

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Tuesday, January 18th, 1938,
at 55 Gower Street, W.C. 1. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. McGregor Wood, Mrs. Innes, Miss White, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Dickinson, Miss Pye, Mrs. Longson, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Chick, Mrs. Thornycroft, Miss Warner, Miss Harrison, Miss Marshall.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Brayshaw and Miss Rinder. The Chairman reported that Miss Sheepshanks, who was ill and therefore unable to be present, had written to say that owing to ill-health she must resign at once from the Vice-Chairmanship. AGREED to write to Miss Sheepshanks to express the sympathy of the Committee and to ask her to leave her decision open until the Annual Council Meetings in March, and to assure her that she should not be called upon in any way between now and then.

MINUTES OF MEETING on December 14th were confirmed, after the following amendments had been made:-

page 2. Minute 438. 4th line from bottom. After the word "Executive" add "but in order to shorten the war."

page 3. Delete paragraph 3 and insert "It was agreed that the question should be thrown open for discussion and the vote was then taken on accepting the resolution in principle. Add after "Japanese goods" in fifth paragraph: "Voting: 10 for. 5 Against."

449. BUSINESS ARISING:

Minute 439. The Secretary reported that several bookings had been made provisionally in different centres for the suggested weekend Conference of Executive Members. The dates booked were February 4th to 8th and February 11th/14th. Since the booking of February 11th/14th the I.P.C. had called their Peoples Assembly in London for that weekend so the booking had been cancelled. The possibilities of holding such a Conference were considered and finally it was agreed not to do so, but to concentrate on routine matters at the Committee in the morning of February 8th, and to devote the afternoon session to discussion of the subjects which would be before the Annual Council Meetings in March.

Mrs. Thornycroft expressed the view that too much time was spent in Committee on work which affected the London members only. Mrs. Innes reminded the Committee of the existence some years ago of an Organisation Committee which dealt with routine matters, such as meetings, etc. but that the Executive had insisted on considering the subjects at their meetings, which resulted in the disbanding of the Organisation Committee.

It was AGREED to ask the Officers to deal as far as possible with London matters.

Minute 444. At the request of Miss Marshall it was AGREED that copies of the Boycott resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee in October and December should be on the Literature table at the meeting that evening (Jan. 18th) to protest against the crime of war.

The Committee asked that letters of thanks be sent to Mrs. Bayes, Miss Bunbury and Miss Gill for their help in the Office in connection with the meeting. Reported that the Treasurer would be making the appeal for the collection.

Minute 443. Reported a letter from the Dominions Office in reply to ours of the 17th December assuring the Committee that the Government fully appreciated the importance of doing

what is possible for the improvement of the social and economic position of these Territories," and that "steps are being taken to carry out the recommendations in Sir Alan Pin's reports and considerable sums have been made available from the United Kingdom Exchequer for administrative and development purposes in the Territories." The letter was accompanied by a copy of Hansard dated 28th July, 1937, which contained the official report of the debate on the question of the South African Territories.

Reported that Mrs. Thoday had brought into the Office for use, but "not to be taken away," an Atlas showing the history of the development of the natives and their Movements in South Africa during the last 150 years. AGREED that a note be put into the News Sheet inviting members interested in the subject to call at the Office to study the Atlas. Mrs. Thoday undertook to consider the advisability of having a session at the Council Meetings on this subject.

450. FINANCE. The Treasurer presented the attached Statement of Accounts, which was adopted.

The question of a donation to the I.P.C. was brought forward from the November Committee. It was AGREED to make a grant of £2.

Miss Dickinson asked permission for the use of the Office after 5.30 p.m. for the Arts Peace Campaign meetings. Agreed to allow one meeting on the understanding that Miss Dickinson made herself personally responsible for the care of the Office and the secure fastening of the street door during the assembling of the members and at the close of the meeting. The Officers were left to make arrangements if further meetings were held. The question of a Grant towards lighting and heating was raised but this too was left to the Officers.

451. COLONIAL PROBLEMS. The Chairman read the resolution adopted at the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee Meeting (Basle, January 1938) on Colonial Problems (see Minutes).

A resolution drafted by Miss Rinder, at the request of the Executive, was considered paragraph by paragraph. After discussion Miss Pye moved that the resolution, as amended, be accepted, and questions of editing be left to the Officers. This was seconded and AGREED.

452. PALESTINE. Miss Freda White opened an interesting discussion on Palestine at the close of which it was AGREED that nothing effective could be done at the moment, but Mrs. Kraft undertook to bring to the February Executive any suggestions upon which she thought action might be taken.

453. INDIA. Miss Harrison (1) reported on Mrs. Lankester's visit to India from letters she had received; (2) urged the Branches and Executive Members, who had not already done so, to subscribe to the India Bulletin; (3) reported on Mr. Bose's visit to this country, and on the meeting arranged for him at Friends House on Friday, the 14th, at which several members of the Executive were present.

454. CHINA AND JAPAN. Mrs. Innes read resolutions on "The Anti-Comintern Pact" and "The Boycott of an Aggressor" which were adopted by the W.I.L.P.F. Committee at Basle. Mrs. Duncan Harris explained that there was no question of the W.I.L.P.F. organising the boycott but it had decided to support the R.U.P. (International Peace Campaign) Campaign for a world boycott, in the sense that it would support any National Section taking part in a boycott. Gertrud Baer hoped to be in London for the I.P.C. Peoples Assembly.

The question of sending an emissary to China had been discussed. On hearing that Miss Muriel Lester was going to China, Madame Ragaz had sent her, on December 13th, a message to take to the Chinese women. A similar message had not been sent to the Japanese women because it was not known if Miss Lester would get to Japan.

Mrs. Innes reported that Baroness Shidzue Ishimoto had been imprisoned in Japan.

455. SPAIN. Following a discussion on possibilities of mediation in Spain, the Officers and Miss Pye were left to take what action they thought advisable after Miss Pye had had an opportunity of a talk with MR. Roden Buxton, who had recently written a memorandum on the subject.

456. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS. The Chairman reported that since the last Committee several Halls had been seen and provisionally booked, but she recommended the meetings being held in Rooms 7, 8, 9 in Friends House, Euston Road, with the possibility of being able to move into the Small Meeting House if necessary. This was AGREED.

The following Time Table was AGREED:-

March 15th.... 2. 15 p.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m. TEA.
4.30 to 6 p.m.

March 16th....10.30 to 12.45
2.15 " 4 p.m.
4. to 4.30 p.m. TEA.
4.30 to 6 p.m.

7.30 to 9.30 SOCIAL, with Mrs. Lankester
as the Guest of Honour.

March 17th.....10.30 to 1 p.m.

The question of an afternoon session on the 17th was left over for the time being.

It was decided that, if possible, the Social should be held in the Friends Institute. Miss Pye promised to try to get some of the Basque children to give a performance of dancing. Miss Dickinson was asked to hold over her offer to make inquiries about Chinese music until Miss Pye had inquired about the Basque children.

The arrangements for the Social were left to the Officers.

It was AGREED that a meeting of the Executive Committee should be held in the Office on the morning of March 15th.

Draft Annual Report, presented by Mrs. Innes, was adopted after a few amendments had been accepted.

Miss Marshall, Dr. Clark and the Officers were appointed the Agenda Committee, the first meeting to be held, if possible on February 8th after the Executive, or on Wednesday morning, February 9th.

Subjects for Council Meetings. AGREED to recommend to the Branches the following subjects for resolution and discussion:-

- (1) Measures of general appeasement (Time to be limited)
- (2) The changed situation and the League of Nations.
- (3) India.
- (4) China and Japan
- (5) Spain.
- (6) Private manufacture of, and traffic in arms.
- (7) Air disarmament.
- (8) Neutrality and Disarmament.
- (9) N.P.C. Charter.
- (10) Refugees,
- (11) Peace Pilgrims this summer.

It was AGREED to notify the Branches that the Executive expects there will be need for urgency resolutions on a number of these subjects.

Branch Secretaries' Luncheon Meeting. On the suggestion of Mrs. Greenwood of Brighton, it was AGREED to arrange a Branch Secretaries' table for lunch, at which it was hoped one or two members of the Executive would also sit.

457. W.I.L.P.F. COMMITTEE MEETINGS. Mrs. Innes and Mrs. Duncan Harris reported (1) in addition to the resolutions already quoted, a number of resolutions were adopted, including one on the "League of Nations, 1938," (2) the Committee had agreed to send a letter to Russia protesting against the terrorisms, oppressions and executions going on at present in Russia, and the question of recommending Sections to approach Embassies in their own countries was being considered; (3) the Office had had difficulty in getting the facilities granted to the W.I.L.P.F. for gaining admission to the League Assembly; (4) that the W.I.L.P.F. Sections in Scandinavia who were co-operating with the I.P.C. are working to modify the third point in its programme; (5) that the Czech Section ~~was~~ experiencing great difficulties in ~~its~~ work in ~~their~~ own country, and finds itself for the first time criticising their Government; (6) a letter from the American Section made clear its attitude about neutrality. Though they had not approved the W.I.L.P.F. letter to President Roosevelt, they had forwarded it to him; (7) a letter received from three German women who put down their release from prison to the intervention of people outside their country; (8) Gertrud Baer would like opportunities of meeting some of our Branches while she is in England for the I.P.C. Peoples Assembly (It was agreed to inform the Secretaries and to ask them to prepare meetings for her from the 15th February); (9) Dr. Eva Anden of Stockholm to be asked to allow her name to be put forward to the L.O.N. for the Committee of Experts on Status of Women

It was AGREED to send the W.I.L.P.F. resolution on the League of Nations 1938 to our Branches.

458. PEACE PILGRIMS. It was hoped that the Peace Pilgrims would start their mission during the last week of May and carry on until the middle of July, and that the preparations would be made for their coming by members of the W.I.L. and local organisations. A list of subjects to be dealt with must shortly be prepared.

459. CORRESPONDENCE. Women's Freedom League. AGREED to take part in the proposed deputation to the L.C.C. to ask for the complete removal of the ban on married women employees and the granting of equal facilities for boys and girls under the Council.

I.P.C. The following agreed to attend the Peoples Assembly, Feb. 12/13th as W.I.L. delegates: Miss Marshall, Mrs. Longson, Miss Pye, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Thornycroft.

Women's Advisory Council, L.N.U. AGREED not to nominate or renominate Officers. Miss Marshall promised to attend the next meeting for Dr. Clark, who expected to be in Geneva.

British Commonwealth League. AGREED to send particulars of a series of Conferences on "Problems affecting Women's Education in the Empire to Miss B.M. Baker and others interested in Colonial matters.

This concluded the business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING; February 8th, 11 a.m.

B. Duncan Harris
8.11.38

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
55, Gower Street, London W.C.1.

THE GERMAN DEMAND FOR COLONIES

Resolution adopted at the Executive Committee of the British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at its meeting on Tuesday, January 18th. 1938.

The Women's International League while welcoming the recent Anglo-German and Franco-British conversations, holds that if the conditions of a general peace are to be secured, any undertakings on the colonial issue must be part of a general settlement involving as essential factors:

(a) the acceptance of a general and immediate obligation to reduce and limit armaments and to reverse the present concentration of national economies on preparations for war;

(b) the re-establishment of a system of international law and acceptance of the principle of impartial judgment in the settlement of international disputes;

(c) the acceptance, by all States involved in any agreement on Colonies, of Mandatory obligations, in respect of all the dependent territories under their control in which this would represent an advance towards emancipation. Such obligations should include precise guarantees against the militarisation of the native peoples, and against any form of monopoly in economic affairs. These territories should not be exploited for the benefit of any foreign State or Group, but should be held in trust for the native inhabitants; and the knowledge of and respect for the structure of native civilisation should form the basis of administration.

The Women's International League considers these factors indispensable to any peaceful general settlement, and therefore urges H.M. Government to incorporate such terms in any proposals they may make.

