



PRELIMINARY
AGENDA

OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE GENERAL
COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE
OF NATIONS UNION, TO BE
HELD AT THE CENTRAL HALL
(LIBRARY), WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, JUNE 26, 27 & 28, 1930

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION
15 GROSVENOR CRESCENT, S.W.1

PROVISIONAL NOTICES

(Subject to modification)

Thursday, June 26.

1.30 p.m. Luncheon arranged by the Westminster Branch of the League of Nations Union at St. Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, S.W. Tickets (price 4s.) can be obtained from Miss D. Holman, 49 Bryanston Court, Upper George Street, W.1, to whom it is requested application should be made as soon as possible.

6.0 p.m. Special service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

Friday, June 27.

8.0 p.m. Reception.

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ELEVENTH Annual Meeting of the General Council of the League of Nations Union to be held at the Central Hall (Library), Westminster, London, June 26, 27 and 28, 1930.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

(The times given below are provisional, and may have to be varied.)

Thursday, June 26—10.30 a.m.

- I. Consideration of Draft Standing Orders to Regulate Procedure at meetings of the General Council submitted by the Executive Committee (see pages 5 to 9) together with resolutions bearing on this subject (see page 9).

11.0 a.m.

Speech of Welcome by Professor Gilbert Murray.

- II. Minutes of the Meeting and of the Special Meeting of the General Council held on December 19 and 20, 1929, together with the report of the Executive Committee (see pages 10 to 12) on action taken in accordance with these Minutes.
- III. Presentation of the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 1929 (pamphlet No. 283), including Audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended December 31, 1929. (See Appendix IV, pages 72 to 75 of the Report).
- IV. Election of Officers. (See pages 13 to 14.)
 - (a) Presidents.
 - (b) Hon. Presidents.
 - (c) Chairman of Executive Committee.
 - (d) Vice-Presidents.
 - (e) Treasurer.
 - (f) Trustees of Reserve Fund.

- V. Election of Executive Committee for the year July 1930-31. (For names of 30 persons nominated by Postal Ballot for election by the General Council to the Executive Committee, see page 14.)
- VI. Co-optations of Members of the General Council under By-Law 6, Sections (iii), (iv) and (v). (See pages 15 to 17.)
(*The Council will adjourn at 1 p.m.*)
3.0 p.m.
- VII. Consideration of the Executive Committee's Report on Office Reorganisation. (See pages 18 to 22.)
- VIII. Union Affairs—consideration of Resolutions. (See pages 22 to 27.)
[The Council will adjourn at 6 p.m. If any Union business still remains to be discussed it will be taken either on Friday after the business for that day has been disposed of, or on Saturday morning before the Special Meeting of the General Council.]
Friday, June 27—10 a.m.
- IX. League of Nations and World Affairs.
(a) Presentation of Statement upon International Policy submitted by the Executive Committee. (See pages 28 to 33.)
(b) Consideration of Resolutions. (See page 34.)
[The Council will adjourn at 1 p.m. Any resolutions which remain to be discussed will be taken during the afternoon.]
2.30 p.m.
- X. International Labour Organisation—consideration of resolutions. (See page 32.)
Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lytton will present sections 6

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and 7 of the Statement upon International Policy (*i.e.* those sections dealing with I.L.O.), and will address the Council upon current international Labour problems.

[The Council will adjourn at 6 p.m. If any business connected with international affairs remains to be discussed it will be taken on Saturday morning before the Special Meeting of the General Council and before any domestic business which may remain outstanding.]

Saturday, June 28—10 a.m.

- XI. Any business adjourned from previous sessions of the Council.
- XII. SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL to discuss proposal to alter Rules. (See page 34.)
[The Council will rise not later than 12.30 p.m.]

I.—DRAFT STANDING ORDERS TO REGULATE PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL. [Submitted by the Executive Committee.]

1 These Standing Orders, which are supplementary to the Union's By-Laws and Rules, shall regulate procedure at sessions of the General Council of the League of Nations Union. President, as used in these Standing Orders, shall be interpreted as meaning the Chairman of the Council for the time being.

Members of the General Council within the meaning of the following Standing Orders are persons of whom the Council consists under By-Law 6. Salaried officers of the Union, other than those who attend the Council as properly appointed delegates, may attend meetings of the Council in a consultative capacity, and may speak at the request of the President.

PROCEDURE IN DEBATES.

- 2 The President shall announce the opening, suspension and adjournment of the meeting; direct the work; ensure the observance of the Standing Orders; accord the right to speak; declare the debates closed; put questions to the vote, and announce the result of the voting. The decision of the President is final.
- 3 A member on rising to speak shall give his name and shall also give the name of any organisation (branch, district, region, affiliated or co-operating body or National Council) which he represents, and if he is a co-opted member he shall say so.
- 4 The rising of the President shall be accompanied by silence, and any member speaking shall immediately resume his seat.
- 5 The President shall permit the proposal of those motions only of which due notice had been given under Rule 29, provided always that he may allow the following motions to be made without notice, namely:—
 - (a) A motion in regard to which urgency is claimed (see Rule 29):

A motion of urgency shall require a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the General Council then present;
 - (b) A motion to refer the matter back to a Committee for examination;
 - (c) A motion for postponement or adjournment;
 - (d) A motion to proceed with the next business;
 - (e) A motion that the question be now put;
 - (f) A point of order.
- 6 A point of order may be raised by any member. It shall be taken immediately it is brought to the notice of the President. Explanations shall be brief and to the point and must not introduce new topics. The President's decision on a point of order is final.

