.J.Noel Baker.

3. Armaments. Lord Cecil to move, and Professor Paton to second, paragraph (1); and Colonel Carnegie to propose paragraph (2).

4. World Trade. Mr. Hartley Withers.

5. Hours of Work. Lady Hall.

6. Ratification of Conventions. Captain Green.

7. International Labour Organisation. Mr. Burris to deal with recommendation from Executive and Regions Committees in regard to the second paragraph.

8. Douglas Social Credit Scheme. Mr. Sherborne to propose Regions Committee's amendment, and to deal with the Wolverhampton amendment in the light of the advice received from the Economic Committee.

9. Annual Meeting of General Council in 1935. Major Buxton to make enquiries with regard to the possibility of the meeting of the General Council in 1935 being held in East Anglia, and to make a recommendation on behalf of the Executive.



10. Affiliation of Branches to other Organisations.  
Mr. Worsley.
11. The League of Nations. Sir Austen Chamberlain.
12. Collective Security. Lord Allen.
13. Assyrian Christians. The Dean of Chichester.
14. Peace Act of Parliament. Sir John Fischer Williams  
to speak on the Welsh National Council's  
resolution.
15. Disarmament Referendum. Lord Cecil.

Dr. Kinmins suggested that the General Council should be asked to consider a proposal to send a deputation to wait upon Lord Irwin on the subject of Moral Disarmament. It was

RESOLVED: (2) "That consideration of this proposal be adjourned."

It was further

RESOLVED: (3) "That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Brigadier-General J.H. Morgan for his kindness in receiving a deputation from the Union and in answering so fully the questions put to him by members of the deputation."

### 302. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Religions and Ethics. (Professor Murray reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated November 29th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (11) Corporate Members; (12) Series of Lectures; (13) Drawing Room Meetings; (14) New Member; (15) Composition of Committee in 1934.

(b) Editorial Committee. (Major Buxton reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated November 30th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (81) Pamphlet on Disarmament; (82) Printing of Catalogue of Children's Books; (83) Union Publications on the I.L.O.

(c) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Napier reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 44, the minutes of the Committee dated November 30th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (44) Generalisation and Procedure of Form; (45) Resolution to the International Federation; (46) Refugee Questions; (47) Composition of Committee.



On Minute 44 - Generalisation and Procedure of Form,  
it was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this minute, together with the memorandum by Sir Walter Napier, be adjourned until the next meeting."

- (d) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 48, the minutes of the Committee dated November 30th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (43) Disarmament; (44) Lapsed Members; (45) Branches and Junior Branches; (46) Corporate Members and Associates; (47) Membership; (48) Membership for Commercial Firms; (49) Communications for Branch Officials; (50) Composition of Committee for 1934; (51) Sale of Emblems on Goodwill Day.

On Minute 48 - Membership for Commercial Firms,  
it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to the words 'of it and to organise support for it' being substituted for the words 'and understanding of it'."

- (e) Finance Committee. (Lord Rhayader reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated December 5th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (63) Financial Statement; (64) General Council Meeting, December 14th, 1933; (65) Federal Councils; (66) Lease of 15a, Grosvenor Crescent; (67) Legacies; (68) Albert Hall Meeting; (69) Geneva Cathedral Service; (70) New Zealand League of Nations Union; (71) Composition of Committee for 1934; (72) Loan on Insurance Policies; (73) 50 Facts and Figures; (74) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

303. BYE-ELECTIONS. The Committee received a report on the Rusholme, Rutland and Stamford, and Harborough Bye-Elections.

304. CLOSING OF OFFICE AT CHRISTMAS. It was

RESOLVED: "That the office be closed from 5.30 p.m. on Friday, December 22nd, until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27th."

305. RECEPTION FOR COUNT BETHLEN. It was unanimously

RESOLVED: "That the grateful thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Sir John and Lady Power for the reception they so kindly gave for Count Bethlen on December 6th."

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST,  
1933 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Lord Cecil (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Admiral J.D.Allen, F.J.Noel Baker, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Miss K.D.Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Captain L.H.Green, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Commander Kenworthy, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, the Reverend Dugald Macfadyn, T.M.McGiff, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader, Rennie Smith, J.C.Smuts, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

306. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Sir Norman Angell, L.J.Cadbury, Colonel David Carnegie, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Layton, Professor Murray, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, John Sherborne and Professor A.E.Zimmern.

307. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minutes 297 (294) and 298(c) the minutes of the Committee dated December 7th, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 297(294) - Co-optations to Committee, it was reported that Professor C.K.Webster had accepted the Committee's invitation to serve on the Executive, but that General E.S.Clive was unable to accept the invitation while he remained an officer on the Active List with full time work at the War Office. Major Buxton expressed his willingness to ascertain from General Clive whether it would be possible for him to accept membership of the Executive in the near future, and it was

RESOLVED: "That unless Major Buxton is able to report that General Clive is likely to accept membership of the Executive Committee in the near future, the advice of members of the Services Committee be obtained on the question which General, recently on the Active List, would best fill the vacancy."

On Minute 298(c) - Communication from the London Regional Federation, Lord Cecil reported that Miss Courtney had drafted a rider on the subject of the control of civil aviation, but that he had thought it better not to complicate the issue in the General Council's resolution so that Miss Courtney's rider was not submitted to the Council.

308. DISARMAMENT.

(a) Albert Hall Meeting. The Committee were reminded that the meeting which the Labour Party had proposed to hold on December 19th had been postponed until the New Year.

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The Albert Hall had been provisionally booked for the Union's meeting for Tuesday, February 6th. After discussion it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That the Secretary be asked to inform the organisers of the Labour Party meeting that the Union intends to hold a meeting in the Albert Hall on Tuesday, February 6th."
- (2) "That Mr. Arthur Henderson be invited to preside at the meeting, and that the following be asked to speak: Lord Cecil (unless he presides in place of Mr. Henderson), Captain Eden (or Lord Irwin or Major Ormsby Gore) and Lady Astor; Major Attlee (if Mr. Henderson is unable to preside) and Mr. Noel Baker; Lord Buckmaster (or Sir Herbert Samuel); and Mr. H.W. Austin."
- (3) "That the general purpose of the meeting be that described in the resolutions adopted by the Committee on November 16th (minute 284) and that the actual text of the resolution to be submitted to the meeting be considered later."
- (4) "That Lord Cecil and Professor Murray be authorised to take on behalf of the Committee any decision that may be required before the Committee meets again."

- (b) Communication from the London Regional Federation. The Committee continued their discussion of the communication from the London Regional Federation (S.G.6362). It was

RESOLVED: "That the London Regional Federation be thanked for their communication; that in regard to paragraph (A) they be reminded that the General Council, at its recent meeting, had pressed for the abolition all round of the weapons forbidden to Germany and that their resolution had received widespread publicity; and that, in regard to paragraph (B), the suggestion that the above idea should be incorporated in the resolution to be submitted to the Albert Hall meeting be considered when that resolution is being drafted."

- (c) Deputation to Lord Irwin. The Committee were reminded that at the meeting of the General Council, Professor Murray had promised that the Executive would consider sending a deputation to wait upon Lord Irwin and the Secretary of State for Scotland on the teaching of



international civics or world citizenship, with special reference to the resolutions adopted by the International Federation of League of Nations Societies at Montreux in June, 1933, and by the International Committee for Intellectual Co-operation in the following month. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That authority be given to the Education Committee for a deputation from that Committee to wait upon Lord Irwin and the Secretary of State for Scotland."

- (d) Brussels Meeting. Lord Cecil reported on the proposal to hold an international conference and demonstration in Brussels in the middle of February, at the time of the meeting of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies, in favour of the League of Nations and the collective system. It was hoped that this demonstration would be held under the auspices of the International Federation, and that as many organisations as possible would be represented. CIAMAC, the international association of ex-service men, had already expressed their willingness to participate. Mr. Noel Baker, who had that morning returned from Brussels, reported on his conversations with M. Rolin, M. Hymans and M. Lengenrove with whom he had discussed this proposal. The Belgian Society approved of the idea and had agreed to help in the organisation of the meeting. The proposal has been favourably received by M. Lengenrove and by M. Hymans, who had promised to consider it and thereafter to write to Lord Cecil. At the suggestion of Lord Cecil and Miss Courtney, Miss Rosa Manus had been invited to help in the organisation of the meeting and had agreed to do so. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal to hold an international conference and demonstration in Brussels be approved."

309. JAPAN; GERMANY; ITALY: CIRCULAR LETTER TO BRANCH SECRETARIES. The Committee considered a draft letter to Branch Secretaries prepared by Lord Cecil (S.G.6398). After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the amendments agreed to by the Committee and to such verbal alterations as Lord Cecil may think necessary, the letter be approved for circulation to Branch Secretaries on 1st January, 1934."

310. REPORT ON MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL. The Committee considered the resolutions adopted by the General Council at its meeting on December 14th and 15th, and it was

RESOLVED: "That, with the exception of No. 7 (International Labour Organisation) the resolutions adopted by the General Council be forwarded to H.M. Government."



See minute 3.

311. MINORITIES COMMITTEE. The Committee considered (ad-journed) minute 44 (Generalisation and Procedure of Form) of the Committee dated November 30th, 1933, together with the memorandum on this subject prepared by Sir Walter Napier (S.G.6310). After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the cordial thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Sir Walter Napier for his interesting memorandum."

(2) "That the memorandum be approved."