Women's International League

Statement of Accounts for December 1937.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Balance (including loan)	127. 6. 11.	Salaries	37. 10. 0.
Subscriptions	11. 0. 10.	Wages	4. 7. 6.
Donations		State Insurance	15. 5.
General	17. 15. 11½	Office Expenses	2. 18. 10.
Egypt	2. 0. 0.	Rent	12. 10. 0.
Bring & Buy Sale		Lighting & Heating	1. 16. 6.
Sales	1. 12. 3.	News Sheets & Literature purchased	9. 4. 5.
Donations	10. 0.	Printing	14. 1. 6.
Affiliation Fees	20. 11. 9.	Stationery	8. 0. 6½
Sale of Literature & News Sheets	14. 10. 2½	Postage & Telephone	7. 9. 3½
Office Expenses refunded by W.I.C.	<u>15. 15. 2.</u>	Travelling Exps.	7. 7. 6.
	83. 16. 2.	Loan refunded	50. 0. 0.
Geneva			<u>156. 1. 6.</u>
Subscriptions	12. 0. 0.	Balance at C.P.B. for Congress	3. 0. 0.
Pax "	<u>1. 15. 0.</u>	Midland Bank	61. 17. 7.
	13. 15. 0.	Cash in hand	3. 19. 0.
			<u>68. 16. 7.</u>
	<u>£224. 18. 1.</u>		<u>£224. 18. 1.</u>

Outstanding accounts.

Geneva, subs, Pax Subs.
and Pax. (sent to this Office) £37. 1. 0.

BALANCE on December 31st. 1937 £31. 15. 7. less
telephone account not yet rendered.

Approximate Statement for January
1 - 17th. 1938.

Balance	68. 16. 7.	Salaries	15. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	44. 1. 0.	Petty Cash	7. 13. 5½
Donations	1. 1. 0.	Jan. 18th. Meeting	15. 7. 6.
Jan 18th. Mtg.	7. 6. 6.		<u>38. 0. 11½</u>
News Sheets, Literature etc.	3. 10. 10.	Balance at C.P.B.	3. 0. 0.
Geneva Subs. & Pax	<u>1. 7. 0.</u>	Midland Bank	77. 15. 6.
	57. 6. 10.	Cash in hand	7. 6. 11½
			<u>88. 2. 5½</u>
	<u>£126. 3. 5.</u>		<u>£126. 3. 5.</u>

Resolution on Colonial Problems, 1938, passed at the International Executive Committee meeting of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom held at Basle, January 5th.-9th. 1938.

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom makes the following statement:-

The demands made to-day by Hitler's Germany place the colonial question in the forefront in all discussion of international affairs. The economic motives given for these demands, that is the necessity of procuring the raw materials lacking to Germany, and the need of new territories for her excess population, have little foundation in fact.

Statistics prove:-

- (a) that raw materials are produced by colonies only to a very small extent, the greater part not coming from colonial territories;
- (b) that Germany is using her available resources of raw material largely with the needs of war economy in view;
- (c) that Germany is not more densely populated than several other countries; and
- (d) that systematic efforts are made to increase the population.

The true purpose behind imperialist demands is to acquire strategic positions in the colonies and the raw materials from which the countries concerned might be cut off in times of war. The expansionist and aggressive policy of Hitler's Government is in illustration of this truth.

As regards the question of equality of rights, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom rejects any attempt to secure equality through injustice, by extending the colonial regime which it condemns.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom therefore views with anxiety the tendency of certain influential circles to treat this question under pressure of events as a matter for political bargaining.

It believes that no Government should take upon itself the right of disposing of peoples like merchandise, least of all in favour of a country which, like Hitler's Germany, preaches and practises racial discrimination.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, in all its resolutions, has taken a definite stand against the principle of colonisation. The Mandate system may be considered a step towards the final independence of the native peoples concerned.

As a peaceful, transitory solution, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom proposes the internationalisation of all existing Mandates and the extension of the Mandate system to all colonies in the immediate future.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 8th. FEBRUARY 1938 from 11 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. at 55 Gower Street, London W.C.1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Miss Harrison, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Brayshaw, Miss Pye, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Thornycroft, Miss Marshall, Miss Chick, Mrs. Longson, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Dickinson, Miss White, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Kraft, Miss Anderson. Mrs. Marris from the Golders Green Branch attended as an Observer.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Warner, Mrs. Greenwood, and Miss Baker, the latter owing to illness, which necessitated a three months' rest.

It was AGREED that a letter signed by those present should be sent to Miss Baker expressing good wishes for her speedy recovery, and deep appreciation for all the work she has done for the W.I.L. in the Office.

460. MINUTES OF MEETING on 18th. January were confirmed, after agreeing to append to the Minutes the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee (Basle January) resolution on Colonial Problems, 1938, referred to in Minute 451, and to include the wording of the W.I.L.P.F. Committee resolution on The Boycott of an Aggressor, in Minute 454, as follows:-

"The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has always stood for diplomatic, economic and financial measures by Governments against aggression. It urges Governments once more energetically to apply such measures against the Japanese aggressor.

The Executive Committee meeting at Basle from January 5th. to 9th.1938, recommends National Sections to support the organisation of a private consumers' boycott of Japanese goods; such action to be taken not for selfish economic ends or for reprisals. but in order to hasten the ending of the war."

461. BUSINESS ARISING:

Reported formal acknowledgments from the Colonial Office and the Prime Minister of our resolution on "The German Demand for Colonies."

A report was given on the Meeting to protest against the crime of war on January 18th. and on the work arising out of it. As a result of a report sent to the Societies who sent delegates to the meeting we have been able to spread knowledge of our work by sending speakers to two meetings, by special request; similar resolutions have been passed at other meetings and nine new members were enrolled.

A report was also given on the Luncheon Meeting on 28th. January when Miss Rinder gave an account of her recent visit to Germany.

Miss Marshall reported that Miss Rinder was now free to take lecture engagements, AGREED that, after consulting Miss Rinder as to conditions, Miss Horscroft should inform the Branches of this fact.

It was suggested that the Officers should consider the possibility of a meeting on the van Zeeland Report, with Miss Rinder or Mr. Balogh as a possible speaker.

462. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The Hon. Treasurer presented the audited Statement of Accounts for the year. Miss Harrison moved and Mrs. Brayshaw seconded its adoption. The Statement was adopted and would be sent out to all Delegates to the Council with the proofs of the Annual Report.

Agreed that, as the profit on the lunches was so small, a charge of 1/3 should in future be made.

Reported a letter from the I.P.C. acknowledging with many thanks, the donation which the W.I.L. sent in January.

463. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

AGREED that the provisional booking of the Institute at Friends House for the Council Social on March 16th. be confirmed.

AGREED that in reply to a letter from the Basque Children's Committee expressing doubt as to whether it would be possible for a group to give a performance at the Social, a letter should be sent to the Secretary urging the Committee to do its best to let the children come, and saying that Miss Pye would make a short speech on their behalf when introducing the children, which it was believed would arouse interest in their work.

AGREED to accept the suggestion that we should be responsible for the transport of the children and

DECIDED that a collection should be taken on their behalf.

The AFTERNOON SESSION was devoted to the consideration of subjects to be dealt with at the Council Meetings. The following decisions were reached:

A. That urgency should be asked for resolutions on

- (1) INDIA (to be drafted after Mrs. Lankester's return from India);
- (2) SPAIN (Miss Pye undertook to draft a resolution nearer the time);
- (3) THE VAN ZEEELAND REPORT (because there had not been time to study the Report and in view of the proposed debate in the House of Commons).

In connection with the Van Zeeland Report it was AGREED (1) that one of several speakers mentioned, preferably Mrs. Wotton, should be asked to speak to a meeting of members on this subject between now and the Council Meetings;

(2) that the Branches should be urged to study the subject in order to come to the Council prepared with considered views;

(3) that the Branches should be sent copies of the attached letter to the Press, signed by the Hon. Secretary and Chairman, and their attention should be drawn to the existing printed material on the Report.

B. It was agreed that the following should be put on the Agenda in the name of the Executive Committee;

(1) the W.I.L.P.F. January Executive Committee resolution on The League of Nations, 1938, to be used as a basis for discussion;

(2) the W.I.L.P.F. January Executive Committee's Statement on Neutrality and Disarmament, to be used as a basis for discussion.

(3) the January Executive Committee resolution on "The German Demand for Colonies";

(4) the October, 1937, Executive Committee's resolution on the Sino-Japanese situation.

(5) A resolution on the Private Manufacture of Arms.

464. BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE GOODS.

Arising out of a discussion on the boycott of Japanese goods and the action taken by the Dockers at Southampton, Middlesborough and London, in refusing to load the Japanese ship "Haruna Maru" with iron and steel it was suggested that a letter should be sent to the Dockers concerned expressing sympathy for their having taken action, in accordance with their conviction that the cargo was for use in the Manufacture of Arms, and that by loading the cargo they would be assisting Japan in her war on China.

This proposal was approved, but instructions were given that information must first be obtained as to whom such a letter should be sent.

Miss Marshall reported that the West Ham Trades Council was supporting the action of the dockers and was issuing a leaflet giving the history of what had been done, and appealing for funds to help the dockers. She asked for permission to order 3,000 copies for distribution to all members of the W.I.L.

After discussion it was AGREED that a proof of the leaflet should first be seen by the Officers, who, if they approved, were authorised to order 1,000 copies.

Miss Marshall also asked permission to use the Office list of addresses of Headquarter Members to send them copies of the leaflets recently issued by the China Campaign Committee (samples of which she had handed to Executive Members) and a letter telling them of the proposed organisation of local Pacifist boycott groups.

It was AGREED that the rule not to allow use of members' addresses must be adhered to.

It was AGREED that the Editor of the News Sheet would have discretionary right to refer to news received from Miss Marshall, about Pacifist Boycott Groups.

465. SPAIN. In view of the proposal that both sides of the war in Spain should be asked to renounce aerial bombing, Mrs. Innes was asked to consider the advisability of getting a question asked in the House as to whether the British Government would give a lead by giving up their bombing on the North-West Frontier of India.

It was also suggested that the Branches might be asked to write to their Members of Parliament urging them to press the Government on the same lines.

466. INDIA. Miss Harrison (1) drew the Committee's attention to duplicated copies of letters from Mrs. Lankester from India, which they could buy for 2d. per copy;

(2) again stressed the serious situation with regard to the Federal Scheme, but agreed that the drafting of the Council resolution should await Mrs. Lankester's return;

(3) reported that Mrs. Lankester was expected back on March 5th. and the Women's Advisory Council on Indian Questions and the Liaison Group were making arrangements for a public meeting for her on March 9th. 11th. or 14th.

It was AGREED that the W.I.L. should do everything to make the meeting known as widely as possible.

467. PEACE CAMPAIGNERS.

Mrs. Innes reported that at the Officers' Meeting on 3rd. February it was suggested.-

(1) that the name of the Women Peace Pilgrims be changed to Women Peace Campaigners. AGREED.

(2) that the attached N.P.C. Leaflet "For the Family's Sake," and the W.I.L. re-Statement of Aims leaflet and the membership form be used in the Campaign, and suitable posters prepared. AGREED, after discussion, that our own leaflets should be used, and for special purposes the N.P.C. leaflet. The Officers were asked to bring to the first Executive meeting after the Council a selection of other leaflets.

(3) that the following points which are printed on the National Peace Council leaflet should be used throughout the Campaign:-

- (a) to deal with the root causes of war;
- (b) to re-establish the League of Nations;
- (c) to stop Private profit in arms;
- (d) to bring the arms race to an end.

This raised a discussion on the risk of causing confusion over the International Peace Campaign name and their four points. The general feeling of the Committee was that as we were committed to the N.P.C. Charter we were in order in using the above points, not necessarily as a resolution, but as the basis around which speakers could make their speeches. Members of the Committee were asked to send in suggestions for leaflets, and Low's Cartoon "The Saner Sex" was recommended for reproduction. Miss Dickinson urged that the Arts Peace Campaign be consulted for poster designs, etc.