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- 7 An amendment of which due notice has not been given in accordance with Rule 29 may nevertheless be moved, seconded and voted upon, provided that in the opinion of the President it does not raise any new question of principle and is relevant to the motion.
 - 8 All motions and amendments must be handed to the President in writing, and read out immediately after they have been proposed, and also when the question is put to the vote.
 - 9 The movers of resolutions and amendments shall be allowed ten minutes or, in exceptional cases, further time at the discretion of the President. No other speaker to a resolution or amendment shall be allowed more than five minutes.
 - 10 A member shall not speak more than once on the same motion or amendment without the permission of the President, provided always that the mover of the original motion shall have the right to reply.
 - 11 Where a Branch or District, or Regional or National Council is entitled to more than one representative on the General Council, one representative only shall have the right to speak to a motion or amendment. A second representative may, however, reply under Standing Order 9, in the place of the mover of the resolution.
 - 12 In the event of there being more than one motion on the paper relating to the same subject, the President shall decide in which order they shall be taken, and whether any shall be treated as an amendment to another.
 - 13 If an amendment to a motion is moved, no further amendment other than an amendment to the amendment can be moved until the original amendment is disposed of.

14 Where several motions or amendments or proposed resolutions are submitted on the same questions, the President shall decide in what order they are to be voted upon.

15 First a motion for the adjournment, then a motion to proceed to the next business, then a motion referring the matter to a Committee, shall be put to the vote before any other motion.

If an amendment is moved to strike out part of a motion the vote shall first be taken as to whether the words proposed to be omitted shall stand part of the motion. An amendment proposing to add words to an amendment shall next be voted upon.

In every case whether an amendment has been adopted or not the original motion or the amended motion shall be put and further amendments to it may be proposed.

16 A member has one vote. In order to vote, a member must hold up a special card, one copy of which shall be supplied to every member of the Council. The decision shall be by a simple majority of the votes cast, and in the case of an equality of votes, the motion or amendment shall not be carried.

CLOSURE

17 When a motion 'that the question be now put' has been moved and seconded, it shall be left to the President to accept it or not.

MINUTES

18 The Minutes, after approval by the President, shall be printed as soon as possible and copies shall be sent to the officers of the Union, to the co-opted members of the Council and to the Secretaries of bodies entitled under By-Law 6 to be represented on the General

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Council. At the written request of the Secretary of any organisation which has affiliated or is a co-operating body under By-Law 6 (v), the minutes and other communications relating to the General Council may be sent to the representative or representatives of that organisation instead of to the Secretary.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

19 Any Standing Order may be suspended by a two-thirds majority of the members of the General Council present and voting.

Resolutions having Relation to and to be Considered in Connection with the Draft Standing Orders.

(1) STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE. [LIVERPOOL AND MERSEYSIDE DISTRICT.]

That a small Committee of three or five to be known as the Standing Orders Committee shall be elected. It shall be the duty of this Committee to meet prior to each meeting of the General Council to consider, with a view to co-ordination wherever possible, the resolutions appearing on the Agenda Paper of the General Council. The right of the sponsors to move their original resolution to be retained.

(2) CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETING. [BERKSHIRE FEDERAL COUNCIL.]

That no one delegate should address the Council more than four times in the course of one day, except by special permission of the Chairman of the Meeting.

II.—MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 19 and 20, 1929.

[The Minutes of these meetings were circulated to Branches in February, 1930. They will be printed in the Final Agenda paper which will be issued on June 19. If additional copies of the Minutes are required meanwhile, it is requested that application be made to 15 Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1.]

Report on Action Taken on the General Council's Decisions of December, 1929.

ON MINUTE 336 (324(b)). [*Church Magazine* INSET.]

In response to the wish of the Council the Executive is continuing issue of the *Church and Home* inset for sale to Branches at 2s. per 100.

ON MINUTE 336 (326). [FREE LITERATURE.]

Two new leaflets, *The League of Nations in Pictures* and *Recruits Wanted*, have been published.

ON MINUTE 337 (ii). [BUDGET FOR 1930.]

Headquarters' expenditure has been reduced to £35,200 a year as from May 1, 1930, with the exception of rent paid in respect of the ground floor of No. 13 Grosvenor Crescent. Despite all endeavours it has been found impossible to let these premises (which are fully occupied by the Union's staff at present). The Union's lease of these premises, however, expires on December 25 next.

ON MINUTE 338. [STATEMENT ON THE ORGANISATION OF PEACE.]

This Statement, as amended by the Council, was duly presented to H.M. Government.

ON MINUTE 342 (1, 2 and 3). [ORGANISATION OF THE UNION.]

These resolutions were duly put into effect by the Executive Committee. For report on reorganisation, see page 18.

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ON MINUTE 343. [GENERAL COUNCIL.] (Last paragraph.)

The whole question of the present practice of nominating thirty persons by Postal Ballot for election by the Council to the Executive Committee is under consideration by that Committee. A proposal in regard to this matter will be brought before the Council at its meeting in December, 1930, before any action is taken in regard to the election of a committee for 1931-32.

ON MINUTE 345. [BRITISH INDUSTRY AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.]

Memoranda on this subject have been circulated to Branches. An article has also appeared in *Headway*.

ON MINUTE 346. [*Church and Home* INSET.]

See report on minute 336 (324(b)) above.

ON MINUTE 348. [PUBLICATION OF *Headway* (last paragraph *re Quarterly Review*).]

The proposal to issue a quarterly magazine which might take the place of many of the pamphlets at present sent to Foundation Members has been considered together with a suggestion to publish in future small books, to a certain number of which Foundation Members would be entitled during the year by virtue of their subscriptions. The proposal to issue a quarterly magazine has been strongly opposed on financial grounds and the whole question is still under consideration by a special committee.

ON MINUTE 349. [DIVISION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.]

Appeals for an increase in the number of 5s. subscriptions have appeared in consecutive issues of *Headway*. The number of persons who increased 3s. 6d. subscriptions to 5s. during the period January 1 to May 17 was 1,367. This information has also been published in *Headway*. In regard to Foundation Members, this question has received the most earnest consideration and a proposal is on the agenda paper for this meeting.

ON MINUTE 350. [UNDERGRADUATE SPEAKERS.]