(3) "That at the next meeting the Executive consider (a) the question of asking a sub-Committee to consider and report upon proposals for the reform of the League; and (b) the use to be made of Sir Walter Napier's memorandum."

312. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(a) Appeals Committee. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 210 and 212, the minutes of the Committee dated December 11th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (210) Report of Appeals Department Activities; (211) Mr. Aiton; (212) International Ball; (213) Dances at Political Clubs; (214) Rt.Hon. Sir Hugh O'Neill; (215) Foundation Members; (216) Guarantee Appeal.

On Minute 210 - Report of Appeals Department Activities, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to the deletion of the resolution and the preceding paragraph."

On Minute 212 - International Ball, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to the resolution being amended to read as follows:

"That arrangements for an International Ball in 1934, be proceeded with, and that the office be asked to make these arrangements."

(b) Christian Organisations Committee. The Committee considered the following resolutions adopted by the Christian Organisations Committee at their meeting on the previous day:-

(1) "That the proposals based on the Affirmation be carried out during the first six months of 1934 in the following order:-



- a. meetings similar to that held at Canterbury when 100 Clergy from the county of Kent had spent the day at the Deanery to discuss the present international situation and had resolved to accept and act upon the Affirmation.
- b. meetings of clergy and ministers and such groups as Ruri-Decanal Conferences, Ministers Fraternal, etc.
- c. the Affirmation to be displayed in the Church porch, or in some other way brought before the members of the congregation who should be asked to accept it.
- d. having accepted the Affirmation, congregations be encouraged to make a demonstration of Christian witness in the open air.

The above programme to be organised on behalf of the churches through the League of Nations Union."

- (2) "That for this purpose the Executive be asked to employ Mr. Henry Brinton of the Kent Federal Council for half of his time during the first six months of 1934."

The Secretary reminded the Committee that there would not be time to obtain the approval of the Finance Committee before the 1st January, the day on which it was hoped to start the campaign, and he therefore asked the Committee to authorise the expenditure of not more than £100 for the first two months of the campaign. The Christian Organisations Committee hoped to be able to secure donations to cover the balance of the money that would be needed for the campaign. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the proposal of the Christian Organisations Committee be referred to the Finance Committee; but that, in the meantime, a sum of not more than £100 be allocated out of the Contingency Fund to finance the campaign for the first two months."

Lord Rhayader regretted that it had not been possible to consult the Finance Committee before any action was taken on the proposal of the Christian Organisations Committee. The Chairman thanked Lord Rhayader for his vigilance in this matter, and assured him that the irregularity of procedure in this particular instance was due solely to the urgency of the matter.

At this point in the proceedings Lord Cecil had to leave the meeting and the Chair was taken by Lord Rhayader.



- (c) Rotary Joint Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Joint Committee dated November 8th, 1933 were received.

∟These minutes included (2) Arising out of Minutes; (3) Reports; (4) Co-operation; (5) Peace Campaigns; (6) I.L.O.; (7) Disarmament; (8) Bribery Convention; (9) International Auxiliary Language.∟

- (d) Welcome Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated December 5th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

∟These minutes included (47) Secretary's Report; (48) Reception for Modern Language Association; (49) Dinner to Count Bethlen; (50) Constitution of Committee for 1934.∟

- (e) Editorial Committee. (Major Buxton reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated December 7th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

∟These minutes included (85) Pamphlet on Disarmament; (86) Membership Leaflets for Religions and Ethics Committee; (87) Pamphlet on National Sovereignty and Patriotism; (88) The Locarno Treaties; (89) Posters.∟

- (f) Economic Committee. (Lord Rhayader reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated December 7th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

∟These minutes included (15) Economic Nationalism; (16) Methods of Economic and Financial Pressure; (17) General Council Agenda; (18) Composition of the Committee for 1934; (19) Spring Meetings of the International Federation.∟

- (g) Library Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 46(42) the minutes of the Committee dated December 11th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

∟These minutes included (47) Book List; (48) Dictionnaire Diplomatique; (49) Miss Jacobowitz.∟

On Minute 46(42) - Catalogue of Children's books, it was understood that the cost of printing the Catalogue of Children's Books would be met out of the Library Committee's budget.

- (h) Education Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 175(b), 180 and 186, the minutes of the Committee dated December 11th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

∟These minutes included (176) Composition of the Committee; (177) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (178) Report of the Youth Sub-Committee;∟



(179) Registration of Youth Groups; (180) Extension of Youth Groups Abroad; (181) Questionnaire to Youth Groups; (182) National Youth Campaign; (183) Youth Group Policy; (184) Youth Group Bulletin; (185) Report of the Films and Slides Sub-Committee; (186) New Film; (187) Leaflet by Miss Cleverly Paine; (188) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (189) Welsh Advisory Education Committee; (190) Curriculum Sub-Committee; (191) Conference of Educational Associations; (192) Communication from the Workers' Educational Association; (193) Summer Schools; (194) Junior Branches and Junior Sections; (195) Corporate Members. 7

On Minute 175(b) - Staff of Education Department,  
it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Office Committee for consideration and report."

On Minute 180 - Extension of Youth Groups Abroad,  
it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to the last six lines being amended to read as follows:-

'that it is undesirable that the Union should officially instigate private individuals in the Dominions and other countries to form Youth Groups, but that in the opinion of the Committee there can be no objection to such suggestions being made privately by individuals.'

On Minute 186 - New Film, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved subject to the approval of the Finance Committee."

(i) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated December 12th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (41) Half-Yearly Revision of Wages and Salaries; (42) Miss Henson; (43) Advertisement of Vacant Posts; (44) Advence to Member of the Staff; (45) Dame Adelaide Livingstone; (46) Composition of Committee for 1934.

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, January 11th, 1934."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH,  
1934 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Admiral J.D.Allen, Sir Norman Angell, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, the Dean of Chichester, Miss K.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, H.H.Elvin, Lady Gladstone, Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, the Reverend Dugald Macfadyen, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader, Professor C.A.Webster, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, L.M.Wynch and Professor Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from P.J.Noel Baker, L.J.Cadbury, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Captain L.F.Green, Major J.W.Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Rennie Smith and J.C.Smuts.
2. WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed Professor C.K.Webster who had recently joined the Committee.
3. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minutes 307(297) and 312(a) the minutes of the Committee dated December 21st, 1933 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 307(297) - Co-optations to Committee, the Secretary reported that he had consulted Sir Hugh Jeurwine, Chairman of the Services sub-Committee, who had suggested the names of five Generals for the Committee's consideration. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the names suggested by Sir Hugh Jeurwine be referred to the Co-optations Committee for consideration and report."

On Minute 312(a) - 212 - International Ball, it was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of Lady Gladstone, Mrs. Allom be invited to undertake the organisation of the International Ball in 1934."

4. DISARMAMENT.

- (a) Albert Hall Meeting. It was reported that Lady Astor, Mr. Noel Baker and Lord Cecil had accepted invitations to speak at the Albert Hall Meeting on February 6th. Mr.H.W.Austin had also promised to speak provided he was in England on that date. Invitations had also been sent to Lord Irwin and Sir Herbert Samuel but their replies had not yet been received. The Secretary reported that Mr. Vernon Bartlett would be willing to speak at the meeting if invited to do so. After a letter, dated 10th January, from Dame Adelaide Livingstone had been read to the Committee it was



RESOLVED: (a) "That arrangements for the meeting in the Albert Hall on February 6th be proceeded with."

(b) "That if Lord Irwin, or Sir Herbert Samuel, is unable to speak at the meeting, Mr. Vernon Bartlett be invited to do so."

(b) Brussels Meeting. Lord Cecil reported on the arrangements which were being made for the conference to be held under the auspices of the International Federation in Brussels in February. It was proposed to have a delegate conference on February 15th, 16th, and 17th, and a public meeting on February 17th at which it was hoped that M. Herriot and Sir Austen Chamberlain would be the speakers. The proposal had been warmly received by the French and Belgian Societies as well as by the officers of the International Federation. Arrangements had been made for Miss Mina MacDonald, the Secretary of the Glasgow and West of Scotland District Council, to leave for Brussels within a few days in order to organise the meetings under the auspices of the Federation and the general direction of Professor Ruysen.

(c) Conference in London. It was suggested that the Brussels meetings should be followed by a national conference to be held in London on March 20th, 21st and 22nd. The purpose of the Conference would be to show the Government how large a section of this country is "determined to uphold the work of international co-operation by collective action through the machinery of the League of Nations". After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That arrangements be made for a national Conference to be held in London on March 20th, 21st and 22nd."

5. PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. Lady Gladstone suggested that, in view of the extreme degree to which the world's most vital problems depended upon London for their solution, the XVIIIth Plenary Congress should meet in London. An invitation had been received to hold the Congress in Vienna, but there were obvious difficulties in the way of accepting this invitation, and there was good reason to believe that the Austrian Society would welcome an invitation from London. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That an invitation to hold the XVIIIth Plenary Congress in London be sent to the International Federation."

6. PROPOSALS FOR THE REFORM OF THE LEAGUE: APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That a sub-Committee, consisting of Mr. Noel Baker, Major Buxton, Lord Cecil, Professor Murray, Sir Walter Napier, Professor Webster and Mrs. Wilson-Fox (or Mrs. Dugdale) with power to add to their number, be appointed to consider and



For action see minute 103 of 3.5.34.

report on proposals for the reform of the League; and that the terms of reference for this Committee be considered at the next meeting of the Executive."