AGREED to suggest to Branches that they might be able to do propaganda work in any new Housing Estates near them.

The question was considered as to whether the Branches or Headquarters Members were to be responsible for the hiring of halls, where it was impossible to get the loan of these free of charge. AGREED that Headquarters must be responsible. The Officers were asked to consider the possibility of raising a Fund for the Campaigners.

668 CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Miss Gertrud Baer was quoted regarding the Branch meetings the Office were arranging for her in the event of her coming to England for the I.P.C. Peoples Assembly. AGREED to ask her by telegram to telegraph her confirmation of W.I.L. meetings in London, Manchester and Leicester, on the 21st. 22nd. and 23rd. February respectively.

A letter from our Geneva Office offering copies of English translation of the report at Basle made by the young German delegate from Czecho-Slovakia. Agreed to ask for 50 of these and send them to the Executive and Branches.

Reported a letter from Mrs. Obase of Lagos thanking the Executive for their message and the Pax badge which Miss Gibberd took with her on her visit to West Africa in December.

Reported an invitation to send two delegates to the Annual Conference of the British Commonwealth League on June 14th. 15th. and 16th. Resolutions were invited, but they must be received not later than 10th. March. Miss Harrison undertook to ask Mrs. Corbett Ashby if it would be permissible for the W.I.L. to send in

a resolution immediately after our Council Meetings. If this were agreed to, the Executive approved the suggestion that a resolution should be circulated by post to them for acceptance.

Reported an invitation from the Women's Freedom League to send a delegate to a meeting of representatives of women's organisations on February 11th. at 6 p.m. to discuss the advisability of sending a deputation to the L.C.C. asking for the removal of the ban on all married women employed by the Council, the equal treatment of boys and girls under training schemes provided by the Council ; and equal conditions and equal chances of promotion for young people of both sexes employed by the Council.

Miss Marshall undertook to attend this meeting.

Reported an invitation to appoint two delegates to attend the formation Committee of the Central Women's Electoral Committee on February 24th. Miss Marshall promised to act as our representative though she regretted that absence from town would make it impossible for her to attend the first meeting

Reported that members of the Women's Club attached to the Lyndhurst Hall Mission, Kentish Town, had assessed themselves at $\frac{1}{2}$ d each in order that the Club might affiliate to the W.I.L. This was the result of a meeting addressed by Mrs. McGregor Wood.

Agreed to ask Mrs. Corbett Asbhy to let us have the points arising out of the Meeting re the status of women which Mrs. Longson attended on behalf of the W.I.L. in the afternoon of the 8th. February.

This concluded the business.

B. Duncan Harris

8.11.38

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COPY OF LETTER TO THE PRESS FROM MRS. INNES AND
MRS. DUNCAN HARRIS DATED JANUARY 28th.1938.

Sir,

All workers for peace must welcome any honest attempt to remove the barriers that are hindering intercourse between nations in their daily life and for the satisfaction of primary needs. Therefore, we note with deep interest the proposals put forward by Mr. Van Zeeland and await their further examination.

At the same time, the common person must exclaim with some vigour that so long as a substantial proportion of the wealth of each of the nations concerned is being devoted to the manufacture of arms, and the claims of this manufacture take precedence in national economies, any steps to facilitate credits or to free supplies of raw material must be to a large degree a mockery of reason. Common sense demands that in any movement to free international finance and trade, the undefined guarantees of which Mr. Van Zeeland speaks, must be translated into solid agreements to limit and reduce the manufacture of the means of destruction, if the movement is to contribute to the building of peace.

Yours, etc.

B. DUNCAN HARRIS

Chairman

K. E. INNES

Hon. Secretary.

55, Gower Street, W.C. 1.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, March 8th, 1938,
at 55 Gower Street from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Miss Harrison,
Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark,
Miss Pye, Mrs. McGregor Wood, Mrs. Longson, Mrs. Kraft,
Miss Warner, Miss Rinder, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Innes, Miss
Anderson, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Miss White.
Mrs. Marris, observer from Golders Green Branch,
Mrs. Basil Williams, observer from Edinburgh Branch.

469. MATHILDA WIDEGREN. The Chairman reported that the
Swedish Section had sustained a very heavy loss in the
death of Mathilda Widegren. Extracts from a moving message
from Selma Lagerlof to Mathilda Widegren as she lay dying
were read by Miss Edith Pye. It was AGREED that a message
of sympathy should be sent to the Swedish Section on behalf
of the Committee. The Committee stood in silence for a
few moments.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Brayshaw,
Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Thornycroft.

MINUTES of meeting on February 8th were confirmed having
previously been circulated.

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467. BUSINESS ARISING:

Minute 461. Arising out of the Protest Meeting
against the Crime of War on January 18th, a number of other
Organisations who had sent delegates, had reported since
our Executive Committee in February, that they had adopted
similar resolutions to that of our meeting and sent them to
the Government.

Minute 468. Mrs. Innes reported on the Luncheon
Meeting on ~~January~~ February 21st when Miss Baer had given an inter-
esting talk on the international situation. It was regrett-
ed that there had not been sufficient time for questions.
AGREED that in future the meetings should be brought to a
close at 2 p.m., but people should be invited to stay on
until 2.30 p.m. for questions and discussion. A collection
of £1. 3. 5 had been taken, which helped towards the balance
of £1.10.10d on the Lunch. It was AGREED to rescind the
February Committee decision to charge 1/3d (Minute 462) and
to continue 1/- lunches and to take a collection at each
meeting.

Minute 464. Reported an acknowledgment from the Middles-
brough Transport and General Workers' Union of our message
to the dockers who had refused to load cargo into the S.S.
"Haruna Maru." The message was being read to the members
of the Union at their next meeting.

Minute 465. The Secretary reported that Mr. Henderson,
M.P. had asked the Prime Minister in the House on 14th Feb-
ruary "if he would given an assurance, as an example to
other nations, that the Government would prohibit the use
of bombing aeroplanes for police purposes in any territory
under British Control." The Prime Minister had replied
that "The Government are not prepared to limit the activi-

ties of the Air Force except as part of an international agreement. If such an agreement were found to be possible - and the Government are most anxious that it should be possible - the Government would be fully prepared to give the assurance suggested."

Minute 466. Reported that the meeting for Mrs. Lankester arranged by the Women's Advisory Council on Indian Questions and the Liaison Group had been fixed for 11th March at the Y.W.C.A.

471. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was presented and adopted. On the suggestion of the Hon. Treasurer it was AGREED:-

- (1) that an "odds and ends" Stall should be arranged at the Council Social for the Women Peace Campaigners Fund;
- (2) that a Cake and Home Products Stall should be arranged at each Luncheon Meeting;
- (3) that the "White Elephant" ~~Stall~~ Cupboard should be kept in the Office for a few weeks preceding next Christmas.

472. INDIA AND EGYPT.

Mrs. Lankester gave an interesting account of her visits to India and Egypt. At the Annual session of the All India Women's Conference which she attended as the special visitor representing the Liaison Group of British women's organisations, of which the W.I.L. is one, a strongly worded resolution was passed condemning wars of aggression and appealing to women everywhere to join with them in making non-violence a basis for personal, national and international relationships. Mrs. Lankester was asked to take the message back with her to Europe and also to Egypt. A report of the Conference and the text of the message is given in the Bulletin of the Liaison Group which can be obtained at the W.I.L. Office. Mrs. Lankester stayed throughout her visit in Indian homes and had opportunities of meeting with many of the leaders, both men and women, including Mr. Gandhi, Dr. Rabindrenath Tagore, Pandit Jawarhlal Nehru, and the Hon. Mrs. Pandit, India's first women Cabinet Minister. She could not find in any section of opinion any support for the propose scheme of Federation. She felt that the consequences of its enforcement without the consent of the people would be extremely serious and would precipitate another crisis in India, and she hoped that any resolution that would be passed at the Annual Council Meetings should concentrate on this subject.

Mrs. Lankester was asked (1) to draft a resolution on Federation for the Council Meetings; (2) to write a note for the Press at the Council on the Message from the Indian women on non-violence to the women in Europe and Egypt; (3) to prepare a message for the Committee to send to the Indian Women in the Legislatures.

With regard to her visit to the Egyptian Section of the W.I.L.P.F. Mrs. Lankester had been greatly impressed by the enthusiasm and keenness of the young members. The membership consisted of many nationalities, but through the introductions she had to Egyptian women, it had been possible to make contacts for them which she believed would prove very useful to the Section. The work they had set themselves was very far from easy and it was difficult for them to make representations about disarmament to the Egyptian Government.

They were, however, holding frequent meetings for discussion and the Committee met every week. The resolution from the All India Women's Conference deeply impressed the women of Egypt to whom it was delivered as a message from India.

It was AGREED to propose that the Council should send a message to the Egyptian Section thanking it for its kindness and hospitality to Mrs. Lankester.

473. SWISS NEUTRALITY. Mrs Innes reported a letter from the Swiss Section to the Swiss Government regarding M. Motta's attitude towards Swiss neutrality. The Section is trying to awaken public opinion to the danger of the present tendencies towards isolation instead of solidarity and anything the British Section could send them that would strengthen their position would be welcome. DECIDED to send anything thought helpful after the discussion at our Council.

474. JAPAN. A letter from Miss Balch made it clear that women in Japan are standing firm for peace, though it was impossible to get direct news, and though no reference to the peace movement in Japan is made in the press.

475. MR. EDEN'S RESIGNATION FROM FOREIGN OFFICE. Reported that the Officers at a meeting on 22nd February had sent a letter to Mr. Anthony Eden on behalf of the W.I.L. expressing appreciation of his action in resigning from Office rather than violating the principles on which he thinks foreign policy should be based, and supporting his contention that good faith in international relations is the essential foundation for any foreign policy.

Resolutions adopted by the International Peace Campaign and the National Peace Council on February 22nd, with the Officers' letter of the 22nd to Mr. Eden, were sent to all W.I.L. Branches, Affiliated Societies and Executive Members on February 25th, with a covering letter suggesting that letters on similar lines should be sent to the Prime Minister and local Members of Parliament. The following Branches reported that they had taken action:

Preston, Stockport, Bristol, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Welwyn Garden City.

On the 24th February an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of the Women's Peace Crusade was held, from which proposals similar to the I.P.C. and N.P.C. were sent to its Co-operating Societies.

On the 28th February the Officers met and after considering all the material received, sent a letter to the Prime Minister expressing regret at Mr. Eden's resignation under circumstances which gave the appearance of surrender to the campaign of vilification against him in Italy, and which suggest a reversal of the policy of support for the League of Nations obligations on which the Government was returned to power. The letter also expressed the hope that Britain, having made clear her willingness to surrender exclusive privileges will give a lead in initiating wide and representative international consultations, with a view to moving towards general appeasement.

A copy of this letter was sent to the Press and inserted in the following papers:

Manchester Evening News, Glasgow Herald, The Scotsman, Edinburgh Evening Dispatch, Edinburgh Evening News, Yorkshire Post, Manchester Guardian, Liverpool Daily Press (later in the West Cumberland Times).

A discussion on the immediate international situation

was followed by a decision to put forward an urgency resolution at the Council, and Miss Rinder agreed to draft one for the consideration of the Executive Committee on Tuesday morning, March 15th.

476. Reported a letter from a W.I.L. member in Bath enclosing a draft Petition to Members of Parliament, which had been prepared by a group of peace-lovers in Bath, urging that they use their influence in persuading the Government to press for the summoning of a Peace Conference for the just and generous settlement of (1) access to raw materials, (2) distribution of population (emigration); (3) territorial disputes. AGREED to invite the member to attend the Council Meeting and to inform her that Miss Rinder will be in Bristol in May and would be willing to call on any members in Bath.