The Executive Committee, having given careful consideration to the request contained in this Minute, has come to the conclusion that the best qualified undergraduate speakers shall be secured so far as possible in 1930, as in previous years, with the help of the British Universities League of Nations Society, to address meetings in different parts of the country at the request of Branches and local organisations. The Committee will only recommend the use of speakers whose competence and ability are proved.

ON MINUTES 351 and 352. [DRUG TRAFFIC AND THE LEAGUE AND PRISON CONDITIONS.]

These resolutions were duly presented to H.M. Government.

ON THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 1929. [RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE NOTTINGHAM BRANCH.]

This resolution has been duly carried into effect. (See report on Minute 349 above.)

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IV.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

(a) *Joint Presidents :*

Rt. Hon. the VISCOUNT GREY OF FALLODON, K.G.
Rt. Hon. the VISCOUNT CECIL, K.C.

(b) *Hon. Presidents :*

Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P.
Rt. Hon. J. R. CLYNES, M.P.
Rt. Hon. D. LLOYD GEORGE, O.M., M.P.

(c) *Chairman of Executive Committee :*

Professor GILBERT MURRAY, LL.D., D.Litt.

(d) *Vice-Presidents :*

The MARCHIONESS OF ABERDEEN AND TEMAIR
Field-Marshal Rt. Hon. the VISCOUNT ALLENBY, G.C.M.G., G.C.B.
The VISCOUNTESS ASTOR, M.P.
The DUCHESS OF ATHOLL, M.P.
Rt. Hon. the LORD BADEN-POWELL, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., C.B.
Col. SIR GILBERT BARLING, Bt., C.B., C.B.E.
Rt. Hon. G. N. BARNES, C.H.
Dame HENRIETTA BARNETT, D.B.E.
Admiral of the Fleet Rt. Hon. the EARL BEATTY, O.M., G.C.B.
Rt. Hon. Miss MARGARET BONDFIELD, M.P.
Rt. Hon. SIR ROBERT BORDEN, G.C.M.G.
His Eminence CARDINAL BOURNE
The CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH LEGION
Rt. Hon. S. M. BRUCE, C.H., M.C.
The VISCOUNTESS BRYCE
His Grace the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
Rt. Hon. J. G. COATES, M.C.
W. T. COSGRAVE, LL.D.
ANNIE, VISCOUNTESS COWDRAY
Mrs. CREIGHTON
Rt. Hon. T. A. CRERAR
Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF CREWE, K.G., G.C.V.O.
Rt. Hon. the LORD CULLEN, K.B.E.
DAVID DAVIES
Rt. Hon. the EARL OF DERBY, K.G., G.C.B.
His Grace the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., G.C.M.G.
Rt. Hon. the LORD DICKINSON, K.B.E.
Rt. Hon. H. A. L. FISHER
Rt. Hon. SIR G. E. FOSTER, K.C.M.G.
The PRESIDENT OF THE FREE CHURCH COUNCIL
Rev. R. C. GILLIE, D.C.L.
The VISCOUNTESS GLADSTONE
Mrs. OGILVIE GORDON, D.Sc., Ph.D.
Gen. SIR H. DE LA POER GOUGH, G.C.M.G.
Sir ARTHUR HAWORTH, Bt.
Very Rev. J. H. HERTZ, Ph.D.
General the Hon. J. B. M. HERTZOG, LL.D.
Rt. Hon. the EARL OF HOME
Rt. Hon. the LORD IRWIN, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.
Rt. Hon. SIR W. F. LLOYD, K.C.M.G.
MARCHIONESS OF LONDONDERRY, D.B.E.
Sir HENRY LUNN, M.D., J.P.
Dame EDITH LYTELTON, D.B.E.
Rt. Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING, C.M.G.

Rt. Hon. Sir DONALD MACLEAN, K.B.E., M.P.
 Rt. Hon. the LORD MARSHALL, K.C.V.O.
 Professor GILBERT MURRAY LL.D., D.Litt., F.B.A.
 H.H. the MAHARAJA JAMSAHEB OF NAWANAGAR
 Rt. Hon. the LORD PARMOOR, K.C.
 Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF READING, G.C.B.
 Miss MAUDE ROYDEN
 Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF SALISBURY, K.G., G.C.V.O.
 Rt. Hon. Sir HERBERT L. SAMUEL, G.C.B., G.B.E., M.P.
 Rt. Hon. SRINIVASA SASTRI
 Rt. Hon. the EARL OF SELBORNE, K.G., G.C.M.G.
 Rt. Hon. the LORD SHAW OF DUNFERMLINE, K.C.
 Rt. Hon. TOM SHAW, C.B.E., M.P.
 Rt. Hon. the LORD SHUTTLEWORTH, LL.D.
 Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN SIMON, K.C.V.O., M.P.
 Lt.-Gen. the Rt. Hon. J. C. SMUTS, K.C.
 Sir HUGH SHAW STEWART, C.B.
 Mrs. SWANWICK
 Sir WILLIAM VINCENT, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I.
 Sir CHARLES WAKEFIELD, Bt., C.B.E.
 A. WHITEHEAD
 Rt. Hon. J. H. WHITLEY
 His Grace the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

(e) *Treasurer :*

Rt. Hon. the LORD QUEENBOROUGH, G.B.E.

(f) *Trustees :*

DAVID DAVIES
 Rt. Hon. REGINALD MCKENNA

V.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following thirty persons have been nominated by Postal Ballot for election by the General Council as members of the Executive Committee for 1930-31:—

NORMAN ANGELL, M.P.
 P. J. NOEL BAKER, M.P.
 C. DELISLE BURNS, M.A., D.Litt.
 L. J. CADBURY
 Colonel DAVID CARNEGIE, C.B.E, F.R.S.E.
 Miss K. D. COURTNEY
 DAVID DAVIES
 Rt. Hon. the LORD DICKINSON, K.B.E.
 Vice-Admiral S. R. DRURY-LOWE, C.M.G.
 A. S. DUFF COOPER, D.S.O.
 Major WALTER ELLIOT, M.C., M.P.
 Miss RUTH FRY
 The VISCOUNTESS GLADSTONE
 Captain L. H. GREEN, M.A.
 J. H. HARRIS
 Sir ARTHUR HAWORTH, Bt.
 Major the Rt. Hon. J. W. HILLS, M.P.