7. MINORITIES PROCEDURE: MEMORANDUM ON GENERALISATION AND PROCEDURE OF FORM. The Committee considered the use to be made of the memorandum on Generalisation and Procedure of Form by Sir Walter Napier which was approved by the Committee at its last meeting (minute 311). After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That further consideration of the use to be made of Sir Walter Napier's memorandum be adjourned pending the report of the sub-Committee on the Reform of the League (see minute 319 above)."

8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Christian Organisations Committee. (Dean of Chichester reported.) With the exception of minute 71 which was considered at the last meeting, the minutes of the Committee dated December 20th, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (68) Composition of Committee for 1934; (69) Use of Affirmation; (70) Pacifism and the Affirmation; (71) Campaign in 1934; (72) Geneva Clergy School; (73) Oxford Groups and Internationalism; (74) Applications for Corporate Membership; (75) Proposal of Christian Social Council.

On Minute 71 - Campaign in 1934, the Dean of Chichester stated that the organisation of the Campaign would be in the hands of the Church and World Peace Committee, consisting of representatives of many Churches as well as members of the Christian Organisations Committee. It was further reported that a meeting of clergy had been held in Guildford on the previous day, and that further meetings had been arranged to take place in the near future at Brighton, Winchester and Portsmouth.

- (b) Editorial Committee. (Major Buxton reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated 21st December, 1933 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (91) Year Book; (92) Youth Group Bulletin; (93) Deputation from the London Regional Federation; (94) Composition of Committee for 1934; (95) Posters.

- (c) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) Subject to the following report on minute 113, the minutes of the Committee dated December 21st, 1933 were approved and adopted.



These minutes included (112) Economic Nationalism; (113) Constitution of Committee for 1934; (114) Conferences on the I.L.O.; (115) Conference on "Hours of Work and Employment"; (116) International Federation; (117) Herr Leuschner; (118) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (119) Industrial Affiliations.

On Minute 113 - Constitution of Committee for 1934, it was reported that Mr. Vyvyan Adams had expressed his willingness to serve on the Industrial Advisory Committee.

9. LEASE OF 15a, GROSVENOR CRESCENT. It was  
RESOLVED: "That authority be given for the Union's seal to be affixed to the lease of 15a, Grosvenor Crescent."
10. RESOLUTION. The Committee received with much interest a resolution from the Federation of Essex Women's Institutes.
11. PROBLEMS OF THE LEAGUE. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a series of five lectures organised by the Religions and Ethics Committee on Problems of the League. The lectures would be delivered at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square at 7.30 p.m. on January 18th, February 1st and 15th, and March 1st and 15th.
12. THE PREVENTION OF WAR BY COLLECTIVE ACTION: PAMPHLET BY LORD HOWARD OF PENRITH. The Secretary reported a conversation he had had with Lord Howard on the subject of his paper entitled THE PREVENTION OF WAR BY COLLECTIVE ACTION. It was suggested that so much interest was being taken in this paper that the Executive might wish to circulate copies to certain Branches of the Union. These copies might be supplied free of charge by the "Friends of Europe". After discussion it was  
RESOLVED: "That copies of Lord Howard's pamphlet be sent to the principal Branches of the Union with a covering note, to be drafted by Sir Norman Angell, explaining that the practical suggestion contained in the pamphlet was not antagonistic to the League machinery but supplementary thereto."

See minute 14.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 1934  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral J.D.Allen, Sir Norman Angell, P.J.Noel Baker, F.M.Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, Lord Dickinson, Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Lady Gladstone, Dr.G.F. Gooch, Captain L.H.Green, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Dr.C.W.Kimmins, Captain J. de V. Loder, Lord Lytton, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader, J.C.Smuts, Professor C.K.Webster, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Vyvyan Adams, L.J.Cadbury, the Dean of Chichester, Miss R.D.Courtney, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major J.W.Hills, Commander Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, H.S. Syrett and Professor Zimmern.

14. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 10, the minutes of the Committee dated January 11th, 1934 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 10 - Resolution (Federation of Essex Women's Institutes) the Chairman reported that the National Federation of Women's Institutes had inserted a notice concerning the Brussels Demonstration in their journal, had appointed a representative to attend the Demonstration and had agreed to the 575 Women's Institutes who are Corporate Associates of the Union being invited to send individual representatives. In addition, the January number of the Women's Institutes journal contained an article urging Institutes to become Corporate Associates of the Union.

15. SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT.

- (a) Albert Hall Meeting. It was reported that the principal speakers at the Albert Hall Meeting on February 6th would be Lord Irwin, Lady Astor, Sir Herbert Samuel and Mr. Noel Baker; that Mr. Vernon Bartlett and Mr. H.W.Austin would propose and second a vote of thanks, and that Lord Cecil would preside. The Committee then proceeded to discuss the terms of the resolution to be submitted to the meeting. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the following resolutions be approved for submission to the Albert Hall Meeting on February 6th:-

- (a) This meeting records its profound conviction that only through the collective system embodied in the League of Nations can war be averted and civilisation saved

*For final resolution see minute 23b.*



(b) This meeting declares that it is not in the public interest that the manufacture and sale of armaments should be carried on for private profit."

(b) Brussels Meeting. Lord Cecil reported on the arrangements for the Brussels demonstration. He spoke of the difficulty which was being experienced in regard to obtaining speakers for the public meeting on February 17th. M. Herriot had been invited to speak but his reply had not yet been received. If he was unable to accept, it was proposed to invite M. de Jouvenel. Sir Austen Chamberlain and Lord Lytton had also been invited to speak, but although they were in favour of the meeting, the pressure of their other engagements made it impossible for them to accept the invitation. Senator de Brouckere had promised to preside at the meeting and Lord Cecil did not anticipate much difficulty in obtaining an Italian speaker.

Sir Norman Angell expressed the hope that the Union would endeavour to obtain the greatest possible publicity for the Conference, emphasising in particular the extent to which continental organisations were co-operating.

Mr. Noel Baker asked members of the Committee firstly, to urge any organisations with which they might be connected to send representatives to the Demonstration; and secondly, if they had any suggestions to make with regard to speakers, to forward them immediately to Lord Cecil.

(c) National Conference. The Secretary reported that, through the kindness of Lord Queenborough, arrangements would probably be made for the Conference to be held in the Goldsmiths Hall, provided a suitable date could be fixed. A draft programme for the Conference was in course of preparation.

16. PROPOSALS FOR THE REFORM OF THE LEAGUE: TERMS OF REFERENCE TO SUB-COMMITTEE. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the following constitute the terms of reference to the sub-Committee:-

"To consider and report to the Executive and Political Committees upon any amendments to the Covenant or other changes which would strengthen the League or improve its procedure."

(2) "That the first meeting of the Committee be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 25th."

The Committee were reminded that a year ago they had placed on the agenda for the meeting of the International Federation a proposal for making Article 19 of the Covenant more effective; but that this resolution had subsequently been withdrawn.



See minute 22.

It was suggested that delegates to the forthcoming meeting of the International Federation in Brussels should take with them copies of the draft resolution printed on pages 28 and 29 of the Union's pamphlet on TREATY REVISION.

17. CO-OPTATIONS TO COMMITTEE. After it had been reported that the Co-optations Committee had met earlier in the day and, after considering the names suggested by Sir Hugh Jaudwine had made certain recommendations, it was

RESOLVED: "That Field Marshal Lord Milne be invited to join the Executive; and that, if he is unable to accept, further names be considered by the Committee at the next meeting."

18. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Editorial Committee. (Sir Norman Angell reported.) Subject to the following decision arising out of the report on the deputation from the London Regional Federation, the minutes of the Committee dated January 11th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Empire Marketing Board Sites; (3) Posters; (4) Off-Print.

Arising out of the Report on the Deputation from the London Regional Federation, it was

RESOLVED: "That the following constitute the terms of reference to the General Publicity Advisory Body proposed in paragraph 4:-

'To consider and advise upon the publicity activities of the Union as a whole, including activities other than those which come strictly within the scope of the Editorial Committee.'

19. BRANCH RESOLUTION. The Committee received with interest a resolution from the Ilford Branch.
20. STATELESSNESS. Sir Walter Napier reported that a Conference was shortly to be held in Vienna under the auspices of the Austrian Society to deal with the problem of Statelessness. He suggested that the Government should be asked to instruct a member of the Legation to attend this Conference. It was

RESOLVED: "That a letter be sent to H.M. Government suggesting that they should invite a member of the Legation to attend the Vienna Conference, and that the Austrian Society be so informed."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st,  
1934 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral J.D.Allen,  
Sir Norman Angell, P.J.Noel Baker, Major Anthony  
Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, the  
Dean of Chichester, Miss K.D.Courtney, Lord  
Dickinson, Admiral Drury-Lowe, Mrs. E. Dugdale,  
Lady Gladstone, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Captain L.H.Green,  
Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Major  
J.W.Hills, Dr. C.W.Kimmins, G. le M.Mander, Sir  
Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman,  
John Sherborne, Professor C.K.Webster, Mrs. Wilson-  
Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright and  
L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy  
Secretary.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Vyvyan Adams,  
P.M.Burris, L.J.Cadbury, Captain H.F.C.Crookshank, H.H.Elvin,  
Miss Megan Lloyd George, Sir Arthur Haworth, Commander  
Kenworthy, Lady Layton, Lord Lytton, Reverend Dugald  
Macfadyen, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, H.S.Syrett,  
Professor A.E.Zimmern.