477. Reported an invitation to send representatives to an informal consultative Conference of the ABYSSINIA ASSOCIATION on Friday, March 11th at 2.30 p.m. in Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square. Miss Dickinson expressed her willingness to attend and Mrs. Duncan Harris said she would go if she could manage it.

478. Reported a request from the Dutch Peace Office for support for TWO INTERNATIONAL PETITIONS, one to the Governments, and the other to the League of Nations, to be presented on May 18th, declaring their sympathy with the numberless innocent people who, in the past year, inside as well as outside Europe, fell victims to the force of arms, and urging the Governments to do all in their power to diminish the tension among the nations and to strive to solve international disputes by peaceful means. AGREED to sign these Petitions and to ask the Women's Peace Crusade at their Council Meeting on March 22nd if they would ask their co-operating societies to support them.

479. AUSTRIA. Mrs. Innes reported a letter from the International Chairmen to Dr. Schuschnigg giving expression to the widespread opinion in many countries that democracy and the peace of Europe are endangered through the admission to the Austrian Cabinet of a representative of Nazi ideology and methods of work, and assuring him of the strong support he has behind him in standing for the true independence of his country.

Mrs. Innes also reported a letter from Frau Zweig Winternitz concerning the tragic situation for many Austrians in Austria to-day.

480. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS. Movers to the Executive resolutions or Statements for discussion were appointed as follows:-

3. Measures of General Appeasement:-
 - (A) The German Demand for Colonies
 - (B) The Van Zeeland Report.

Miss Rinder, to combine into one resolution if necessary.

4. Private Manufacture of Arms: Dr. Clark.
7. Sino-Japanese Situation: Miss Marshall.
10. Refugees. Miss Edith Pye.
11. Statement of the League of Nations, 1938. Mrs. Innes.
12. Statement on Neutrality & Disarmament: Miss White.

Miss Marshall raised the question whether there should not be a resolution on the Freedom of the Press. She was asked to bring a draft to the Committee on Tuesday morning.

Social. AGREED that the transporting of the Basque children to the Social on March 16th should be left to the Brixton authorities, and their expenses reimbursed.

481. FLOGGING. On the suggestion of Miss Pye the following resolution was adopted:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League, fully realising the enormity of the crime involving a brutal attack on individuals, which has lately taken place, nevertheless utterly condemns the use by the State of brutal and violent measures such as flogging of the criminal, whether from motives of prevention or of punishment of the crime. Such methods are condemned as useless by those who see the reform of the criminal and the prevention of crime as the aim of a civilised community.

Sentences involving the use of mediaeval methods which amount to physical torture, appear to us unworthy of our judiciary. We demand the rapid passage of a law forbidding flogging under any circumstances whatever."

482. WOMEN PEACE CAMPAIGNERS. Reported that (1) the Croydon Branch was arranging meetings from June 8th to 10th inclusive, with a possible extra meeting on the 11th, at Betchworth, Bletchingley, Dorking, Godstone, Guildford, Horsham, Leatherhead, Merstham, Nutfield, Redhill, and Reigate. Several speakers would be required from Headquarters and literature as soon as possible. The Branch is willing to undertake all the organisation and expenses for the above areas;

(2) the Liverpool Branch is planning to get up a group of Peace Campaigners with Church Stretton as a centre. It has sent 170 copies of the Questionnaire to its members;

(3) Cambridge Committee hopes to work in and around Saffron Walden from July 18th to 20th inclusive;

(4) Brighton is hoping to make Ditchling its centre;

(5) The Evening Standard would want £2.2.0 for the right to reproduce the Cartoon "The Saner Sex." On consideration it was thought that this Cartoon was not particularly suitable for the Campaign, but it was AGREED to spend up to £2.2.0 if a cartoon were found to meet our requirements.

With regard to the financing of the Campaign, the Treasurer thought that the expenses incurred by Headquarters would be largely for leaflets. She hoped (1) that groups would be able to provide petrol for the cars; (2) that hospitality would be provided, or possibly gifts given from local people for campaigners to stay at such places as the Y.W.C.A., etc.; (3) that where outdoor meetings were not possible suitable Halls would be lent free of charge, or for a small sum.

It was AGREED that collections should be taken at

all meetings.

Decided to try to arrange a discussion on the Campaign at the Council on Wednesday, March 16th.

483. NEW W.I.L. BRANCH. Reported that a new Branch had been formed at Harpenden. AGREED to send it greetings.

484. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL Reported that the Congress was to be held in Bristol in May. AGREED to ask the Bristol W.I.L. if it could send delegates on behalf of Headquarters, and also if Miss Baker could also act as our delegate. Miss Marshall and Mrs. Duncan Harris hoped to go.

485. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE. Reported that Meeting of the Council to be held on March 22nd at the Y.W.C.A. when, in addition to the business, Miss Rathbone, M.P. would speak on the present international situation, with special reference to the resignation of Mr. Eden and the Anglo-Italian conversations.

With regard to the proposed International Women's Congress on "Women, Peace and Democracy," Dr. Clark Agreed to inform the Executive at the meeting on March 15th whether the W.P.C. had decided to act as the National Committee to make the Congress known in this country. The International Women's Co-operative Guild had withdrawn and the International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship were reconsidering their decision to support the Congress.

486. CENTRAL WOMEN'S ELECTORIAL COMMITTEE. Reported that the next meeting would be held on March 24th at 2.30 at Livingstone Hall, S.W. 1. The Agenda includes the election of Officers, internal organisation questions, and plans for action. Miss Marshall said that some of the organisations represented at the Formation Meeting had withdrawn. AGREED to notify the Convener that we could not send an observer to the meeting on the 24th, but would be glad to receive further documents.

487. LITERATURE. Approval was given to consent given by Mrs. Innes for the reference to the W.I.L among Societies selling a pamphlet "Re-armament debunked" by J.A. Joyce. It was made clear in the pamphlet that Societies mentioned had no responsibility for any of the views expressed.

488. At 3 o'clock Mrs. Barbara Wootton gave a clear and concise address on the Van Zeeland Report, after which she answered many interesting questions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March 15th at 11 a.m. in the Office to consider emergency resolutions for the Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 1938

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance, Jan.1st.1938	27.17.11.	Salaries	60. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	315.16. 6.	Wages	7. 0. 0.
Donations	13. 1. 0.	Insurance	1. 4. 8.
Affiliation Fees	3.12. 6.	Office Expenses	1.14. 4.
News Sheets & Literature	7.11. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Postage & tele- phone	11. 5. 6.
Proceeds of Mtgs	50.11. 8.	Travelling Exps.	12.17. 3.
Geneva Subs.& Pax	3. 7. 6.	Lighting & Heat:	9. 3.
	394. 0. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Stationery	2.16. 5.
		Grant to I.P.C.	2. 0. 0.
		Meeting Expenses	38. 1. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
		News Sheets & Literature	9. 8. 7.
		Geneva Subs & Pax	2. 7. 6.
		Loan to House A/c	59. 1. 3.
			208. 6. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Balance at C.P.B. for Congress	6. 0. 0.
		Midland Bank	202. 9. 3.
		Cash in hand	5. 5. 2.
			213.14. 5.
		Less reserve for Creditor (Histories)	2. 2.
			213.12. 3.
	£421.18. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$		£421.18. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

Outstanding Accounts.

Geneva Subscriptions £1. 0. 0.

Council Meetings

Hire of Halls £11.16. 0.

Account for tickets, Agendas and Annual Reports not yet rendered.

NOTE £59. 1. 3. will be refunded to W.I.L. Account by the House Account at end of March.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, March 15th, 1938,
at 11 a.m. at 55 Gower Street, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Miss Harrison,
Miss Warner, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Miss Pye,
Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Thornycroft, Mrs. Lankester
Miss Marshall, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Anderson.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON March 8th were confirmed, having pre-
viously been circulated.

URGENCY RESOLUTIONS for the Annual Council Meetings were
considered on the following subjects:-

INDIA, THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, REFUGEES,
SPAIN.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee, Thursday, March 18th, 1938,
at 3 p.m. at 55 Gower Street, London, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Duncan Harris,
Dr. Clark, Mrs. Brayshaw, Miss Dickinson, Miss Pye, Mrs.
McGregor Wood.

After consideration it was AGREED to send out the
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS as follows:-

WOMEN, PEACE AND FREEDOM. To women's Organisations.

INDIA: India Office, Prime Minister, and to consult
Mrs. Lankester for further instructions.

INTERNATIONAL SITUATION: The Foreign Office, The
Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs, The Prime Minister.

THE GERMAN DEMAND FOR COLONIES: The Anti-Slavery &
Aborigines Protection Society, with a cover-
ing note explaining that the Executive Com-
mittee passed it and it was adopted by the
Council.

THE VAN ZEELAND REPORT. Foreign Office, Permanent Under-
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Colonial
Office, Dominions Office, and to the High Com-
missioners for the Dominions. Prime Minister.

AIR BOMBING. Prime Minister, Air Ministry, Foreign Office.

SPAIN: (1) Prime Minister, Foreign Office, Spanish
Embassy, Wilfred Roberts, M.P., Edmund Harvey,
M.P., Miss Rathbone, Judge Hannsson, Nansen Office,
Geneva.

(2) Prime Minister, Foreign Office, French and
Spanish Ambassadors.

REFUGEES: Home Office, M. Avenol, Geneva, Judge Hannsson,

Refugee Committee of the L.N.U. for information.

It was AGREED that a letter should be sent to the Branches passing on a suggestion that it might be helpful towards securing the admission of Austrian refugees to this country if the Home Office knew that hospitality was awaiting them, and saying that we should be glad to hear of anyone who could give hospitality.

JEWISH PERSECUTION: Dr. Hertz, and The Board of Deputies of British Jews.

AUSTRIAN SITUATION: Prime Minister, Foreign Office.

IT WAS AGREED to send the following telegram to Miss Sheepshanks:

"The Council sends special greetings and best wishes for complete recovery."

IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE that meetings should continue to be held on the second Tuesday in the month.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

B. Duncan Harris

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, Tuesday, April 12th, 1938, 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Harrison, Mrs. Savage, Miss Warner, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Greenwood, Dr. Clark, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Longson, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Miss Anderson, Miss White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Received from Miss Chick, Miss Pye, Mrs. Brayshaw, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Thornycroft.

The Hon. Secretary reminded the Committee that the Chairman for the year must be appointed at this first meetings following the Council. Miss Harrison proposed and Miss Dickinson seconded the appointment of Mrs. Duncan Harris. This was unanimously agreed to.

Mrs. Duncan Harris then took the Chair.

489. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMEN: Miss Pye and Mrs. Lankester.

490. RESIGNATION FROM COMMITTEE OF Mrs. Binyon was reported, owing to her living in the country and being unable to attend meetings.

491. RESIGNATION OF MRS. Swanwick. Mrs. Innes reported a letter from Mrs. Swanwick resigning her membership as she feels that most of the policies proposed are totally impracticable, particularly the Council resolutions 3, 4 and 13. In her view "an educative organisation may well teach a policy which is practicable only in the future, when men's minds have accepted it. But such a policy should not be recommended to a government as if it were practicable at the moment and before the necessary conversion of men's mind." On the other hand, she thinks "a political organisation should not overlook all the immense difficulties and complexities of the situation as it is."

In view of this wide divergence of view the Committee accepted the resignation, with regret. Agreed that in writing to Mrs. Swanwick mention should be made of the fact that the Committee realises that it may not be right, but it takes the best advice it can get and is only sorry that it has not been possible to have her present at Committees to discuss international affairs.

492. Reported a letter from Mrs. McGregor Wood proposing the NOMINATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF Mrs. Maxwell, a W.I.L. member living in Hampstead, a modern language tripos woman who has done a great deal of organising and who, she believed, would strengthen the practical side of the W.I.L. work. Mrs. Innes seconded this nomination, and Mrs. Maxwell was appointed to the Committee.