Rt. Hon. Sir CHARLES HOBHOUSE, Bt.
 Sir THOMAS INSKIP, C.B.E., K.C.
 Rt. Hon. LEIF JONES, M.P.
 Lt.-Com. the Hon. J. M. KENWORTHY, M.P.
 C. W. KIMMINS, M.A.
 Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN, C.H.
 Rt. Hon. the EARL OF LYTTON, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E.
 Professor GILBERT MURRAY, LL.D., D.Litt.
 Sir WALTER NAPIER, D.C.L.
 The LADY PARMOOR
 Rt. Hon. the LORD QUEENBOROUGH, G.B.E.
 Mrs. WALTER RUNCIMAN
 HERBERT WORSLEY

VI.—CO-OPTATIONS.

Nominations received. Under By-Law 6 (iii)

The DUCHESS OF ATHOLL, M.P.
 Rt. Hon. the EARL BEAUCHAMP, K.G., K.C.M.G.
 Sir ARNOLD BENNETT
 Sir CHARLES BRIGHT, F.R.S.E., M.Inst. C.E.
 E. L. BURGIN, LL.D., M.P.
 LADY BYLES
 Major A. G. CHURCH, D.S.O., M.P.
 Miss K. D. COURTNEY
 C. T. CRAMP
 Mrs. RICHARD CROSS
 Miss LLEWELYN DAVIES
 CHARLES DUNCAN, M.P.
 Miss NORA ENFIELD
 ISAAC FOOT, M.P.
 GERALD FRANCE
 H. HAMILTON FYFE
 A. G. GARDNER, J.P.
 J. L. GARVIN
 HENRY N. GLADSTONE, J.P.
 G. P. GOOCH, D.Litt., F.B.A.
 H. GOSLING, C.H., M.P.
 Rt. Hon. Wm. GRAHAM, LL.D., M.P.
 The MARQUESS OF HARTINGTON, M.P.
 Rt. Hon. VERNON HARTSHORN, O.B.E., M.P.
 Rt. Hon. A. HENDERSON, M.P.
 Major the Rt. Hon. J. W. HILLS, M.P.
 Mrs. E. C. NEWENHAM HOARE
 LADY HORSLEY
 Mrs. PETER HUGHES-GRIFFITHS
 Major E. B. INCE
 *Rev. CANON MAURICE JONES, D.D.
 Mrs. MARGARET SEFTON JONES
 Miss EMILY LEAF
 Col. Sir A. L. LEVER, Bt.
 Rev. H. ELVET LEWIS, M.A.
 FREDERICK MADDISON, J.P.
 Sir JOHN MANN, K.B.E.
 The Poet Laureate (JOHN MASEFIELD)

H. J. MAY
 Rt. Hon. the LORD MESTON, K.C.S.I.
 Mrs. HUGH MIDDLETON
 Sir P. C. MITCHELL, C.B.E., LL.D.
 Sir ROBERT NEWMAN, Bt., M.P.
 Rt. Hon. the LORD OLIVIER, K.C.M.G.
 Sir GEORGE PAISH
 F. W. PETHICK-LAWRENCE, M.A., M.P.
 Rt. Hon. Sir HORACE PLUNKETT, K.C.V.O.
 Wm. FRANK PURDY
 Miss ELEANOR RATHBONE, M.P.
 Mrs. WALTER REA
 Sir HARRY REICHEL, M.A., LL.D.
 A. C. RICKARDS, K.C.
 Rt. Hon. J. M. ROBERTSON
 Major L. N. DE ROTHSCHILD, C.B.E.
 W. S. ROWNTREE
 H. F. SHAW
 J. A. SPENDER, M.A.
 H. WICKHAM STEED
 Sir DANIEL STEVENSON, LL.D., D.L.
 W. STRAKER
 Mrs. T. TAYLOR
 GEORGE R. THORNE
 STANLEY UNWIN
 T. FISHER UNWIN
 Rt. Hon. the LORD VERNON
 ANGUS WATSON, J.P.
 H. G. WELLS, B.Sc.
 Mrs. GEORGE WHALE
 CHARLTON WILKINSON
 Sir J. FISCHER WILLIAMS, C.B.E., K.C.
 Rt. Hon. J. W. WILSON
 Lt.-Col. Rt. Hon. Sir LESLIE O. WILSON, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 HARTLEY WITHERS
 L. S. WOOLF
 HERBERT WORSLEY
 HAROLD WRIGHT
 *THE MODERATOR OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

President of the Welsh National Council of the Union :

President of the London Regional Federation of the Union :
 P. J. NOEL BAKER, M.P.

Presidents of the County Federal Councils of the Union :

Berkshire : J. H. BENYON, Esq.
Derbyshire : His Grace the DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.
Essex : Brig.-Gen. R. B. COLVIN, C.B.
Kent : Most Hon. the MARQUESS CAMDEN
Leicestershire and Rutland : Sir ARTHUR GREY HAZLERIGG, Bt.
Northamptonshire : The Most Hon. the MARQUESS OF EXETER, C.M.G.
Nottinghamshire : His Grace the DUKE OF PORTLAND, K.G., G.C.V.O.
Worcestershire : Rt. Hon. the VISCOUNT COBHAM

Chairman of the Paris Section of the Union :

Vice-Admiral Sir E. HEATON-ELLIS, K.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., and the members, including the co-opted members, of the EXECUTIVE and FINANCE Committees.