22. MINUTES. Subject to the following decision on minute 17,  
the minutes of the Committee dated January 18th, 1934 were  
confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 17 - Co-optations to Committee, after  
discussion, during the course of which the Secretary  
reported a communication he had received from General  
Furze, it was

RESOLVED: "That the decision contained in minute 17  
be rescinded, and that an invitation to  
serve on the Executive be sent to Sir  
*Walker* ~~William~~ Braithwaite."

23. SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT.

- (a) British Policy. The Committee considered H.M.Govern-  
ment's Memorandum on Disarmament which had been pub-  
lished that morning. After considerable discussion  
it was

RESOLVED: "That a comparative analysis be prepared of  
the proposals for disarmament made by H.M.  
Government in March, 1933 and January, 1934,  
and by Signor Mussolini in January, 1934,  
for consideration by the Political Committee  
at their meeting of February 6th; and that  
the analysis be circulated, together with  
the Political Committee's recommendations,  
for consideration by the Executive on  
February 8th."

- (b) Albert Hall Meeting. The Committee reconsidered, in the  
light of the Memorandum of H.M.Government, the resolu-  
tions approved for submission to the Albert Hall

See minute 29.



Meeting on February 6th. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That resolution (a) be amended to read as follows:-

"This meeting records its profound conviction that only through the collective system embodied in the League of Nations can war be averted and civilisation saved, and is prepared to support H.M. Government in all efforts to secure the greatest measure of all round disarmament for which agreement can be obtained."

(2) "That the amended resolution be submitted immediately to Lord Halifax and Sir Herbert Samuel, and that any further alterations which may be rendered necessary as a result of their comments be left in the hands of Professor Murray and Lord Cecil."

Dame Adelaide Livingstone reported that arrangements had been made with the B.B.C. to include extracts from Lord Halifax's speech in the news bulletin on the evening of February 6th. She further reported that she was not satisfied with the number of applications for tickets which had been received, and she asked for authority to insert an advertisement of the meeting in the press. It was

RESOLVED: (3) "That it be left to Dame Adelaide Livingstone to take what action she considers necessary in regard to advertising the meeting."

Admiral Drury-Lowe suggested that members of the Committee might be willing to display posters of the meeting outside their houses.

- (c) Brussels Congress. Mr. Noel Baker reported on the arrangements for the Brussels Congress on February 15th to 17th. The British Legion, FIDAC and CIAMAC were to be represented at the Congress, and a strong team of speakers had been obtained. He urged the importance of securing a wide press publicity for the Congress both before and during the meetings.
- (d) National Conference. The Secretary reported that arrangements were being made for the National Conference to be held on April 12th and 13th at the Goldsmiths Hall. The Conference would be opened by the Lord Mayor. It was hoped to obtain the use of the Guildhall for a public meeting in connection with the Conference on the evening of April 12th.



See minute 29.

see minute 32.

- (e) Women's Advisory Council. Mrs. Wilson Fox read to the Committee the following resolution which had been adopted by the Council at their annual meeting on the previous day:

The Women's Advisory Council regrets the long continuance of private negotiations instead of public discussions on the question of disarmament. It believes that the lack of full information paralyses public opinion and prevents it from exercising the influence it should have on so vital a matter.

While welcoming the statement by the Foreign Secretary that proposals by the British Government are to be made public, the W.A.C. urges H.M. Government to press for the early re-opening of public discussion in the Conference.

After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That this resolution be approved."

24. THE LEAGUE AND THE GREAT POWERS OUTSIDE. The Committee considered the following resolution proposed by Mr. Sherborne:-

That the Executive Committee trusts that it may be possible for one or more officers of the Union to visit Berlin in the near future and if practicable to interview Herr Hitler and thereafter to report to the Executive how far in their opinion it is safe to rely upon his repeated declarations of willingness perpetually to forgo the armaments at present forbidden to Germany, provided they are abolished all round within a limited period; and also to ascertain, if this is achieved, whether Germany may be expected ultimately to participate in the collective system embodied in the League of Nations.

After considerable discussion the resolution was, by leave, withdrawn. Mr. Sherborne gave notice that at the next meeting of the Committee he would propose a resolution welcoming the treaty between Germany and Poland.

25. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Iraq Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 7, the minutes of the Committee dated January 16th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Correspondence with the Foreign Office; (3) Parliamentary Action; (4) Progress of the Council Committee; (5) The Camp at Mosul; (6) General Situation in the Mosul Liwa; (7) League Representative in Mosul.

On Minute 7 - League Representative in Mosul. Lord Cecil was asked to write, on behalf of the Committee, to Captain Eden, thanking him for his full and courteous reply to the Union's communication.



- (b) Christian Organisations Committee. (Dean of Chichester reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated January 17th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Geneva Clergy School; (4) Campaign in the Churches; (5) Pacifism and the Affirmation; (6) Observance of Armistice Sunday; (7) Service Preceding Meetings of General Council; (8) Peace through Prayer; (9) Forthcoming Meetings; (10) Applications for Corporate Membership.

- (c) Editorial Committee. (Sir Norman Angell reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated January 18th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (6) Empire Marketing Board Sites; (7) Posters; (8) Discussion on Points raised by the Deputation from the London Regional Federation; (9) Statesmen's Speeches.

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Captain Green reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 8, the minutes of the Committee dated January 18th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Economic Nationalism; (3) Constitution of Committee for 1934; (4) Conferences on the I.L.O.; (5) Conference on "Hours of Work and Employment"; (6) Coal Mines Convention; (7) Governing Body of the I.L.O.; (8) Public Meetings; (9) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (10) Party to International Labour Conference.

On Minute 8 -- Public Meetings, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration and report."

- (e) Overseas Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated January 24th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Spring Meetings of the International Federation; (3) Reform of the Federation's Method of Work; (4) Brussels Congress; (5) Overseas Report.

26. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Lisburn and Waterloo Branches.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on February 8th instead of February 15th since the International Congress will be taking place in Brussels on the latter date."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
15, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH,  
1934 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Admiral J.D.Allen,  
Sir Norman Angell, F.J.Noel Baker, F.M.Burris,  
Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie,  
Lord Cecil, Miss K.D.Courtney, H.F.C.Crookshank,  
Lord Dickinson, Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Mrs.  
Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Dr.G.P.Gooch, Sir John  
Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Lady Henschel,  
Major J.W.Hills, Lady Layton, J. de V.Loder,  
Lord Lytton, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier,  
Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John  
Sherborne, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley,  
Major Lawrence Wright, L.M.Wynch and Professor  
Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy  
Secretary.

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury,  
Miss Megan Lloyd George, Lady Farmoor, Sir John Power  
and H.S.Syrett.

29. MINUTES. Subject to the following report and decision  
on minutes 22(17) and 23(e) the minutes of the Committee  
dated February 1st, 1934 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 22 (17) - Co-optations to Committee, a  
letter was reported from General Sir Walter Braith-  
waite stating that, apart from other considerations,  
he was Chairman of a Standing Committee which met  
every Thursday throughout the year at 10.30 a.m. and  
was therefore unable to accept the Executive's in-  
vitation. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary and Admiral Allen  
be asked to see General Sir William Furse,  
K.C.B., with a view to persuading him to  
accept membership of the Executive  
Committee."

On Minute 23(e) - Women's Advisory Council, the  
Chairman reported that, on further consideration, it  
had seemed to him and to Lord Cecil a little unsuit-  
able to communicate to the Government, immediately  
after the White Paper had been published, the resolu-  
tion of the Women's Advisory Council which contained  
no reference to the Government's Memorandum. The  
resolution had therefore not been forwarded. Lady  
Gladstone expressed the opinion that it had been a  
mistake to withhold the resolution.

(Note. It was subsequently decided that the re-  
solution of the Women's Advisory Council  
should be communicated to the Government  
with a covering letter of explanation.)

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30. CONFERENCE ON STATELESSNESS. The Secretary reported a communication from the Foreign Office expressing regret that the Foreign Secretary had not seen his way to accede to the Committee's request that a member of the staff of His Majesty's Legation at Vienna should attend the Conference on the subject of Statelessness.

31. SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT.

(a) British Government's Memorandum. The Committee considered the Memorandum on Disarmament published by H.M. Government on January 29th, 1934 (Command 4498). They had before them a comparative analysis of the present proposals and of those made by H.M. Government in March 1933 and by the French, German and Italian Governments in January 1934. They also had before them a summary of a speech delivered by Lord Cecil to the Sussex Federation on February 3rd which had been circulated to all Branches of the Union, together with a draft resolution concerning the Memorandum (S.G.6507). After prolonged discussion in which most members of the Committee took part, and during the course of which draft resolutions were proposed by Lord Cecil, Mr. Noel Baker, Sir Norman Angell and the Chairman, it was

- RESOLVED: (1) "That a private communication be sent to H.M. Government, setting forth the views of the Committee concerning the policy outlined in the Memorandum; and that it be left to a sub-Committee consisting of Mr. Noel Baker, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Courtney, Lord Cecil and Professor Murray to draft this communication."
- (2) "That a letter be sent to the Branches of the Union explaining that, in view of the extreme delicacy of the situation the Executive has thought it best to communicate privately to the Government its views regarding the British Memorandum and not to make any public statement on the subject."
- (3) "That a brief explanatory statement of the British Government's proposals, in relation to the policy of the Union, be prepared for the guidance of Branches; and that the comparative analysis (S.G.6508) be circulated also to the principal Branches and that the remainder be informed that this analysis has been prepared and that a copy will be sent to them on application to the Secretary."