493. Mrs. Duncan Harris reported that she had asked Mrs. Ormerod if she would be willing to serve on the Committee, but she had not yet received a reply. The hope was expressed that she would consent.

494. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. The following were appointed, subject, to their consent: Miss Karleen Baker, Miss Chick, Mrs. Hodd, Dr. Clark, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Savage, Miss Richenda Payne, and the Officers ex officio. AGREED that meetings should be held on the first Tuesday in the month.

495. INDIA COMMITTEE. The following were appointed, subject to their consent: Miss Anderson, Miss Baker, Miss Dickinson, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Polak, Miss Marshall, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, and the Officers ex officio.

The Officers were empowered to form ad hoc Committees when necessary to deal with matters in connection with
496. (a) Native Races, (b) Women Peace Campaigners, (c) International House.

497. BUSINESS ARISING ON ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS. Acknowledgments of resolutions were reported. Reported also that Press notices of Council resolutions, etc. appeared in 21 papers, many of them being the result of activities in the Branches. It was agreed to thank Miss Isitt for the excellent reports which appeared in the "Manchester Guardian."

Arising out of the Bill introduced in the House by Colonel Josiah Wedgwood "to amend the Aliens Act so as to give the Home Secretary powers with regard to the immigration into Great Britain and Northern Ireland of refugees from Austria for a period of six months from the date of the passing of this Act and the granting of British Nationality to such immigrants," Mrs. Duncan Harris had urged the Branches "to use the occasion for bringing pressure to bear on their Members of Parliament to urge support for any measure to make possible the entry of Austrian refugees into this country at this moment." A number of the Branches had reported prompt action.

Mrs. Ormerod had since been consulted as to whom offers of hospitality for Austrian refugees should be sent, and she recommended the Austrian Committee, Friends House, Euston Road, N.W. 1., with whom there is co-ordination with the Jewish and other organisations.

Mrs. Thoday suggested that the principle of "sharing" refugees might be adopted in different places, and it was agreed to send this suggestion to the Friends Austrian Committee. It was also agreed to ask them for suggestions or a draft letter which could be sent to the Branches, together with Mrs. Thoday's suggestion.

Dr. Clark reported that the Government had agreed to waive its stipulation in part regarding the Grant of £25,000 if another £10,000 were raised for Spanish relief. More than this had already been promised by other Governments.

Dr. Clark also reported the adoption by the Women's Advisory Council of the L.N.U. on April 8th of a resolution on the Treatment of Refugees from Austria which she had put forward on behalf of the W.I.L.

498. BUSINESS ARISING ON Minutes of Executive Committee, March 8th.

Reported an acknowledgment from the Howard League for Penal Reform of the resolution on Flogging.

499. 1939 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS. The Chairman apologised for her oversight in dealing with the invitation from the Glasgow Branch to hold the next Council in Glasgow, which had not come

before the delegates, and she asked the Committee to consider the possibility. After discussion, it was agreed to thank Glasgow very much for their invitation and to ask them to let us have particulars regarding hospitality, the use of a Hall, etc. and alternatively to consult them as to the possibility of holding a regional Conference to be associated with the Headquarters Executive Committee on the third Tuesday in September.

500. FINANCE. The attached Statement of Accounts for the first three months was presented and adopted. A donation of £10 was reported from the Cambridge Branch which had recently sustained the heavy loss by death of their President, Miss Milner Berry. Agreed that a special letter of thanks and condolence be sent to the Branch.

501. BY-ELECTIONS. Reported that the Officers had been considering the W.I.L. questions for By-Elections and they suggested the following question should be the only one used for the time being:-

"Will you, in view of the highly dangerous state of affairs in Europe, urge the Government to press immediately, through the League of Nations, for the calling of a Conference to include the U.S.A. to discuss what measures should be taken in the present situation in order to meet legitimate grievances and to establish the reign of law in international relations?"

Mrs. Innes undertook to draft notes to go out with the question.

502. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE. As Mrs. Innes wished to resign as the W.I.L. representative on the W.P.C. Council Mrs. Duncan Harris was appointed in her place.

503. ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS. After discussing Great Britain's proposal to be made at Geneva that each member of the League should be released from its duty of withholding recognition of Italian Sovereignty over Abyssinia, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Office on the lines of the resolution on Abyssinia adopted by the Women's Advisory Council of the L.N.U. with the addition of points made in Mr. Chamberlain's speech. Agreed that they should be informed that copies would be sent to the Press. Agreed also that copies should be sent to the Branches urging them to bring the contents to the notice of Members of Parliament, and especially to Conservative Members.

504. Czecho-Slovakia. Reported a letter to the International Executive from Czecho-Slovakia asking for any possible support from Great Britain, and including a Relief Fund, to help Czecho-Slovakia. Mr. Pethick Lawrence had been consulted as to the way in which he thought that country could be helped at the present time in the economic field. He had replied that the problem was very difficult and almost all he could suggest was that our members should spend their holidays in Czecho-Slovakia as that would help economically and politically. In reply to another question as to what Great Britain's position is as regards the Most-Favoured Nation Treaties, Mr. Lawrence had said that he thinks the Government stands "pat" for them, but so far as the Succession States are concerned (i.e. the fragments of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire) there was at one time an offer to allow special arrangements slightly at variance with M.F.N. but nothing very much came

of it.

A discussion followed, from which it was evident that there was little we could do beyond pressing for the calling of an International Conference of democratic Powers to find methods of pressure which did not involve military measures. In replying to the Czechs on these lines it was agreed also to say that if they would suggest what they thought we could do we would explore the matter further. With regard to the suggestion that two members of the Czech Section should come over to address meetings on the situation in Czecho-Slovakia it was agreed to reply (1) that audiences here would not attend meetings where they only heard translations of speeches; (2) that there have been many good speakers on Czecho-Slovakia at meetings. Agreed also to let them know that a great deal is being done through the I.P.C. for the independence of C.S. and a good many of our members are also trying to help.

504. Reported a request from the International Executive that we should intervene in favour of the Lithuanian writer and philosopher Guillaume Storosta-Vydunas who was imprisoned just when many Lithuanians in different places were celebrating his 70th anniversary. Agreed to consult Corder Catchpool at Friends House as to possible steps to take, and it was left to the Officers to explore other sources if necessary, and to take what action they thought advisable.

At the close of the afternoon session Miss Marshall reported on work she had been doing with Wenzel Jaksch (the leader of the Activist Germans in Czecho-Slovakia). She mentioned that Mr. Masaryk was very anxious to discourage any panic measures suggested for the aid of Czecho-Slovakia.

505. Reported a request from Mdlle. Gourd, the W.I.L.P.F. representative on the Commission for Social Questions at the League of Nations for replies to three questionnaires by the 15th April. Agreed to ask the following to help us with answers:- Miss Halford, The Association for Moral and Social Hygiene, The Women's Freedom League, and perhaps, the National Council of Women. Agreed to ask Mdlle. Gourd if we could have an extension of time in which to reply.

506. Reported a letter from Mrs. Basil Williams suggesting that appreciation should be expressed to the President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union for his demand for some control of armament profits. Agreed to inform Mrs. Williams that we will bring the matter before the May Executive.

507. SPAIN. Reported that the Dutch Section had sent a letter to the International Red Cross at Geneva and to the I.P.C. International suggesting the formation of a Neutral Commission to be sent to Spain at the close of hostilities which would be able to diminish any cruelties which might be inflicted by the victors on the vanquished. We were asked by the Section if we could submit the proposal to our Government. Agreed to reply that we would inform the I.R.C. and the I.P.C. that we approved of the suggestion in principle; also that we would see if there was anything that we could do. Agreed to send a copy of the letter to Sir Philip Chetwode and ask his advice.

508. INDIA. Mrs. Lankester reported (1) that she had sent copies of the Council resolution and Message to the women elected to the Provincial Legislatures in India, *✓ to the officers of the All India Women's Conference.*

Reported that the Women's Advisory Council on Indian Questions had now dissolved as the object for which it had

been formed was fulfilled, and information concerning the women's movement in India could now be obtained through the quarterly Bulletin which Mrs. Lankester is editing.

Reported that the Colwyn Bay W.I.L. wished to distribute copies of Raihana Tyabji's letter at places of worship and asked permission to print it if we were not printing ourselves. Agreed to grant their request.

Mrs. Lankester reported that Mrs. Subarayan has been elected unopposed to the Central Assembly. Agreed to send her congratulations.

508. WOMEN'S PEACE CAMPAIGN. Arrangements as far as they were made were reported, together with the great need for more speakers and helpers. Names of possible speakers were suggested and several members of the Committee undertook to take part in one or other of the tour.
509. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. It was agreed to ask Miss Hayler and Mrs. Kinnish if they would act as W.I.L. delegates on the N.P.C. Mrs. Duncan Harris and Mrs. Lankester consented to serve. Agreed to pay the affiliation fee of £2.2.0 now due. Reported that Miss B.M. Baker promised to attend the Bristol Congress on behalf of the W.I.L. and to get a substitute when she is unable to attend. She asked to be informed of the lines she should take on controversial points. Miss Marshall said she also hoped to attend.
510. INTERNATIONAL PEACE CAMPAIGN. In view of the I.P.C.'s policy in pressing the Government to say that Great Britain will fight alongside France and Russia in the defence of Czechoslovakia if she is attacked (i.e. in stressing Point 3 of their programme), it was agreed to ask them if they still welcomed the co-operation of the W.I.L. as we cannot support this line of action, and to remind them that at the commencement of the I.P.C. we wrote to say that we could only co-operate on their other points.
- Reported a letter from the Glasgow Branch saying that it had decided to take no part in the Peace Pavilion at Glasgow as the I.P.C.'s four points were to be the basis of the Peace Pavilion work with the League of Nations' Collective Security idea illustrated by a flight of aeroplanes circling round some possible aggressor. The Glasgow W.I.L. has protested against the proposed holding of Military Tattoos in a Stadium adjoining the Exhibition during the Exhibition months.
- Agreed to reply to the suggestion that the Executive might wish to support the scheme, that the International Office at Geneva was anxious for the W.I.L. to take part, but that the Executive was prepared to support the line taken by the Glasgow Branch and hoped they would continue to take similar action if opportunities arose, and keep the Office informed from time to time.
511. Reported a request from our Stockport Branch for support of a resolution from the Stockport and District Peace Council asking the I.P.C. to arrange for an INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST OF AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR PEACE at the earliest possible date, to be conducted by Mr. George Lansbury. Agreed to make this request known to the Branches.
512. CHINA. Miss Harrison reported that Miss Muriel Lester has been in Japan and China and is now on her way to America. She had attended an F.O.R. Retreat which had been held right in the centre of the conflict. Miss Harrison proposed that a letter, which she consented to draft, be sent to Miss Lester

through her sister Doris who is leaving for America on the 22nd April.

513. The FOLLOWING CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS WERE REPORTED TO BE HELD :-

(1) International Conference of Women on "Moral Strength in International Relations," at Marseilles, May 13th-16th.

(2) Women's Peace Crusade Conference on "The Relation of Economic Nationalism to Peace and War," at the Y.W.C.A. Great Russell Street, May 17th. Leader: Miss Ann Stocks, B.Sc. (Econ.)

(3) National Emergency Conference on Spain at the Queen's Hall, April 23rd.

(4) British Commonwealth League "At Home" to Mrs. Rama Rau on April 26th. (Mrs. Duncan Harris asked to convey the Committee's good wishes to Mrs. Rama Rau for her new life in South Africa).

(5) Meeting of the Ad Hoc Council Status of Women Day, April 26th, (Mrs. Duncan Harris agreed to attend on behalf of the W.I.L.)

(6) Third Women's International Week in Scandinavia in July. (Agreed to send particulars to the W.I.L. Branches).