* *New nominations.*

Under By-Law 6 (iv)

Religion :

- Rev. M. E. AUBREY, M.A.
Miss E. BEHRENS
Rev. D. S. CAIRNS, O.B.E., D.D.
Miss A. M. CALLOW
Very Rev. the DEAN OF CANTERBURY (Dr. H. R. L. SHEPPARD)
Rt. Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF CHICHESTER
Very Rev. the DEAN OF CHICHESTER
Rt. Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM
Rev. H. W. FOX, D.S.O., M.A.
Rev. A. E. GARVIE, D.D.
Rev. R. C. GILLIE, D.C.L.
Rev. T. R. GLOVER, D.D.
Rt. Rev. BISHOP GORE
Rev. A. HERBERT GRAY, D.D.
DENIS GRINLING
Rev. R. F. HORTON, D.D.
Rev. L. P. JACKS, LL.D., D.Litt.
Mrs. RUSSELL JAMES
Rev. J. D. JONES, D.D.
Rev. JOSEPH KEATING, S.J.
Rev. W. MUSSON KELLEY
Rt. Rev. the BISHOP OF KENSINGTON
H. R. LEWIS
- Rev. J. SCOTT LIDGETT, D.D.
*Very Rev. NORMAN MCCLEAN, D.D.
A. R. MORO
Professor J. H. MUIRHEAD, LL.D.
Rev. THOMAS NIGHTINGALE
Rev. F. W. NORWOOD, D.D.
Rev. CANON H. B. OTTLEY, M.A.
The LADY PARMOOR
The Very Rev. W. P. PATERSON, D.D., LL.D.
Rt. Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF RIPON
The Very Rev. the DEAN OF ST. PAUL'S
The Rt. Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY and IPSWICH
Rev. W. B. SELBIE, D.D.
Miss M. M. SHARPLES
Rev. HUDSON SHAW, M.A.
Rev. HENRY SMITH
Rev. J. F. STERN
Rt. Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF WINCHESTER
Rev. F. LUKE WISEMAN, B.A.
Very Rev. the DEAN OF WORCESTER
M. F. WREN

and the members of the CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS and the RELIGIOUS AND ETHICS Committees.

Education :

- ANTHONY ASQUITH
G. F. BARBOUR, D.Phil.
ERNEST BARKER, M.A., D.Litt., LL.D.
Sir WILLIAM BEVERIDGE, Director,
London School of Economics
Mrs. A. W. CLAREMONT
Rt. Rev. A. A. DAVID, D.D.
Rev. GWILYM DAVIES, M.A.
G. LOWES DICKINSON, M.A.
Miss LLOYD EVANS, M.A.
C. I. EVANS, M.A.
Sir ALFRED EWING, K.C.B.
Miss L. M. FAITHFULL
Brig.-Gen. G. H. GATER, C.M.G., D.S.O.
F. W. GOLDSTONE
Professor A. J. GRANT, M.A.
Sir Charles GRANT-ROBERTSON, C.V.O., M.A.
Miss F. R. GRAY, M.A.
Sir HENRY HADOW, C.B.E., M.A., D.Mus.
Professor H. W. J. HETHERINGTON, Vice-Chancellor, Liverpool University
Principal Sir J. C. IRVINE, C.B.E.
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VII.—RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REORGANISATION SUB- COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ORGANISATION AND FINANCE OF THE UNION.

[Submitted, with the general approval of the Committee of Twelve, by the Executive Committee.]

The Executive Committee on January 16, *resolved*

‘That the report of the Office Re-organisation Committee be provisionally approved, as amended and attached to these minutes; and that this report be further considered with a view to a final decision being taken when members of the Union’s secretariat have been consulted upon the report and when it has been examined by the Committee of Twelve appointed by the General Council for the purpose.’

Members of the Union’s secretariat have, accordingly, been invited to submit their comments and suggestions, and several officers of the Union have responded to this invitation. The report has also been examined by the Committee of Twelve whose discussion of it was reported to the Executive on January 30. In the light of the observations of the Committee of Twelve and of members of the Union’s secretariat, the recommendations have been revised and, in the following form, were finally approved by the Executive on April 10.

(A. i.) ORGANISATION OF THE OFFICE.

In proposing certain changes we desire at the outset to explain that we are in no way criticising either the ability, the enthusiasm or the morale of the staff. On the contrary we can only express our satisfaction with the general standard of industry, personal efficiency and zeal throughout the Office, a satisfaction which was confirmed by the recent

report made on behalf of Sir John Mann. We realise that practically every member of the staff was carefully selected out of a large number of competing applicants.

In order to prevent the loss of time and the difficulty of consultation which ensue from too much routine business going always through the hands of the chief officer, the Secretary has proposed, and the Sub-Committee approves, a plan for devolving part of his work upon the Deputy Secretary and three Assistant Secretaries. This plan is not meant in any way to diminish the authority or the freedom of the Heads of Departments, but merely to provide readier and more accessible means of consultation. By this the ordinary daily work of the Union will in future be divided into three groups, each group comprising certain existing departments: Administration and Finance (under Major Freshwater), Information (under Captain Thomas), Public Action (under Mr. Eppstein). Industry and Commerce (under Mr. Mills) will constitute a fourth section.

We recommend that a Member of the Executive be found who can attend the office daily for an hour or two, and act as Deputy to the Chairman. This Deputy Chairman should also be Chairman of the Office Committee. It shall be suggested to the Deputy Chairman that regular Meetings (weekly if convenient) of the Secretary of the Union, the Deputy Secretary and the three Assistant Secretaries be held under the presidency of the Deputy Chairman. The Vice-Chairman’s position and powers should, of course, continue unaffected by this new appointment. Further, we recommend that the Secretary should have the right to attend and speak at all Committees, except the Executive, but that he should not attend meetings of these Committees unless for definite reasons he thinks it desirable.

(A. ii.) RELATIONS WITH BRANCHES.

The feelings of Branches towards the Executive vary. In some places Headquarters is regarded as being too prolific

with suggestions and proposals. In other places the exact opposite is thought.