(b) Albert Hall Meeting. Lord Cecil reported that the meeting held in the Albert Hall on February 6th had been most successful. The hall was filled and it was interesting to note that the audience had been composed of a much larger proportion of the general public, and in particular of young people, than on previous occasions. The two resolutions had been adopted unanimously by the meeting. It was further reported that a record of Lord Halifax's speech had been made by the B.B.C. and had been broadcast at the end of the third News Bulletin the same evening. It was estimated that, after deducting the proceeds derived from the sale of tickets and from the collection, the cost to the Union of organising the meeting would be in the neighbourhood of £100. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That Lord Cecil be asked to send, on behalf of the Committee, a letter of thanks to the speakers at the meeting."

(2) "That a letter of thanks, and of congratulation on the successful organisation of the meeting, be sent to Dame Adelaide Livingstone and to the members of her staff."

The Committee hoped that a full account of the meeting would appear in the next number of HEADWAY.

(c) National Conference. It was reported that a draft programme for the National Conference to be held in the Goldsmiths Hall on April 12th and 13th would be considered by the Political Committee at its meeting in the House of Commons later in the day.

32. THE LEAGUE AND THE GREAT POWERS OUTSIDE. The Committee considered the following resolution proposed by Mr. Sherborne:-

"The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union records its great satisfaction that the German and Polish Governments have concluded a Pact for the friendly settlement of all disputes between them, and regards the conclusion of this Pact as evidence of a sincere desire for peace on the part of both nations."

After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the resolution be adopted in the following amended form:-

× "The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union records its great satisfaction that the German and Polish Governments have concluded a Pact for the friendly settlement of all disputes between them, and hopes that a similar friendly agreement may be reached between Germany and Austria." ×



- (2) "That Lady Gladstone be asked to communicate this resolution informally to the delegates of the German Society when they attend the meetings of the International Federation in Brussels next week, and to ascertain whether a formal communication would be welcome."

33. PROPOSALS FROM THE FRENCH LEAGUE OF NATIONS FEDERATION. The Committee had before them a memorandum containing proposals of the French League of Nations Federation for the reform of the League (S.G.6500). After it had been reported that these proposals were to be considered by the Political Committee later in the day, it was

RESOLVED: "That since the Executive has not yet had time to make up its mind concerning the proposals of the French League of Nations Federation, the Union's delegates to the Brussels meetings be asked to abstain from voting on this subject."

34. COMMUNICATION FROM GERMAN LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY. The Committee had before them a communication from the Secretary of the German Society for the Study of the League of Nations, concerning the resolution on Germany and the I.L.O. which was to be moved by the Union's delegate at the meeting of the Federation's I.L.O. and Economic Committee at Brussels on February 13th. It was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution submitted by the Union on Germany and the I.L.O. be not withdrawn."

35. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Welcome Committee. (Lady Gladstone reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated January 30th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Secretary's Report; (4) Meeting of International Federation in May; (5) Meeting of International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences; (6) Suggested Reception to Sir John Hope Simpson; (7) Meetings in the Albert Hall, Conway Hall and London School of Economics.

- (b) Women's Advisory Council. (Mrs. Wilson-Fox reported.) Subject to the decision on minute 522 contained in minute 29 above, and on minute 524, the minutes of the Council dated 31st January, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (517) Report of Standing Sub-Committee; (518) Composition of Council for 1934; (519) Representation on General Council of Union; (520) Reports from Representatives; (521) Address by Lord Cecil; (522) Disarmament; (523) Slavery Committee; (524) Women in the Diplomatic and Consular Services; (525) Applications for Corporate Associateship.



On Minute 524 -- Women in the Diplomatic and Consular Services, it was

RESOLVED: "That if, after enquiry, it is found that a woman member has not been appointed to serve on the Committee to examine the question of the admission of women to the diplomatic and consular services, the resolution of the Women's Advisory Council be communicated to His Majesty's Government."

- (c) Editorial Committee. (Sir Norman Angell Reported.) Subject to the following report and decision on minutes 11 and 14, the minutes of the Committee dated February 1st, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (11) "Economic Policy of the League"; (12) "Church and State and the League of Nations"; (13) "Now is the Time to Prevent another War"; (14) Sales Policy; (15) Albert Hall Meeting.

On Minute 11 -- Economic Policy of the League, it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution be adopted in the following amended form:-

'That Dr. Delisle Burns be apprised of Dr. Gooch's wishes and his permission obtained for his paper ECONOMIC POLICY AND THE LEAGUE to be printed in the CONTEMPORARY REVIEW, and that thereafter reprints be obtained for the use of the Union and an epitome prepared, with Dr. Delisle Burns' help for issue as a Union publication.'

On Minute 14 -- Sales Policy. Sir Norman Angell expressed the hope that if any members of the Committee had suggestions to make regarding the way in which local booksellers could be induced to co-operate in the promotion of League of Nations Union publication weeks, they would send them to the Secretary of the Union for submission to the Chairman of the Editorial Committee.

- (d) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated February 1st, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) National House to House Canvass; (3) Branches and Junior Branches; (4) Corporate Members and Associates; (5) Junior Sections and Industrial Associates; (6) Membership; (7) Lapsed Members; (8) Membership for Commercial Firms; (9) Eastern Borders District; (10) Affiliation of Branches to other Organisations.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND,  
1934 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Admiral J.D.Allen, Sir Norman Angell, Major Anthony Buxton, Lord Cecil, Lord Dickinson, Admiral S.R.Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Dr. G.P.Gooch, Lady Hall, Lady Henschel, Lady Layton, Miss Megan Lloyd George, J. de V.Loder, the Reverend Dugald Macfadyen, T.M.McGiff, G. le M.Mander, Sir Walter Napier, P.J.Noel Baker, Lord Rhayader, H.P.Shaw, John Sherborne, Professor C.K.Webster, Hon.Mrs.Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M.Wynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J.Cadbury, Colonel Carnegie, the Dean of Chichester, Miss Courtney, Captain Crookshank, Sir Arthur Haworth, Major Hills, Lord Lytton, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Rennie Smith, J.C.Smuts, Lord Strabolgi, H.S.Syrett and Professor Zimmern.
37. THE LATE KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM. It was reported that a telegram of sympathy had been sent from the Union to the Secretary of the Belgian League of Nations Society.
38. THE LATE MR. HAROLD WRIGHT. The Committee were distressed to learn of the death of Mr. Harold Wright who had done invaluable work in the cause of peace and had been a staunch friend of the Union since its earliest days. It was
- RESOLVED: "That the Chairman be asked to send letters of sympathy on behalf of the Committee to Mr. Charles Wright and Major Lawrence Wright."
39. MINUTES. Subject to the following reports and decisions on minutes 29(22), 31(a) and (c), 32 and 35, the minutes of the Committee dated February 8th, 1934 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 29(22) - Co-optations to Committee, the Secretary reported that General Furse was at the present time unable to accept membership of the Executive Committee. He had resigned his present appointment from the end of March and, although he had consented to retain his office for a further three months, his time would be fully occupied by most strenuous work. So soon as he became free he had promised to spend six months with his son in Kenya. It was

RESOLVED: "That the question of filling the remaining vacancy on the Committee be adjourned."

On Minute 31(a) - British Government's Memorandum, the Chairman reported that since the summary of Lord Cecil's speech to the Sussex Federation on February 3rd had



already been circulated to Branches of the Union, he had thought it undesirable to send them a further paper concerning the Government's Memorandum on Disarmament. Branches had, however, been informed that a document entitled "The British Memorandum of January 29th, 1934 and the Policy of the League of Nations Union", as well as a comparative table indicating the policies of the British, German and Italian Governments, had been prepared and that copies would be sent to any Branch who applied for them. Applications had been received from about one hundred Branches.

On Minute 31(c) -- National Conference, the Secretary reported that Dame Adelaide was at present undergoing treatment in London but that she hoped to return to the office in the middle of March and would like to undertake the organisation of the Public Meeting in the Guildhall on April 12th. The Committee felt that Dame Adelaide ought not to be asked to organise this meeting unless, in the opinion of her medical adviser, she was well enough to do so. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Lady Gladstone be asked to inform Dame Adelaide of the Committee's opinion, and to tell her, at the same time, that the Committee hopes she will be able to undertake the arrangements for the XVIIIth Plenary Congress to be held in England during Whit week."

On Minute 32 -- The League and the Great Powers Outside, Lady Gladstone reported that she had communicated the Committee's resolution to Herr Schnee, the head of the German delegation, at the Brussels meetings. He saw no reason why the resolution should not be sent officially to the German Society, but he expressed a desire that the resolution should not be published lest it might lead to misinterpretation. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the resolution be communicated officially to the German Society."

On Minute 35(b)(524) -- Women in the Diplomatic and Consular Services, the Chairman reported that on enquiry it had been learned that two women members had been appointed to serve on the Committee to examine the question of the admission of women to the Diplomatic and Consular Services. The resolution of the Women's Advisory Council had therefore been communicated to H.M. Government in the following amended form:-

"In view of the growing recognition of the importance of international co-operation and the need that women should be given an opportunity of gaining experience so that they may share in such international work, both generally and at the League of Nations,



The Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union expresses its great satisfaction that His Majesty's Government has appointed a Committee with two women members to examine the question of the admission of women to the Diplomatic and Consular Services."

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38.

SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT.

- (a) Declaration and Resolutions of Brussels Congress in Defence of Peace. Lord Cecil reported on the Congress in Defence of Peace held in Brussels from February 15th to 17th. Some three hundred people had attended the Congress including delegates from societies in twenty-three different countries, and excellent press publicity had been obtained for the proceedings. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to Professor Ruyssen, Miss MacDonald and Mr. Adie on the success of the Brussels Congress."