514. Reported a letter from the Basque Children's Committee thanking the W.I.L. for the collection of £6. 10. 6d taken at the Council Social on March 16th.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: May 10th.

This concluded the business.

B. Duncan Harris

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

January 1st. - March 31st. 1938 inclusive.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure.</u>	
Balance Jan.1st.1938	27.17.11.	Salaries	90. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	338.11. 2.	Wages	10.10. 0.
Donations	18. 0. 6.	Insurance	1.17. 0.
Women's Peace Campaign	6.11. 2½	Office Expenses	4.12.10½
Affiliation fees	6.10. 9.	Postage & telephone	16. 4. 7.
News Sheets & Literature	11. 9. 0.	Travelling Expenses	17.11. 1.
Proceeds of Meetings	55. 4. 2.	Lighting & heating	9. 3.
Council "Pool"	2. 1. 8.	Stationery	4.16.10½
	<hr/>	News Sheet & Literature	14.15. 8.
	438. 8. 5½	Printing	17. 0.
		Press Cuttings	2. 2. 0.
Geneva Subs. & Pax subscriptions	4.18. 0.	Audit Fee	7. 7. 0.
		Meeting Expenses	60.19. 6½
		Rent	12.10. 0.
		Grant to I.P.C.	2. 0. 0.
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			246.12.10½
		Geneva Subs & Pax subscriptions	4.18. 0.
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			251.10.10½.
		Balance at C.P.B. for 1940 Congress	7. 0. 0.
		Midland Bank	208.12. 8.
		Cash in hand	4. 0.10.
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			219.13. 6.
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	£471. 4. 4½		<hr/>
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OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

News Sheets for April	3.17. 6.
Stationery	3. 6. 7.
Electricity	2. 5. 9.
Congress Reports	5.19. 0.

£15. 8.10.

Other accounts to be met.- Telephone, Gas and printing.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Executive Committee, May 10th. 1938 from
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 55 Gower Street, London W.C.1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. McGregor Wood, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Pye, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Longson, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Savage, Miss Harrison, Miss Anderson; Lady Unwin (visitor)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Clark, Mrs. Brayshaw, Miss Warner, Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Grindley, Mrs. Thoryncroft, Mrs. Thoday, Miss White, Miss Chick. AGREED to send a letter of love and sympathy to Miss Chick.

515. The deaths of Miss Esther Roper and Mrs. Sadd Brown members of the W.I.L. well known in feminist and political circles, were reported. Agreed to send letters of sympathy to Mr. Roper and Miss Gill, who was a great friend of Miss Roper's, and to the British Commonwealth League about Mrs. Sadd Brown.

516. Reported a letter from Miss Warner saying she had been invited to become the Hon. Secretary of the Federation of British Soroptimist Clubs, and if her nomination is accepted at the Annual Conference in July she will have to give up the W.I.L. work. She will be attending their International Convention in the U.S.A. in June. She inquired if the Leicester Branch might suggest one of their number to fill her place on the Executive in the event of her resignation. Agreed to suggest that Leicester should send an observer for three months and that Miss Warner should nominate for co-option to the Committee, someone from Leicester, as Branches have not the power to nominate Executive Members between Annual Council Meetings.

MINUTES of meeting on April 12th. were confirmed, after the following addition to Minute 508, INDIA: "and to the Officers of the All India Women's Conference.

517. Vice-Chairman. Miss Pye said she regretted she must resign from the Office of Vice-Chairman owing to very great pressure of work, particularly with regard to Relief for Refugees, as she felt that any leader in the W.I.L. should have time to give to political thought, which she finds it impossible to give. Her resignation was accepted with deep regret, and Mrs. Innes said how very valuable the Officers had found Miss Pye's help and views at their meetings.

Mrs. Duncan Harris thought it was essential to have two Vice-Chairmen to consult between meetings of the Executive. At the meeting of Officers on May 3rd. it was agreed to recommend the appointment of Mrs. Greenwood, who had done excellent work for the W.I.L. in Brighton, where she was Secretary. Miss Pye seconded and Mrs. Lankester supported the nomination and Mrs. Greenwood expressed her willingness to become Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed to the Committee, Mrs. Maxwell.

518. Reported Annual Council Resolutions on India and Jewish Persecution had been acknowledged by the All India Women's Conference, and the Chief Rabbi, Dr. J.H. Hertz, respectively. AGREED that Dr. Hertz' letter should be quoted in the June News Sheet.

519. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 505. Reported that the Geneva Office had asked us to take no further action with regard to the Questionnaire on Social Questions until 1939, when we should receive further instructions.

Minute 507. Reported formal acknowledgement of our letter dated 21st. April re a League Commission in Spain, from the International Red Cross Society and a reply from the R.U.P. saying that they had informed our Dutch Section that they felt such a Commission should be in Spain now. Miss Pye had replied that Sir Philip Chetwode was in Toulouse and it had not been possible for her to make inquiries as she was on the eve of a holiday.

Minute 509. Agreed to recommend to Miss B.M. Baker that she should act at the Bristol Congress of the National Peace Council in accordance with W.I.L. policy, relying on her own judgment, and when in doubt if it comes to voting, to abstain. The Bristol Branch hope to get four delegates to attend the Congress on behalf of the W.I.L. Headquarters.

Minute 500. Reported a letter of thanks from the Cambridge Branch for the Committee's letter of condolence in the loss of their President.

Minute 510. Reported a letter from the Secretary of the British National Committee of the International Peace Campaign (April 25th.) assuring the W.I.L. that her Committee considers that their four points are equally important, and trusting that the fact that recent international events have laid emphasis upon point 3 will not affect affiliation of the W.I.L. to the I.P.C. Other organisations which have reservations with regard to Point 3 adopt the course of refraining from taking part in those activities of the I.P.C. which are concentrated round it, but their co-operation in other respects is not affected.

Mrs. Innes reported that the question of continued co-operation was coming before the W.I.L.P.F. Executive in September and she proposed taking no definite step until after that meeting had been held.

After discussion it was agreed (1) to ask the I.P.C. Secretary to bring our letter before her Committee and (2) to consult the other affiliated organisations which have made reservations on Point 3.

Minute 513. Mrs. Duncan Harris reported she had attended the Ad Hoc Status of Women Day Committee on 26th. April at which 12 Points on the Status of Women had been submitted as an agreed programme for consideration at the morning session of a Conference on May 14th. She had, however, pointed out that the W.I.L. were not in agreement with the point dealing with Protective Legislation, and it could not, therefore, be called an agreed programme. Since that Committee, an invitation had been received for the W.I.L. representative at the Conference to speak for ten minutes on Point 11 "Abolition of the power of Trade Boards to lay down different minimum wage rates for men and women doing the same type of work." From the afternoon session of the Conference it was hoped to send an agreed programme to the Government with the request that it should be considered by the Geneva Commission.

After discussion Lady Unwin agreed to represent the W.I.L. and to read to the Conference, for information, the W.I.L. resolution on Equal Status (April 1937) but that she was not willing to speak on Point 11, as suggested.

It was further agreed to inform the Secretary that Lady Unwin would be our representative, but that she would not be speaking, other than to read the W.I.L. resolution, a copy of which was to be enclosed, and to send £1.1.0. towards the expenses of the Conference.

Reported Mrs. McGregor Wood was attending the Conference on behalf of the W.I.L.P.F.

520. FINANCE. The attached statement of Accounts was adopted. The Treasurer, in drawing attention to the balance of £117.14.3½. urged the Executive to share the responsibility of raising funds. Several suggestions for money-raising efforts were made, including the asking of Mrs. Gasque of the Elms, Hampstead, if she would open her beautiful garden to the W.I.L. one day. The following sub-Committee was appointed: Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Wood and Lady Unwin to go into the matter, bearing in mind that the first fortnight in July was the latest date on which any effort could be made.

Miss Dickson.
Reported a letter from the Leicester Branch giving plans for a meeting at Loughborough on May 27th. from which it was hoped a Branch of the W.I.L. should be formed.

Also reported that the Highgate Women's Co-operative Guild had become affiliated to the W.I.L. after Mrs. McGregor Wood had addressed an afternoon meeting of members.

521. 1939 Council Meetings and Regional Conference.

Mrs. Duncan Harris reported that passing through Edinburgh after Easter she had had an opportunity of talking with the Glasgow and Edinburgh Branch Secretaries about the proposed meeting of the Executive Committee and Regional Conference in Glasgow next September. The idea was warmly welcomed but the hospitality question was a difficult one as few people had spare rooms, but inquiries would be made for cheap accommodation. The subject suggested for the Conference had been the Van Zeeland Report and it was thought that the two Branches might be able to get Expert Speakers. Since then a letter had been received suggesting the 8th. to 10th. October as many people are still on holiday in September and it was thought that a week-end Conference would be better attended.

After consideration, the Committee decided that a week-end was not suitable for the Committee meeting, and that the expense of holding it in Glasgow would keep many members away. It was agreed to write to the Scottish Branches to this effect but to express warm approval of the proposed Regional Conference and the suggestions made by the Secretaries, and to say that some members of the Executive would be willing to attend and take part in the discussion. It was also agreed to recommend (1) that the Conference be a Delegates' Conference, with a Delegate fee to help the local, and possibly the speakers' expenses; (2) that one session be devoted to the present international situation. Miss Harrison, who will be attending a Conference of Industrial Welfare Workers shortly expressed her willingness to meet Mrs. Matheson, if possible, to talk over plans for the Regional Conference; (3) That Glasgow and Edinburgh should co-operate in undertaking the arrangements, and should inform the Executive about cost.

522. WOMEN PEACE CAMPAIGNERS. Reported progress of the Campaign in different parts of the country, and literature etc. printed. Lady Unwin consented (1) to suggest to the Golders Green Branch that work might be done in the new Estates around Golders Green, (2) to ask Mrs. Br. thwaite if anything could be done at Hendon where she was actively engaged with the Hendon Peace Council. There was a demand for window bills and authority was given for these to be printed. Branches were to be asked if they could use the membership form if their Secretary's name and address, with the local subscription were printed instead of Headquarters address and subscription. Mrs. Maxwell and her son had very kindly printed a huge poster on linen for use on village greens, for which the Committee expressed their great appreciation.

523. LUNCHEON MEETINGS. Reported Mrs. Sturge had addressed a meeting in the Office on the 9th. May on Palestine, and arrangements were being made for another on May 25th. when Madam Ambrosova would speak on the situation in Czecho-Slovakia.

524. ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT. It was agreed, after discussion, that no effective action could be taken at the moment, though appreciation was expressed that the feud was ended.

525. ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS. Reported formal acknowledgment from the Prime Minister of our letter of the 21st. April appealing to H.M. Government not to recognise the annexation of Ethiopia. Lord Halifax had also acknowledged the receipt of the copy of our letter to the Prime Minister which had been sent to him for information. The letter had been reported in six papers, including the Manchester Guardian. Copies had also been sent to appropriate organisations, including the W.I.L.P.F. Geneva.

The Committee endorsed a letter from the Women's Peace Crusade to the Premier and the Foreign Secretary protesting against the recognition by H.M. Government of the King of Italy as lawful ruler of the whole of Ethiopia, and gave instructions for a cable to be sent to Dr. Clark, in Geneva, as follows.- "Warmly support W.P.C. protest re recognition." It was also agreed (1) that Dr. Clark be sent copies of the Committee's letter of the 21st. April to the Prime Minister in the hope that she would be able to make use of them while in Geneva; (2) that copies be sent to the British Delegation at the League Council, and the Expert Advisers to the Abyssinian Delegation.

The W.I.L.P.F. had reminded us that the League of Nations Council cannot over-ride resolutions passed at League of Nations Assemblies and therefore the question raised by the British Government re Abyssinia was outside the competence of the Council.