We recommend .—

(1) That better arrangements be made for the reception of visitors to the Union, and that to this end Mr. Mills be asked to undertake, in addition to his other duties, those of Reception Officer.

(2) That a Branches Sub-Committee of the Executive be formed to meet once a month and deal specially with questions affecting the relations of Branches and Headquarters.

(3) That a permanent 'Regions' Committee of twelve to twenty-four persons, representative (like the Committee of Twelve) of the National Councils of Scotland and Wales and of the ten English regions, be constituted; that it should have the right to make proposals as well as to criticise them; and that it meet regularly twice a year some two months before meetings of the General Council. It is hoped that this Committee might save a good deal of the time of the Council.

(4) The Council Meetings appear to show that, while there is general unanimity and confidence in the lead of the Executive on political matters, questions of internal organisation and administration often produce lively discussion, for which the time given is altogether insufficient, and should be increased: this difficulty would to some extent be met by the above proposal to appoint a 'Regions' Committee. We recommend that the Executive as a whole should receive invitations and platform tickets and should make a practice of attending Council Meetings; and that policies proposed by the Executive should be introduced and recommended by members other than the Chairman of the meeting.

(5) We recommend that it should be a regular practice for some member of the Executive to attend every annual meeting of the Federal and County Committees. It would be useful also for them, when convenient, to attend the Annual Meetings of Branches.

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(6) An agreement with the London Regional Federation has already been approved by the Executive, chiefly affecting matters of finance.

(7) The Public Meetings department appears to be over-worked and, in consequence, not always able to select the most suitable kind of speaker for particular meetings and localities. These difficulties should be met by enlisting the co-operation of the Secretaries of the Industrial Advisory, Education, Women's Advisory and Christian Organisations Committee in choosing and securing speakers for meetings which come within their respective spheres.

(B.) FINANCIAL.

(1) We have recommended that the lease of No. 13 be got rid of, that certain reductions be made in the staff, and that certain small economies recommended by the representative of Sir John Mann in his examination of the office be put into effect. These measures, in so far as they have not been taken already, should be taken at once. We would point out, however, that the reductions in the staff now decided upon will involve some diminution of the supply of articles and paragraphs for the press.

We also recommend that in the appeals for membership used at meetings and appended to pamphlets, etc., a phrase should be added explaining that the 1s. and 3s. 6d. subscriptions do not appreciably help the funds of the Union, and urging all those who can afford it to subscribe £1 or at least 5s.

A proposal was made to charge booking fees for speakers. This did not seem to be desirable, but it is recommended that, when outside organisations ask for speakers, steps should be taken to secure a donation to the Union.

(2) It has been proposed to increase both the profits and effectiveness of *Headway* and our other literature by creating

a special publishing company. This scheme has been referred to a special Sub-Committee with outside advice, and the matter is still under consideration.

(3) A special Appeals Committee has been formed in connection with the Finance Committee, and two Appeals officers have been added to Colonel Fisher's staff. Colonel Fisher has propounded a scheme for obtaining a much larger number of Foundation Members. The main idea of the scheme is as follows: If the Union had 100,000 Foundation Members (see below), it would bring in an income to Headquarters of £37,500 and suffice for all Headquarters expenditure on the present scale. We recommend that each county should be invited to secure its quota of the 100,000 members, this quota being reckoned according to the county's membership, wealth, etc., calculated on the present quota basis.

c. Colonel Fisher reports, and the report is confirmed from many sources, that the Union is suffering from a certain unpopularity in the City and in some circles which have hitherto contributed generously to our financial support. The unpopularity seems to be based on two charges: (1) that the Union has adopted a party attitude hostile to the Conservatives, especially in the last election; and (2) that its annual expenditure is altogether excessive. We are convinced that both these charges are entirely baseless, and cannot survive careful study of the facts. We consider that steps should be taken, as opportunity offers, to explain the true situation to those whom it may concern.

VIII.—RESOLUTIONS.

(A.) UNION AFFAIRS.

1 100,000 FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP.

The General Council *resolves*—

'(1) That the time has come to give practical effect to the wish expressed by the Council

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that the number of Foundation Members should be very considerably increased; and that, to this end, an attempt be made to enrol one hundred thousand Foundation Members.

(2) That each county should enrol a proportion of the 100,000 Foundation Members; the quotas being the mean between:—

(a) the number based on the county's proportion of the Council's Vote, and

(b) the number based on the county's proportion of the paid membership of the Union in 1929.

(3) That the scheme be commended to the counties and Branches, pointing out—

(a) The new rule whereby Branches receive a bonus of five shillings on every new Foundation Member they enrol on or after October 1, 1929 (so that the Branch retains not less than ten shillings out of such a member's first subscription).

(b) The advantage to each individual Branch as well as to the whole Union of obtaining subscriptions larger than £1 from as many as possible of the Foundation Members enrolled under the scheme (since Branches receive twenty-five per cent. of all subscriptions in addition to the above-mentioned bonus of five shillings for each new Foundation Member enrolled.

(c) The arrangement whereby Headquarters divides equally with any duly constituted Federal Council all Council's Vote money received from its area in excess of its quota.

(4) That the subscriptions of Foundation Members enrolled under this scheme shall be paid to Headquarters, to individual Branches or to Federal Councils as desired. When paid to Headquarters, Headquarters shall undertake to pay over to the local organisation concerned the proportion due to it at the end of March, June, September and December; accounts to be made up to the end of the previous month. Wherever possible payments shall be made by bankers' orders.

(5) That the local organisations be reminded of the Union's revised Rule 3, whereby Foundation Members whom the Union's local organisation has not enrolled or retained may be enrolled by and attached to Headquarters on condition that Branch finances do not thereby suffer.

(6) That all Branches and Districts are hereby urged to adopt the scheme and put it into work without delay with a view to obtaining the desired number of new Foundation Members before the Council Meeting due to be held in June, 1931.'