Reference was made to the speech delivered by M. Rosenberg (Counsellor of the U.S.S.R. Embassy in Paris) in which he said: "They [the U.S.S.R.] have noted with satisfaction that to some slight extent the League, despite all its imperfections, is able to check aggressive tendencies; and they realise that under certain conditions it may even be able to prevent the outbreak of war in the future. If the Soviet Union felt sure that such conditions could be fulfilled, it would not hesitate to co-operate with the League in order to consolidate and strengthen the organisation of peace." It was

RESOLVED: (2) "That the Chairman be asked to send a private letter to the Foreign Secretary, expressing the Committee's satisfaction at the declaration in M. Rosenberg's speech, and stating that the Committee understands that this declaration had been directly authorised by the Government of the U.S.S.R."

- (3) "That the Chairman be also asked to write to the Russian Ambassador, expressing the Committee's satisfaction at the statement in M. Rosenberg's speech, and enquiring if some society for the support or study of the League of Nations could be founded in Russia with whom the Union might correspond."

(4) "That the attention of Union speakers be drawn to M. Rosenberg's speech."

The Committee then proceeded to consider the Declaration and resolutions adopted by the Brussels Congress, and it was



RESOLVED: (5) "That the Declaration be approved and adopted as follows:-

'In face of the dangers threatening international peace, the Congress, convinced that the peoples desire peace founded upon law and justice, adopt the following declarations:

1. Only by maintaining and strengthening the collective system based on the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Briand-Kellogg Pact, can war be averted and civilisation saved;
2. Peace cannot be realised without disarmament, nor can disarmament be achieved in an atmosphere of insecurity. Therefore the nations must be prepared to pay the price of peace by accepting responsibility for the prevention of war;
3. For States Members of the League this responsibility implies readiness, if need be, to use the strength of all for the defence of each. For other states who are signatories of the Briand-Kellogg Pact, this responsibility involves consultation with the League of Nations, with a view to averting a conflict or of restoring peace, or at least in order to avoid any action which might frustrate the collective effort of other nations."

(6) "That the resolutions be received."

The Committee went on to discuss the following resolution adopted by the Congress:-

"The Congress, desirous of improving the collaboration of national and international organisations in support of or who favour peace and disarmament, decides to establish a committee to consider the practical methods by which contact and consultation between these organisations might be improved."

The Committee agreed that, if a Committee on the lines suggested above were established, Mr. Noel Baker, Miss Courtney and Lord Dickinson should be invited to serve on it, and that, in any case, it was essential that Lord Cecil should be a member. It was

RESOLVED: (7) "That in the event of Lord Cecil communicating with Signor Giannini concerning the proposed Committee, he be asked to inform him of the names of persons proposed by the Executive for nomination to the Committee."



- (b) Embargo on Export of Arms to Bolivia and Paraguay. The Chairman read to the Committee a letter he had received from Sir John Simon, stating that "Unconditional acceptance of the principle of an arms embargo in this case has not yet been secured from all the Governments Members of the Council, as seven of them have made their acceptance conditional upon acceptance by other named countries, certain of which - notably the United States Government - have not yet taken the necessary legislative powers to impose an embargo on shipments of arms." The Secretary referred to a statement which he regarded as unfortunate and misleading, made by Mr. Duff Cooper in the House of Commons on February 14th, who, when speaking of the Bolivia-Paraguay dispute, said "We were neutral in that dispute". After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That in replying to Sir John Simon's letter the Chairman be asked

- (1) to state that the Committee believes that a public declaration by the League Council that it was prepared to impose an embargo provided that the non-Member States joined it, would have the effect of influencing the United States to take the necessary action; and
- (2) to refer to the statement made by Mr. Duff Cooper in the House of Commons and to remind the Foreign Secretary of the White Paper issued by the Foreign Office in 1930, after consultation with the law officers of the Crown, in which it was declared that, under the Covenant, neutrality no longer exists between Members of the League of Nations."

41. THE SAAR. The Committee considered a memorandum prepared by Mrs. Dugdale (S.G. 6544) on the Saar. The memorandum contained suggestions for the supervision of the Plebiscite and for the Minority Protection after the Plebiscite. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That the memorandum prepared by Mrs. Dugdale be referred to the Political and Minorities Committees for consideration and report."

42. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Political Committee. (Lord Cecil reported.) Subject to the following decision on minute 3, the minutes of the Committee dated February 8th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Reform of the League of Nations; (3) Austrian Independence; (4) National Conference in Defence of the League; (5) Membership of the Committee.



On Minute 3 - Austrian Independence, it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That paragraph (a) of the conclusions be amended to read as follows:-

(a) It is certainly desirable that the Council, once the appeal is made to it, should meet immediately and take the necessary action."

(2) "That the conclusions contained in this minute be forwarded to the Foreign Secretary with a covering note from the Chairman, stating that the Union would support the Government in any action they may see fit to take on the lines suggested."

(b) Library Committee. Consideration of the minutes of the Committee dated February 12th, 1934 was adjourned until the next meeting.

(c) Education Committee. (Mr. John Bell, High Master of St. Paul's reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 7 and 19, and to the approval of the Finance Committee on minute 14, the minutes of the Committee dated February 12th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Composition of the Committee; (3) Report on Work in Universities and Colleges; (4) Report of Youth Sub-Committee; (5) Youth Groups; (6) Chairman of the Youth Committee; (7) Reconstitution of Youth Sub-Committee; (8) Appointment of Members to the Youth Sub-Committee; (9) Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Union's Youth Groups; (10) National Canvass; (11) Co-operation with the International Friendship League; (12) Communication from the British Drama League; (13) Report of the Films and Slides Sub-Committee; (14) The New Film; (15) The "World War and After"; (16) Other Films; (17) Lantern Lectures; (18) British Film Institute; (19) Moral Disarmament; (20) Deputation to the President of the Board of Education and the Secretary of State for Scotland; (21) Meetings for Teachers and Schools; (22) Curriculum Sub-Committee; (23) Proposals for a Peace Day in the Schools; (24) Workers' Educational Association; (25) The Easter School; (26) The Rigot Estate, Geneva; (27) International Federation of League of Nations Societies; (28) Communication from the National Union of Women Teachers; (29) Junior Branches, Junior Sections, and Educational Corporate Members;

On Minute 7 - Reconstitution of Youth sub-Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That the words 'relevant portions of the' be inserted before the words 'Youth Committee's minutes' in the last sentence of the resolution."

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On Minute 19 - Moral Disarmament, it was

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

- (d) Industrial Advisory Committee. (Lady Hall reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 16 and 24, the minutes of the Committee dated February 15th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (13) Mr. Owen Jones; (14) Economic Nationalism; (15) Conferences on the I.L.O.; (16) Conference on "Hours of Work and Employment"; (17) Coal Mines Convention; (18) Governing Body of the I.L.O.; (19) Germany and the I.L.O.; (20) Austria and Trade Unionism; (21) Speakers on the I.L.O.; (22) Mr. Gillinder's Report; (23) Industrial Affiliations; (24) Party to International Labour Conference.

On Minute 16 - Conference on Hours of Work and Employment, it was reported that the Conference, the final sessions of which were taking place at the London School of Economics that day, was proving most successful. A large attendance had been secured at every session. It was

RESOLVED: "That the congratulations of the Committee be conveyed to the Industrial Advisory Committee on the success of the Conference on Hours of Work and Employment."

On Minute 24 - Party to International Labour Conference, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred to the Office Committee for consideration and report."

43. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION: REPORT ON SPRING MEETINGS. The Committee received a report (S.G.6545) on the meetings of the International Federation held in Brussels from February 12th to 14th. The Federation had accepted the Union's invitation to hold the XVIIIth Plenary Congress in England, but they had asked the Union to choose some place other than London and to communicate its choice to the Secretary General of the Federation as soon as possible. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Secretary, after consulting the Chairman and Lady Gladstone, be asked to make a proposal for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting."

44. NATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS. It was reported that the 1934 National Peace Congress would be held in Birmingham from June 22nd to 25th, and that the Secretary of the National Peace Council had asked for the help of the Union in bringing the Congress to the Notice of its members. It was

RESOLVED: "That the Executive Committee of the League of Nations Union is glad to learn of the National Peace Congress and trusts that the Congress may result in increased support for the League of Nations."



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 1st, 1934 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Gilbert Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, Admiral J.D. Allen, Sir Norman Angell, F.J. Noel Baker, F.M. Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, Lord Cecil, Captain H.F.C. Crookshank, Lord Dickinson, Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Mrs. E. Dugdale, Miss Megan Lloyd George, Lady Gladstone, Dr. G.F. Gooch, Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Lady Henschel, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Captain J. de V. Loder, the Reverend Dugald Macfiadyen, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, J.C. Smuts, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley, Major Lawrence Wright, L.M. Wynch and Professor A.E. Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury, the Dean of Chichester, Miss K.D. Courtney, Captain L.H. Green, Sir Arthur Heworth, Major J.W. Hills, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Lord Strabolgi and H.S. Syrett.
46. MINUTES. Subject to the following reports and decision on minutes 38, 39(31c), 40(a) and 42(a) the minutes of the Committee dated February 22nd, 1934 were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 38 - The Late Mr. Harold Wright, it was reported that a letter had been written by Lord Cecil to Mr. Charles Wright and by Professor Murray to Major Lawrence Wright.