526. SPAIN. Mrs. Innes reported that the W.I.L.P.F. Chairmen had sent a letter to the President of the League of Nations Council (May 7th) demanding ^{of} the Council the immediate dissolution of the Non-Intervention Committee, and its replacement by effective measures to bring about the suspension of hostilities, and to end the war, and suggesting an official international Control Commission in Spain.

Mrs. Duncan Harris reported a meeting with Senora Palencia who spoke of the constructive social work which is still being pressed forward by the Government in Spain. She had also mentioned the need for needles, including Singer Sewing Machine needles, and for thread, and Mrs. Savage undertook to receive and forward them to the right quarters.

527. GERMAN GESTAPO. The W.I.L.P.F. had sent Mrs. Innes an extract from the New York Times received from Miss Balch stating that Reinhard Heydrich, acting head of the secret political police has now taken over the direction of the International Criminal Police Commission, which is a central body to control and combat criminal activities internationally. The extract continues "The secret political police were not elected or invited to assume control of the I.C.P.C. Its President was the Austrian Secretary of State for Public Security. When Austria became part of the Reich Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler assumed the Austrian's office and its international administrative functions without asking permission."

Miss Balch asked for information as to how the Commission is made up and if protests can be made to Governments represented on the International Criminal Police Commission.

It was agreed to consult the Howard League and Miss Margery Fry on the matter and Mrs. Longson thought she might be able to get some useful information. Agreed to inform the W.I.L.P.F. Office that we were making inquiries and would write again later.

528. SUDETEN GERMANS IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA. Miss Catherine Marshall reported on the present situation.

529. ARREST OF MEVR. GERTRUD BENEDIC IN GERMANY. The W.I.L.P.F. had sent particulars of the arrest of this women who was a German by birth, married to a Dutch man, about whom the Dutch Section had made unavailing inquiries. It had, therefore, asked the help of other Sections. Agreed before taking action, to consult Dr. Clara Enthoven of Utrecht, who has the matter in hand on behalf of the Dutch Section.

530. WOMEN TERRITORIALS. Miss Harrison raised the question of a protest against the suggestion at the War Office Conference of Women on May 7th. to form a women's organisation to assist the Territorial Army on the outbreak of war. On her proposal it was agreed to ask Mrs. Pethick Lawrence if she would write an Open Letter to the women that took part in that Conference.

531. SOUTH AFRICAN PROTECTORATES. Miss Mosa Anderson undertook to draft a letter to the Secretary of State for the Dominions re the non-inclusion of Native representatives on the Standing Joint Advisory Conference for the discussion, between representatives of the South African Protectorates and the Union Government, of questions affecting the well-being of the Protectorates.

532. INDIA. Reported that as instructed at the last Executive, letters had been sent to Mrs. Subbaryan and to Miss Muriel Lester.

Miss Harrison invited members of the Committee to attend a meeting on Thursday May 26th. at 4 p.m. at Friends House when Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly would be meeting the Indian Conciliation Group.

533. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Mrs. Innes reported that, in view of Miss Baker's continued absence owing to illness, the Publicity Committee had invited Miss Hayler to take over the work she had done as Editor of the News Sheet until Miss Baker was able to take up her duties again. Dr. Clark who had been unable to attend the meeting, had been told of this decision. Miss Pye expressed surprise at this action as she said she thought Dr. Clark should have been consulted beforehand. Mrs. Innes explained just what the Publicity Committee had in mind and

was asked to write to Dr. Clark to explain that there had evidently been a misunderstanding, and why the decision to replace Miss Baker temporarily had been made. Miss Hayler had regretted that owing to pressure of work she was unable to act as temporary editor, and the Publicity Committee would consider the matter again at their next meeting.

534. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Air Disarmament Committee. Reported a letter from the Secretary asking if the W.I.L. would consider the question of allowing the Air Disarmament Committee the use of the back basement room for 10/- a week towards expenses.

Agreed to reply that permission would be given on the following terms.-

1. that a donation of 10/- per week be given for the use of the room, to include cleaning. Heating and lighting to be paid for by the hour.
2. the room to be used only during W.I.L. Office hours.

(b) International Council of Women. In response to a letter from the W.I.L.P.F. it was agreed to ask the Edinburgh Branch if it could get one of its members to represent the W.I.L.P.F. at the Congress of the International Council of Women in July.

(c) Miss Gilruth. In response to an appeal for helpers in the April News Sheet, Miss Gilruth of Dumfries had written offering her services as a speaker or singer (she is a Professional) in connection with the Women's Peace Campaign. She was willing to use her car on our behalf but would be glad of an allowance for petrol. She was not a member but providing she could be useful she would join. Agreed to put her in touch with the two Scottish Branches and express the hope that after joining us and getting to know about our work, she would find it possible to get a Branch or Group started in Dumfries. The Branches concerned had already been given particulars about her.

This concluded the business.

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts from January 1st. - April 30th.
1938.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance, Jan. 1st.	27.17.11.	Salaries	127.10. 0.
Subscriptions	348. 1. 8.	Wages	14.17. 6.
Donations	29.10. 6.	Insurance	2.12. 5.
Women's Peace Campaign	7.11. 2½	Office Expenses	6. 2. 4.
Affiliation Fees	7. 9. 6.	Postage & Telephone	26.11.11.
News Sheets & Literature	12.14. 7.	Travelling Exps.	18.19. 5.
Proceeds of Meetings	<u>55. 4. 2.</u>	Lighting & heat.	4.17. 9.
	460.11. 7½	Stationery	6.18.10½
Geneva Subs. & Pax.	6.19. 0.	News Sheets & Literature	19. 2. 6.
		Printing	17. 0.
		Press Cuttings	2. 2. 0.
		Affiliation Fees	2. 2. 0.
		Audit Fee	7. 7. 0.
		Meetings Expenses	62. 4. 6½
		Women's Peace Campaign (lit.)	15. 0.
		Rent	12.10. 0.
		Grant to I.P.C.	<u>2. 0. 0.</u>
			317.10. 3.
		Geneva Subs. & Pax	4.18. 0.
			<u>£322. 8. 3.</u>
		Balance at C.P.B.S. for 1940	
		Congress	8. 0. 0.
		Midland Bank	159. 4. 1.
		Cash in hand	<u>5.16. 2½</u>
			173. 0. 3½
	<u>£495. 8. 6½</u>		<u>£495. 8. 6½.</u>

APPROXIMATE INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR
May 1 - 5th.

Balance, May 1st.	173. 0. 3½	Geneva Affil Fees & Congress reports (approx) 200 frs.	9. 5. 0.
Income	1. 6. 0.	Salaries	7.10. 0.
			<u>16.15. 0.</u>
		Balance	157.11.3½.
	<u>£174. 6. 3½</u>		<u>£174. 6. 3½</u>

UNPAID ACCOUNTS

Geneva subscriptions	£2. 1. 0.
Stationery	1.18. 6.
News Sheets for May	3.17. 6.
Annual Report (approx)	20. 0. 0.
Campaign Printing "	12. 0. 0.
	<u>£39.17. 0.</u>

BALANCE £117.14. 3½

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday,
June 14th. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 55 Gower Street.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. McGregor Wood, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Thornycroft, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Longson, Mrs. Grindley, Miss Anderson, and Lady Unwin, visitor.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Dr. Hilda Clark, Miss Chick, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Brayshaw, Miss Warner, Miss Harrison, Miss Pye.

MINUTES OF MEETING on May 10th. were confirmed, after adding Miss Dickinson's name which had been omitted on the Money-raising Sub-Committee (Minute 520)

535. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 527. Reported that a letter, signed by Mrs. Innes and Miss Margery Fry, had been sent to Sir Alexander Maxwell and to Sir Norman Kendal asking them if they could tell us whether any steps are being taken by the official members of the International Criminal Police Commission to protest against the action of Reinhard Heydrich's Gestapo in taking over the International Criminal Police Commission, or whether they are intending to re-constitute the Commission under another President and Secretary in some other country. The letter further expressed the view that it would be a real blow to the international organisation of justice if an association of this kind were simply put out of action by the arbitrary behaviour of one Government. There had not been time to receive replies to these letters.

Mrs. Longson, who had also made inquiries, had received a letter from Mr. Alec Paterson saying that it was generally understood that the International Criminal Police Commission was a very academic affair and had no Executive power.

Agreed to send a copy of this Minute to Gertrud Baer.

Minute 529. Reported that no reply had been received from Dr. Clara Enthoven to our letter seeking advice and information concerning the arrest in Germany of Gertrud Benedic. Agreed to write to Mr. L. Voocys, Gertrud Benedic's lawyer on the subject.

Minute 530. Women Territorials. Reported that Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence had not felt able to write the open letter to the women who took part in the War Office Conference. She regrets the fact that the W.I.L. should be driven into an attitude of protest. She believes that when people consent, however, ignorantly, to a policy which makes directly for war, they must accept the inevitable consequences. In her opinion it is better that women entirely unawakened to the ideal and possibility of world citizenship should rally to the country prepared to take action to defend it than that they should merely do nothing at all. She thought the idea of a World Commonwealth should be formulated.

From the Manchester Guardian (June 14th.) Mrs. Innes reported that representatives of a large number of women's national organisations, such as the Women's Institutes and the Y.W.C.A. had met at the Home Office to discuss whether their members might come into a totally different scheme, assisting in A.R.P. work. After discussion, it was agreed to ask Mrs. Swanwick if she would write a simple leaflet on the lines of the last chapter of her book "The Roots of Peace" stressing the points that women must give themselves to constructive and creative work and not let themselves be drawn into the war machine.

It was also decided to spend an hour at the end of the Executive meeting on July 12th. for discussing the W.I.L. attitude to A.R.P.

Minute 534. Air Disarmament Committee. Reported nothing further had developed arising out of the inquiry of the Air Disarmament Committee re allowing it the use of the back basement.

Minute 519. The gist of replies re co-operation of other organisations with the International Peace Campaign was reported as follows:-

National Union of Teachers. Committee of March, 1937, had decided that in future peace activities, including the I.P.C. shall be carried on through the League of Nations Union.

National Council of Women. Council made no reservation on any of the four points laid down by the I.P.C.

National Peace Council. Secretary expressed his own views and offered to put our letter before his June Committee.

Friends Peace Committee. Secretary discussing matter with one or two members of his Committee before raising the question in full committee.

Decided that no further action should be taken until after the W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee in September.

Minute 504. (April Committee) Reported that information had been received that the Lithuanian Poet Vydunas had been accused of a serious offence against the laws pertaining to foreign currencies, for which he had been taken into custody, but later released on account of his age and state of health and allowed to return to his home. His case was however being proceeded with.

Minute 531. South African Protectorates. Reported acknowledgment of our letter to the Dominions Office dated 13th. May, together with the statement that a copy of it was being forwarded from the Dominions Office to the High Commissioner for Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland.

536. FINANCE The attached Statement of Accounts was adopted. The Treasurer reported that as a result of a Bring and Buy Sale at her home, Mrs. Brayshaw had sent £3.10. 0. as a donation to Headquarters funds. The Committee expressed their appreciation of this help at a time when the funds were low. The money-raising Sub-Committee had not been able to obtain the loan of Mrs. Gasque's Hampstead Garden, as Mrs. Gasque was in India until the end of the year.

Mrs. Maxwell is, however, lending her drawing room for a gathering at which Mrs. Lynd and Mr. Sturge Moore will give Readings. Golders Green Branch is shortly having a Bring and Buy Sale, from which it hopes to give a donation to Headquarters. Mrs. Nevinson (Evelyn Sharp) has promised to give a reading in the Autumn. Miss Dickinson reported on inquiries she had made about the use of the Cecil Sharp House for an entertainment. As it is not licenced under the L.C.C. for public performances of music and dancing, any musical performance given must be of a private character and no publicity is possible except circulation to members and friends. Admission would have to be by sale of programmes in advance and money could not be taken at the door. The charge would be £3.17.7. for three hours on a week-day or four guineas on a Saturday. In view of these restrictions the Committee agreed that it would not be possible to make use of the Cecil Sharp House, but thanked Miss Dickinson very much for her trouble.