2. BRANCH CONFERENCES. [Camberley Branch.]

'That in Counties or other convenient areas (e.g., one or more Parliamentary Divisions) where district councils have not yet been formed, Conferences of Branch representatives should be held once or twice a year to discuss Union policy and other matters of common interest to Branches.'

3. SUBSCRIPTIONS. [Hereford City Branch.]

'That any Branch which guarantees to pay its quota of the Council's Vote in two half-yearly

instalments, one in January the other in July, shall retain its subscriptions in full except for the amount due for literature supplied by Headquarters.'

4 REPRESENTATION OF BRANCHES ON THE GENERAL COUNCIL. [London Regional Federation.]

'That, as about 90 per cent. of the Branches of the Union are not directly represented at the General Council meetings, the Executive Committee be requested to find some method by which they may be more adequately represented than at present.'

5 EXPENSES OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES. [Tyne District Council.]

'That the Executive should be instructed to formulate a scheme whereby the travelling expenses of representatives be pooled (expenses to include train fare and £1 per day Hotel expenses during the time of Conference), so that the costs of representation may be equally distributed.'

6 LIBRARY FINANCES. [Kent Federal Council.]

'That, on the cessation of the grant from the Carnegie Trust at the end of the year, an adequate sum be voted for the maintenance of the Union's library, on a basis consistent with its reputation as one of the best libraries of its kind in the world.'

7 PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. [Essex Federal Council.]

'That the General Council, having taken note of the results of the experiment of holding the summer meeting outside London, is well

satisfied that this provides an exceptionally good opportunity for bringing the work of the Union before the Provinces, and resolves that the Twelfth Annual General Meeting be held at Clacton in Essex, in 1931.'

8 ARMISTICE DAY LEAFLET. [Nottinghamshire Federal Council.]

'That, in view of the value of Armistice Meetings as a means of strengthening public opinion in favour of the work of the Union, Headquarters be asked to resume the free distribution, at properly organised meetings, of the leaflet, *Some Thoughts on Armistice Day*, on request for supplies being made by Federal or Branch Secretaries.'

9 WORK IN THE CHURCHES. [Chiswick Branch.]

'That, where a suitable person can be obtained, there be appointed by each Branch a special official to develop work in the Churches.'

10 PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION. [Keyworth Branch.]

'(a) That the General Council recommends the holding at an early date of a Prize Essay Competition somewhat on the lines set forth on pages 63-64 of the Brighton Agenda.*

*(a) That the General Council recommends the Executive to organise a Prize Essay Competition, somewhat on the following lines:—

Prizes to be offered in the Form of Free Admission to various Summer Schools and Conferences, including all expenses attached to attendance thereat;

Subject—

How to organise and conduct a Branch of the League of Nations Union:

a. In a town or city of, say, 5,000 people or more;

b. In a village of less than 5,000.

Special arrangements for London.

Two Competitions.

(b) That a Committee be appointed, consisting of one representative attending this Council Meeting, from each Region of the Union, to consider the best means of raising the money required."

(c) And that this Committee meets at the close of this session to discuss the first steps to be taken to bring about the desired results.'

11 JUNIOR BRANCHES. [Northamptonshire Federal Council.]

'(a) That the reorganisation of Junior Branches with regard to rural areas be explored; and

(b) That Junior Branches in Schools, other than Secondary, should contribute to Headquarters a capitation fee of not less than 1d. per member.'

Districts—

The competitors to be grouped into, say, the Regional Districts of the Union and judged accordingly. First and Second Prizes to be offered in each District for each class. In case of less than six competitors in any region in either subject, the same should be grouped with those of an adjoining Region.

National—

The District Prize Essays to be again assessed for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes, by fresh judges. The National Prize Essays to be read and discussed at a special sitting of the General Council at their meeting in December, and the First Prize Winner be sent to the Summer School at Geneva the following year.

(b) That the Council Vote for 1929 be increased by £150 to cover cost of the competitions.

IX.—LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND WORLD AFFAIRS.

(A) STATEMENT UPON INTERNATIONAL POLICY SUBMITTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Royal Charter under which the Union was Incorporated cites as the third object of the Union: 'To advocate the full development of the League of Nations, so as to bring about such a world organisation as will guarantee the freedom of nations, act as Trustee and Guardian of backward races maintain International order and finally liberate mankind from war and the effects of war.' This statement is put forward in furtherance of this object.

International Arbitration has made great progress in recent months. But the London Naval Conference has brought to light some of the difficulties of reconciling the desire of America to avoid political commitments with the insistence of European Powers upon the importance of pre-arranged mutual assistance between nations for the defence of international order.

Appreciating both these points of view, Great Britain has a leading part to play in the organisation of peace and the promotion of a general reduction of armaments, which is an essential condition of lasting peace. It should be a fundamental object of British foreign policy to sustain and encourage cordial co-operation between the British Empire and the United States of America in the interests of peace, without weakening in any degree the loyal attachment of the Empire to the Covenant of the League of Nations.

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For Peace is the greatest interest of the British Empire, and the Empire can render a valuable service to peace through the League. The system of consultation between the seven delegations of the British Empire to the Assembly of the League of Nations has been valuable as a means of promoting unity of purpose in the Empire's foreign policy and the effective collaboration of all members of the British Commonwealth in the League's various activities. This system might be developed and utilised in the intervals between the meeting of the Imperial Conference.

1. THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES.

It is of the utmost importance that peaceful means be provided for the solution of every type of conflict between nations.

The signature of the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court by the British Governments and the majority of States Members of the League involves the submission of international disputes of a legal character to judicial settlement. As a means of completing machinery for the solution of other disputes, the British Government is asked to consider the acceptance of the General Act, adopted by the Ninth Assembly of the League, with whatever reservations or modifications may be thought necessary.