On Minute 39(31c) - National Conference, Lady Gladstone reported that in the opinion of her medical adviser Dame Adelaide Livingstone was not yet fit to resume her duties with the Union. She would therefore be unable to organise the public meeting in the Guildhall on April 12th. Dame Adelaide was going abroad for a short holiday, and hoped on her return to be able to undertake the arrangements for the meeting of the XVIIIth Plenary Congress during Whit week.

On Minute 40(a) - Declaration and Resolutions of Brussels Congress in Defence of Peace, the Chairman reported that he had written letters to the Foreign Secretary and the Russian Ambassador as requested. He read to the Committee the reply he had received from the Russian Ambassador stating that

"Unfortunately there is no Society in the U.S.S.R. more or less corresponding to the League of Nations Union and no more or less organised group of men and women who have as their object the study of problems connected with the League of Nations. Therefore I do not see any practical way for the moment of establishing the contacts desired by your members".

The Ambassador had, however, expressed a desire to talk the situation over with Professor Murray.



On Minute 42(a) - Political Committee, it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Dickinson be invited to serve on the sub-Committee on the Reform of the League.

47. B.B.C. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the description of the ceremony preceding the coronation of the Emperor of "Manchukuo" which was relayed by the B.B.C. on the previous evening, and to the article on the same subject appearing in the TIME.

48. NATIONAL CONFERENCE. The Secretary reported that a provisional programme had now been prepared by the sub-Committee for the National Conference to be held in the Hall of the Goldsmiths Company on April 12th and 13th. Arrangements were being made for a public meeting to be held in the Guildhall on April 12th in connection with the Conference. It was

RESOLVED: "That, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, expenditure in connection with the organisation of the Conference be authorised up to a maximum of £100."

49. AUSTRIA. At the request of the Chairman the Secretary read to the Committee a letter dated February 21st from Dr. Dumba, the Secretary of the Austrian League of Nations Society, defending recent events in Austria. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the Secretary, in replying to Dr. Dumba's letter, be asked to state that his views had been laid before the Executive Committee but that the subject was not one on which the Executive felt called upon to express any opinion."

(2) "That a memorandum on the subject of the present situation in Austria be prepared for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting."

50. XVIII PLenary Congress of International Federation. The Secretary reported that he had made enquiries of Oxford and Cambridge, but that it was not possible for the meetings of the Plenary Congress to be held at either place during term time. It might be practicable to have the meetings at Folkestone, where the Branch was calling a meeting of its committee to consider the suggestion, or at Portsmouth, where the meetings could probably take place in the Town Hall. The Secretary was also making enquiries at Winchester, Southampton, Hastings, and Brighton. The Committee were of opinion that Brighton or Folkestone would be most suitable for the Congress, and it was

RESOLVED: "That a further report be presented to the Committee at its next meeting."



51. MORAL DISARMAMENT. The Committee considered (adjourned) minute 19 of the Education Committee dated February 12th, 1934, and it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be referred back for further consideration by the Education Committee, and that Professor Murray be asked to attend the meeting of the Committee when this minute is under discussion."

52. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Library Committee. (Dr. Kimmins reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated February 12th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (3) Composition of Committee for 1934; (4) Voluntary Help in Library; Miss Fraser; (5) Book List; (6) Report on the work of the Library for 1933; (7) Annotated Bibliography.

- (b) Youth Committee. (Miss Joyce Ansell reported.) Subject to the approval of the Editorial Committee on minute 18(1) and 19, and of the Welcome Committee on minute 24, the minutes of the Committee dated February 17th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (16) Composition of the Committee; (17) Report on Progress; (18) National Campaign; (19) Youth Posters; (20) National Camp at Whitsuntide; (21) International Federation; (22) Youth Bulletin; (23) Geneva Youth Parties; (24) Co-operation with Societies which signed the Youth Manifesto.

- (c) Christian Organisations Committee. (Admiral Drury-Lowe reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated February 21st, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (14) Minutes of the Church and World Peace Committee; (15) Pacifism and the Affirmation; (16) Campaign in the Churches; (17) New Forms of Affirmation; (18) Geneva Clergy School; (19) Speakers and Meetings; (20) Resolutions; (21) Prebendary Austin Thompson; (22) The Late Reverend Thomas Nightingale; (23) Applications for Corporate Membership.

- (d) Finance Committee. (Lord Rhayader reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated February 22nd, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Financial Statement; (3) Federal Councils; (4) National House to House Canvass; (5) Campaign in the Churches; (6) Posters; (7) New Film; (8) Loans; (9) Legacy; (10) Leases of 15 and 15a Grosvenor Crescent; (11) Scottish Autumn School, 1933; (12) British Universities



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League of Nations Society; (13) Fifty Facts and Figures; (14) Franking Machine; (15) Mr. Quilliam; (16) Passing of Cheques for Payment.

53. NATIONAL REFERENDUM. Lord Cecil reported on the referendum which had recently been organised by the Ilford Branch, with the help of a local newspaper, and in which 26,000 people had voted. He suggested that a similar ballot might be arranged in connection with the nation wide house to house canvass which was now being organised by the Union for the purpose of obtaining new members and concerning which a letter with several enclosures, had already been sent to Branch Secretaries. Lord Dickinson was of the opinion that it would be unwise to conduct the referendum in connection with the house to house canvass. It was suggested that the people who would answer questions in response to a house to house canvass would provide a much less representative sample of the population than those who would reply to questions in their local newspapers, and that therefore any referendum which might be decided upon had better be conducted by as many provincial newspapers as might be willing to undertake it. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Lord Cecil's proposal be adjourned for further consideration at a special meeting of the Committee to be held on March 8th; that specimen questions for use in the referendum be prepared for consideration at that meeting; and that, in the meantime, the proposal be referred for consideration by the Branches Committee."

54. BRANCH RESOLUTIONS. The Committee received with interest resolutions from the Broad Town and Fellowship Branches.



MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY,  
MARCH 8TH, 1934 AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Viscount Cecil (in the Chair), Vice-Admiral J.D. Allen, F.J. Noel Baker, F.M. Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Colonel David Carnegie, the Dean of Chichester, Miss K.D. Courtney, Lord Dickinson, Mrs. Dugdale, Miss Lloyd George, Lady Gladstone, Sir Arthur Haworth, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Lady Layton, Captain J. de V. Loder, the Reverend Dugald Macfadyen, T.M. McGiff, Professor Murray, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhaeadar, Mrs. Walter Runciman, H.F. Shaw, Professor C.A. Webster, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and L.M. Lynch, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

55. APCLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from L.J. Cadbury, Captain H.F.C. Crookshank, H.H. Elvin, Captain L.H. Green, Lord Lytton, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, J.C. Smuts, Lord Strabolgi and Major Lawrence Wright.
56. NATIONAL REFERENDUM. The Committee further considered Lord Cecil's proposal for a national referendum. In this connection they had before them minute 53 of the last meeting of the Committee held on March 1st, together with minute 20 of the Branches Committee of the same date. The Committee also had before them a memorandum by Mr. F.J. Noel Baker (S.G. 6585) containing proposals for the conduct of a referendum. Reference was made to the ballot now being promoted by certain provincial papers published by the Rothermere Group. The Secretary reported that a letter, enclosing notes drafted by Sir Norman Angell for use in preparing letters for publication in the local press, in speeches and in contributed articles, had been sent to the Secretaries of local Branches in those areas where provincial papers of the Rothermere Group circulate. After prolonged discussion in which most members of the Committee took part, it was
- RESOLVED: (1) "That all assistance should be given to those districts where the Rothermere Press have started questionnaires to procure correct answers to these questions."
- (2) "That it is desirable to obtain from the public a clear expression of opinion on certain questions involved in membership of the League of Nations."
- (3) "That the work should be done in close co-operation with other national societies and bodies interested in peace, and that immediate steps should be taken to get into touch with such societies."
- (4) "That decision as to the details of how the object can be best carried out shall be adjourned until the views of these organisations have been ascertained."
- (5) "That the plan be not proceeded with unless after consideration there appears to be reasonable prospects of its success."
- (6) "That in the meantime the national house-to-house canvass continue without interference."

See minute 58.



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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT  
14, GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH, 1934  
AT 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Professor Murray (in the Chair), Vyvyan Adams, P.J. Noel Baker, F.M. Burris, Major Anthony Buxton, Lord Cecil, Captain H.F.C. Crookshank, Lord Dickinson, Admiral S.R. Drury-Lowe, Mrs. Dugdale, Lady Gladstone, Dr. G.F. Gocch, Captain L.H. Green, Lady Hall, Sir John Harris, Sir Arthur Haworth, Dr. C.W. Kimmins, Captain J. de V. Loder, the Reverend Dugald Macfadyen, G. le M. Mander, Sir Walter Napier, Lord Rhayader, Mrs. Walter Runciman, John Sherborne, Rennie Smith, Professor C.K. Webster, Mrs. Wilson-Fox, Herbert Worsley and Professor A.E. Zimmern, together with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

57. APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Admiral J.D. Allen, Sir Norman Angell, L.J. Cadbury, the Dean of Chichester, Miss K.D. Courtney, Lord Lytton, Lady Parmoor, Sir John Power, Lord Strabolgi, H.S. Syrett and L.M. Wynch.
58. MINUTES. Subject to the following report on minute 56, the minutes of the meeting dated March 1st and of the special meeting dated March 8th, 1934, were confirmed as circulated.

On Minute 56 - National Referendum, Lord Cecil stated that, in accordance with the decision in paragraph (3) he had written letters to eleven societies and was now awaiting their replies. It was also reported that the Rothermere Ballot was at present being conducted in five provincial newspapers.

59. SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT. The Chairman reported a conversation with Sir John Simon concerning the private letter he had written him on February 9th on the subject of the British Memorandum on Disarmament.
60. THE LEAGUE AND THE GREAT POWERS OUTSIDE. The Chairman reported a conversation he had had with the Russian Ambassador. The Ambassador stated that his country's one interest in the League was the preservation of peace. He explained their motives for peace and absence of motives for war. They would be ready to join or closely co-operate with the League if, on the one hand, their membership would be welcome and if, on the other, the League would stand firmly for peace. He wondered what would be the attitude of Great Britain with regard to Russia's membership. The Ambassador said there were two Great Powers - Germany and Japan - who meant war sooner or later, and there were four Great Powers - the U.S.A., Great Britain, France and Soviet Russia - who wanted peace. He analysed the relations of these Powers with each other and particularly the relations of the U.S.A., Great Britain, and France with Russia; and he said that the one link in the chain which was weak were the relations between this country and Russia. They were better but they were still precarious. Only a year ago at the time of the embargo he saw high tension in the House of Commons. He felt that if these four countries could seriously co-operate, peace would be secured.

See minute 70.



Professor Murray had replied that the Union wanted the League to be as strong as possible and regretted the absence of any Great Power. He informed the Committee that what the Soviet Ambassador would most value would be some kind of official assurance that Great Britain would welcome the entrance of Russia to the League.

Lord Cecil reported a conversation on similar lines which he had had with the Soviet Ambassador some time ago. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: "That Professor Murray be asked to communicate privately with Sir John Simon on the subject of his conversation with the Russian Ambassador."/

61. XVIIIth PLENARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. Lady Gladstone reported that she had visited Folkestone and had made provisional arrangements with the proprietor of the Grand Hotel to place at the disposal of the Union suitable rooms for the meetings of the Plenary Congress and to provide accommodation for such delegates as might wish to stay at that Hotel. She added that there were other less expensive hotels which could be suggested to delegates as an alternative. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the meetings of the XVIIIth Plenary Congress be held in Folkestone."

(2) "That the composition of the Union's delegation and all the arrangements for the Folkestone meetings be left to the Overseas Committee."

62. AUSTRIA. The Committee had before them a memorandum on the present situation in Austria (I.M.21) together with a memorandum on British Policy with regard to Austrian Independence by Mr. P.J. Noel Baker (S.G.6613). The Committee also considered in this connection minute 7 of the Political and Parliamentary Committee dated March 6th, 1934. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the resolution of the Political Committee be approved and adopted in the following amended form:-

(i) That this Committee is of opinion that the present international difficulties of Austria are such that they should be dealt with, not by secret negotiations, but by the League of Nations within the terms of the Covenant with a view to securing Austrian independence in accordance with Article 10.

(ii) That a special meeting of the Council should be proposed by His Majesty's Government with a view to carrying out that policy."

(2) "That the resolution be forwarded immediately to H.M. Government who should at the same time, be informed that the Committee proposes to communicate the resolution to the press on Monday, March 19th."



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- (3) "That the resolution be communicated to the press on Monday, March 19th unless H.M. Government produces strong reasons why this should not be done, in which case the question of publishing the resolution should be further considered by the Executive at its next meeting."
- (4) "That a short explanatory statement in support of the Executive's resolution in (1) above be prepared."

63. VACANCY ON COMMITTEE. The Committee considered the following proposal moved by Mr. Sherborne:-

"That instead of filling the vacancy on the Executive Committee by appointing an ex-soldier, a representative of the new Youth Committee be appointed to serve until the next meeting of the General Council."

Major Buxton was of the opinion that, if possible, the Committee should include an ex-soldier. After the Committee had been reminded that only one vacancy at present existed on the Committee, Mr. Noel Baker, who was leaving for America two days' hence and would not be returning to England until June 15th, offered to resign his membership of the Committee. It was

RESOLVED: (1) "That in view of Mr. Baker's absence during the next three months, his resignation be accepted, but that the minutes of the Committee's meetings continue to be sent to him."

- (2) "That the Co-optations Committee be asked to consider and make recommendations to the Executive concerning (a) an ~~ex-service~~ <sup>man</sup> and (b) a representative of the Youth Committee who might be invited to join the Executive for the remainder of its year of office."

64. COMMUNICATION OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES TO NON-MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. An application from the Canadian League of Nations Society to receive copies of the Executive Committee's minutes was reported. The Chairman stated that, in response to a similar request from the women's League of Nations Association in Toronto, he had arranged for copies of the Executive's minutes to be sent to that Association for their information. It was also reported that it was the present practice to send minutes of the Executive to the Secretary of the National Peace Council and to receive in exchange the minutes of that Council's Executive. Copies of the minutes were also sent to the three Honorary Presidents, as well as to Sir Austen Chamberlain and Lord Eustace Percy. After considerable discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That the minutes of the Executive Committee, marked CONFIDENTIAL, continue to be sent to the three Honorary Presidents, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Lord Eustace Percy and Mr. Noel Baker, as well as to Mr. Gerald Bailey, the Secretary of the National Peace Council, and that it be made clear to Mr. Bailey that the minutes are sent to him for his own personal information."



- (2) "That the minutes of the Executive Committee be not sent to any other non-members of the Committee without a special resolution from the Committee in each instance."

65. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

- (a) Office Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported). The minutes of the Committee dated February 27th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Grading; (3) Mr. Macartney; (4) Miss Henson; (5) Book Room Staff; (6) Education Section; (7) Miss Gilroy; (8) Sale of Books at Meetings.

- Mr. Worsley further reported as a matter of urgency on minutes 10 (Miss Henson) and 11 (Education Section) of the Committee dated March 13th. These minutes were approved and adopted.

- (b) Appeals Committee. The minutes of the Committee dated February 27th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) International Ball; (3) Work of Appeals Department.

- (c) Minorities Committee. (Sir Walter Nepier reported.) Subject to the following decisions on minutes 4 and 6, the minutes of the Committee dated March 1st, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (2) Spring Meetings of the Federation; (3) Stateless Children; (4) Statelessness; (5) Refugees and the Stateless Question; (6) The Bear.

On Minute 4 - Statelessness, it was

RESOLVED: "That this minute be approved and adopted subject to the title of the memorandum (S.G.6604) being amended to read "Memorandum on Stateless Refugees."

On Minute 6 - The Bear, the Committee also considered minute 8 of the Political and Parliamentary Committee dated March 6th (see minute 65(f) below). After discussion it was

RESOLVED: (1) "That with the exception of paragraph (a) this minute be approved and adopted."

- (2) "That the resolution in paragraph (c) be forwarded to H.M. Government with an explanatory statement, to be approved by the Chairman, on the lines of Mrs. Dugdale's memorandum."

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- (d) Branches Committee. (Mr. Worsley reported.) The minutes of the Committee dated March 1st, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (12) Branches and Junior Branches; (13) Corporate Members and Associates; (14) Junior Sections; (15) Membership; (16) Lapsed Members; (17) Youth Committee; (18) Drawing Room Meetings; (19) Membership for Commercial Firms; (20) House to House Canvass; (21) Affiliation of Branches to other Organisations; (22) Membership; (23) Schoolboys' Own Exhibition.

- (e) Editorial Committee. Subject to the following decisions on minutes 18 and 22, the minutes of the Committee dated March 1st, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (17) Canvassers' Answers; (18) Pacifism and the Use of International Force; (19) Window Bill; (20) Empire Marketing Board Sites; (21) Printing Book; (22) Captain Bell's Resignation.

On Minute 18 - Pacifism and the Use of International Force, it was

RESOLVED: "That the issue of the pamphlet be subject to the approval of the Christian Organisations Committee."

On Minute 22 - Captain Bell's Resignation, the Committee expressed its regret at the resignation of Captain Bell and its sincere thanks for his valued services.

- (f) Political and Parliamentary Committee. (Mrs. Dugdale reported.) Subject to the decision on minute 7 (The Present Position of Austria) recorded in minute 62 above, and the following decision on minute 8, the minutes of the Committee dated March 6th, 1934 were approved and adopted.

These minutes included (7) The present position of Austria; (8) The Saar Plebiscite; (9) Treatment of Prisoners.

On Minute 8 - The Saar Plebiscite, the Committee also considered minute 6 of the Minorities Committee dated March 1st, 1934 (see minute 65(c) above) and it was

RESOLVED: "That the minute of the Political and Parliamentary Committee be approved and adopted."

- (g) Youth Committee. (Miss Joyce Ansell reported.) Subject to the approval of the Overseas Committee on minute 27(21) and of the Editorial Committee on minute 30, the minutes of the Committee dated March 10th, 1934 were approved and adopted.



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These minutes included (28) New Youth Groups; Report on Progress; (29) Formation of Youth Groups; (30) National Youth Campaign; (31) Youth Bulletin; (32) Youth Faces the New World; (33) Further Proceedings.

66. CONVENTION RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF REFUGEES. It was

RESOLVED: "That consideration of this item be adjourned until the next meeting."

67. MORAL DISARMAMENT. Dr. Kimmins reported, as a matter of urgency, on minute 36 of the Education Committee dated March 12th, 1934, and it was

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

68. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. It was

RESOLVED: "That the next meeting of the Committee be held on March 22nd, and that no meeting take place on March 29th or April 5th."

*Julius Mills*

*Secretary*

*22 March 1934*