Treaties which have become inapplicable, or which seem to constitute obstacles to international goodwill, should be reconsidered and modified: it is important to use Article 19 of the Covenant, wherever it is properly applicable, for this purpose.

2. THE DEFENCE OF INTERNATIONAL ORDER.

The provisions for mutual assistance in the Covenant and in the Locarno agreements (so far as Western Europe is con-

cerned), together with the Kellogg Pact, should furnish any Power with such reasonable security against the violation of its rights that it should be willing to join forthwith in a considerable reduction of armaments.

In order that practical means of applying the principles of the Covenant to deter a disturber of the peace may be available, two Conventions should be signed; one upon the basis of the Draft Model Treaty to Strengthen Means of Preventing War; the other, a Convention for Financial Assistance in the event of war or the threat of war; the latter should be signed on condition that a State benefiting from the Convention shall have ratified and loyally co-operated in the execution of a treaty for the general reduction of armaments.

3. THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

The willingness of Governments to reduce and limit their armaments is the test of their sincerity in making promises not to go to war. The general and effective reduction of armaments is essential to the organisation of peace and security through the League. Every effort should be made to bring to a satisfactory conclusion the work of the League's Preparatory Disarmament Commission, in order that a World Conference may soon be held to conclude a general treaty for the genuine reduction and limitation of all armaments. Such a treaty should at least include the following provisions:—

All classes of warships should be progressively restricted. There should, in particular, be an immediate reduction in the number of existing capital ships and a drastic limitation in the future size and armament of such ships, as well as an agreement to reduce the

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number of auxiliary craft, including submarines, which should, if possible, be abolished.

The period of service in conscript armies, or the annual contingent of recruits, or both, should be restricted.

The number of military aeroplanes, or pilots and of mechanics should be strictly limited and reduced, and commercial aircraft should not be built in such a way as to be immediately available for fighting purposes.

War material should be restricted either specifically or by budgetary limitation, or by both, and, in view of the treaties renouncing chemical warfare, chemical manufacture should be subject to special regulations and publicity.

Reasonable machinery should be devised and accepted for ascertaining that the provisions of a general disarmament treaty are loyally carried out.

Plans for the reduction of armaments should be accompanied by adequate schemes for mitigating unemployment resulting from their adoption.

4. THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MINORITIES.

It is essential to a lasting peace that the rights of minorities should be respected and harmonised with their duties to the States of which they are part.

The Council of the League should not cease its endeavour to improve the methods by which it discharges its duty of protection to a certain number of minorities; and all States Members of the League should undertake to respect the same rights of minorities as a few of their number are at present obliged by treaty to acknowledge.

5. ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

There should be constant co-operation between Governments, through the League, in the economic and financial sphere.

With this object in view, every effort should be made to secure the enlargement of markets for exports; the improvement of credit for commercial purposes in connection with the Bank for International Settlements; and the removal of hindrances to international commerce and the friction and impoverishment arising therefrom.

*6. IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS OF LABOUR.

A low standard of working conditions in one country is the enemy of social progress in all. No effort should be spared to secure a general improvement in the standard of living through the activities of the International Labour Organisation.

In particular, the Washington Hours Convention should be ratified and renewed upon its expiration, and it should be part of the considered policy of the British Government to secure the prompt ratification and application of all Conventions signed by it at International Labour Conferences.

*7. SLAVERY AND FORCED LABOUR.

Slavery and forced labour should be abolished.

The League should give continual attention to the loyal fulfilment by its Members of the International Slavery Convention of 1926, and a Convention for the suppression of forced labour should be signed and ratified at the earliest possible date. In the meantime, all Colonial Powers should observe a standard which is at least not lower than that laid down in the regulations already in force in the 'B' and 'C' Mandates.

* These sections of the Statement upon International Policy will be taken on Friday afternoon, June 27, under Item X—(International Labour Organisation).

8. EDUCATION AND THE LEAGUE.

Education in the aims and work of the League should be promoted in all countries.

It is desirable that the League should convene a World Education Conference to consider and report upon the progress made in this direction. In Great Britain, full effect should be given to the Recommendations of the League's Sub-Committee of Experts and those of the Joint Committee of Associations of Local Education Authorities and of teachers.

9. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE LEAGUE.

The activities of the League directed against grave social evils should be supported and developed.

Progressive steps should be taken for the suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children, and the British Government should use its influence to secure the general ratification and application of the Conventions already signed for this purpose, and the abolition of licensed houses of prostitution in all countries.

The general ratification of The Hague Opium Convention of 1912 and the Geneva Drug Conventions of 1925 should be secured, and an endeavour should be made through the League of Nations to bring about legislation and practical administrative measures in each country to control the amount of derivative drugs manufactured, sold and exported.

The League of Nations should promote an international Convention determining the conditions to be observed in all civilised countries in the treatment of persons under arrest or in captivity, and should co-operate with the International Prison Commission to secure the loyal observance of such a Convention.

(B) RESOLUTIONS—LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND WORLD AFFAIRS.

I INTERNATIONAL BANK. [Wolverhampton Branch.]

‘That in view of the great and growing power of International Finance, this Union would respectfully urge the Finance and Economic Commission of the League of Nations to explore the possibility and to take the necessary steps for the formation of a League of Nations Bank at Geneva.’

INTERNATIONAL BANK. [South Staffordshire District Council.]

‘That the General Council recommends that a League of Nations Bank be formed, with Headquarters at Geneva.’

2 INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE. [Berkshire Federal Council.]

‘That this Council is of the opinion that the teaching of an international language in the schools of all countries would promote international goodwill and peace.’

XII.—SPECIAL MEETING.

OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE BLOCKLEY BRANCH:—

- (a) ‘That it is desirable that in future only those who subscribe 5s. and upwards should receive *Headway*, provided that all present subscribers of 3s. 6d. shall continue to receive *Headway* so long as they continue to subscribe.’
- (b) ‘That the Rules be altered accordingly.’

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