Mrs. Lankester reported during the Women's Peace Campaign in Croydon that she had had an opportunity of suggesting to Mrs. Robert Mayer that the W.I.L. would be very grateful if she could help it

by organising a musical entertainment. Agreed to ask Mrs. Lankester to let Mrs. Mayer know that the Committee would be very glad of her help in the Autumn with a concert.

Miss Dickinson proposed an early effort for London members in the Office. The Sub-Committee agreed to discuss this during the lunch interval.

Agreed to authorise the payment of 10/- for the publications issued from the Geneva Office of the I.P.C.

537. THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS.

Reported that at the tenth World Conference in Switzerland this summer the chief subject of discussion would be the question of "What are young people seeking and what are they finding", together with the question as to how much that they are seeking can be provided by Guiding and Girl Scouting. Dame Katharine Furse had written to Mrs. Innes to say that she would like the views of the W.I.L. on their Movement, and enclosed a Questionnaire which had been circulated to their own National Organisations, and to some others. Copies of the Questionnaire had been sent to the Executive and to the Branches with a view to obtaining information.

Mrs. Savage reported the views of a member of the Staff of a German-English School at Haslemere, whom she had consulted. She thought that (1) internationalism was stressed only in a subsidiary way, and that nationalism was the stronger force; (2) that the Movement was one-sided. It ought to include more cultural activities; (3) that it did not cut through the class system.

Mrs. Lankester said that at the request of Dame Katharine she made inquiries about the Movement when she was in India. There she found trouble was caused by too much stress being laid upon the British Empire. The Indian women did not realise that they were connected with an international organisation. But they did feel that the Guide Movement had come too late. They wanted to develop on their own lines.

After discussion it was agreed to send replies based on the following points:-

- (1) that nationalism was too strongly marked;
- (2) there was a need to mobilise cultural and spiritual forces;
- (3) the forms of activity were too rigid. There was not sufficient encouragement given to the development of individual thought.

538. DR. NEIMOLLER. Attention was drawn to the continual solitary confinement in a German prison of Pastor Niemöller. The Officers were asked to make inquiries and to see what action, if any, could be taken on his behalf.

539. CZECHO-SLOVAKIA. The Chairman read a letter from the Chairman of the Czech W.I.L.P.F. expressing the view that the article in the May News Sheet on Czecho-Slovakia did not give a right picture of the situation. She gave a historical survey of the country and pointed out the difficulties and dangers of the Henlein propaganda. Mrs. Duncan Harris had replied to the letter explaining that there had been so much written and said in this country of these dangers that the W.I.L. had, in its article, tried to give a more balanced picture of the situation. She had also said that a report of the speech by Madame Ambrosova at our W.I.L. Meeting was being printed in the July News Sheet.

A letter received from Frau Hanouskova, the Secretary of the Section also complaining of the article, had been dealt with by Mrs. Harris.

A letter was also reported from the Chairman of the German group in the Czech Section announcing the dissolution of the Group in the Section.

A further letter was reported from Fraulein Heymann, Dr. Augspurg and Miss Baer, the two former exiledmembers of the German W.I.L.P.F., urging the British and French Sections (1) to bring pressure on their Governments to see that concessions to the Sudeten German Party would not be asked from the Czecho-Slovakian Republic which would threaten the stability of the State, its territorial integrity or its political independence; (2) drawing attention to the fact that interference on the part of a foreign State in the internal affairs of Czecho-Slovakia will automatically set in motion the obligations contained in the treaties concluded by Czecho-Slovakia with other Powers, (3) urging the informing of public opinion through the Press that by no means all the members of the German Minority voluntary are enthusiastic supporters of Heinlein and his Party.

After discussion it was agreed that a reply should be sent to the effect that the W.I.L. in Great Britain is working as it finds opportunity for the stability of Central Europe but that we cannot advocate the coming into force of any Treaty that would involve the use of military measures. We would do what we could to get publicity for the position of the German Minority.

Mention was made of May Day celebrations held in Sudeten German Circles.

540. SPAIN. Reported that Miss Pye was at present in Spain. Decided to try to get a message of sympathy, encouragement, and gratitude to her. Agreed to ask her if she would, on her return, address a meeting.

541. CHINA AND JAPAN. Reported a letter from Madame Chiang Kai-Shek to the Geneva Office thanking the W.I.L.P.F. for all it is doing to try to secure peace among the nations.

Reported a letter from Miss Muriel Lester thanking the Committee for their letter of appreciation of her work while in China and Japan, and asking if she could tell us ways in which the W.I.L. could help the people of China. Firstly, she said, there was relief work to be done. Secondly, there was a great need for facing facts objectively, and finally, in view of the Japanese Drug traffic in North China, she thought the W.I.L. might take up the question of the drug situation. With her letter was a copy of one she had written to the Times on May 9th.

After discussion of the third suggestion it was agreed to send the following telegram to Mr. George Fuller, President of the Advisory Committee on Traffic in Opium now sitting in Geneva:-

"British Section Women's International League for Peace and Freedom urgently hopes efforts to prevent development of Opium traffic in areas under Japanese control will be successful."

The Officers were authorised to take any action they thought advisable after they had given consideration to the whole subject. They would consult Miss Pye about calling together the W.I.L. Opium Committee to discuss the possibility of a Conference in the Autumn .

American

Mrs. Innes reported that six/peace organisations, including the W.I.L. and the National Council for the Prevention of War, had denounced Britain's purchase of 400 American warplanes, asserting that if America wanted to stop aerial bombardment the order should be stopped now.

The Committee discussed the possibility of restarting its campaign for the abolition of aerial warfare and the internationalisation of civil aviation, and it was suggested that we should make an effort to get our speakers into women's meetings in the Autumn to deal with the subject. The Officers were asked to consider the matter and bring suggestions to the July Committee.

542. JAMAICA. On the suggestion of Miss Anderson the following were appointed a "Watching Committee", subject to the consent of those absent:- Miss Anderson (Convener), Mrs. Grindley, Dr. Clark, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Barrs Davies. Lady Olivier and Miss Freda White were to be asked to serve in a consultative capacity. Miss Anderson pointed out that a debate on Jamaica was being held in the House to-day (June 14th.)

Reported that Mr. Arthur Lewis had been asked to address a Lunch Meeting on the West Indies, but had regretted being unable to do so now as he was returning to Jamaica on the 25th. June. He hoped to be able to help in the Autumn.

543. INDIA. Mrs. Lankester invited members of the Committee and friends who were interested, to a private meeting of the Indian Conciliation Group to be addressed by Mr. Nehru on July 5th. at 3.30 p.m. She also drew attention to a meeting on June 27th. to be addressed by Mr. Nehru at the Kingsway Hall.

544. UKRAINE. Miss Anderson reported on letters Miss Sheepshanks had received from two Ukrainian women, Madame Russova of Prague and Madame Keller of Tübingen, about the suppression by the Polish Government of the Ukrainian Women's Society in Poland. This Society was founded in 1920 and is very large. It is affiliated to the International Women's Suffrage Alliance. Miss Sheepshanks suggested (1) that we should ask Mrs. Corbett Ashby, the President of the Alliance, to take up the matter, and (2) that our Headquarters in Geneva should urge our Polish Section to approach their Government.

After discussion it was agreed to send the letters (1) to Madame Ragaz, who is going to Poland and ask her to interview the Polish Section about it; (2) to Mrs. Corbett Ashby asking her to look into the matter. It was agreed to consult Miss Sheepshanks as to whether she thought anything could be done by the Committee.

545. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE Reported that Dr. Clark had been appointed Chairman of the Committee and that efforts were being made to find someone willing to act as Secretary of the Committee, and to do Miss Baker's work for the time being.

On the suggestion of Mr. Percy Bartlett the Committee had considered issuing a leaflet of an extract concerning women of Senor Madariaga's book "The World's Design", to which Mrs. Innes had written a preface. It was proposed that this should be printed for wide distribution and the Executive agreed.

546. OFFICERS' MEETING. Reported that arrangements had been made to engage Mrs. Mitchell as temporary clerk for half days from July 11th. to 30th. during Miss Horscroft's absence on holiday.

547. WOMEN PEACE CAMPAIGNERS. Reports of the Campaign organised by the Croydon Branch were given by several members who took part in it, and details of the campaign in a number of towns were also reported.

Reported the formation of a new Branch at Loughborough.

548. W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, September 6th.-11th. Mrs. Duncan Harris is one Consultative Member for the year, and Mrs. McGregor Wood was appointed second Consultative Member for the Committee in September. Mrs. Innes and Miss Pye attend as members of the International Committee.

It was agreed that members of the Committee should be asked to suggest additional items for the Agenda on July 12th.

549. SCOTTISH REGIONAL CONFERENCE. Reported a letter from the Glasgow Branch approving of the suggestion that the Conference should be a delegates' Conference, with a fee for each delegate. Several names of speakers were suggested. Agreed to reply that the Committee thought Miss Grace Coleman, J.P., might be very good on the economic causes of war, and though she would not speak from the pacifist point of view she would respect the views of the W.I.L. Agreed also to suggest that Mrs. Stocks of Manchester would be very good if she could be got for the Conference. Mrs. Longson offered to get in touch with the University at St. Andrews to make it known. The subject suggested was issues raised by the Van Zeeland Report. The programme, it was felt, should include the Colonial question on which subject Mrs. McGregor Ross would be very helpful.

Agreed to suggest that if a draft programme were sent to the Committee it might be possible to make further suggestions, if required.

550. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE. Reported that Mrs. Lankester and Mrs. Wood had consented to act as W.I.L. delegates part of the time and Mrs. Duncan Harris and Mrs. Maxwell agreed to attend some of the sessions as substitute delegates.

551. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. The question of the N.P.C. finances was raised and the Committee expressed the wish that if it is possible our delegates at its Annual Council Meeting, should be free to do anything that is possible to get the N.P.C. to put its finances into a more satisfactory position.

552. INTERNATIONAL PACIFIST ORGANISATION IN LONDON, July 18/20th. Mrs. Duncan Harris agreed to represent the W.I.L.P.F.

553. STATUS OF WOMEN DAY CONFERENCE, May 14th. Lady Unwin reported that she read the W.I.L. resolution on Equal Status of Women as supporting the opposer of the resolution on "equality". Only four organisations opposed the resolution, but as it was not unanimous it was not sent forward with the agreed points.

Mrs. Lankester proposed that a letter be sent to Professor Gutteridge, Chairman of the League of Nations Committee of Experts on Status of Women, expressing the desire for India to be included in the inquiry. Agreed and Mrs. Lankester consented to draft the letter.

554. LUNCH MEETINGS. On the suggestion of Miss Harrison it was agreed to invite Miss Hinder of Shanghai, to address a meeting on July 6th. She is attached to the Municipal Council in Shanghai in connection with their factory administration and before she left for her furlough she served on a Committee dealing with the conservation of food supplies.

Miss Anderson suggested that a Mr. Stringer, who is a West Indian student and a good speaker, might be willing to address a Lunch Hour Meeting for us. Agreed to ask him, and failing Miss Hinder it was agreed to try to get Mr. Stringer for July 6th.

555. FRENCH W.I.L.P.F. SUMMER SCHOOL, July 12th/20th. in Paris
Agreed to send particulars to Branches and Executive .

556. MRS. DESPARD Agreed to send a telegram conveying Birthday Greetings to Mrs. Despard on her 94th. birthday.

557. WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE CONFERENCE ON THE POSITION OF MARRIED WOMEN, in October. Invitations to send one, or two resolutions if possible by July 1st. Mrs. Duncan Harris agreed to draft a resolution for the consideration of the Committee on July 12th. Appointment of delegates deferred.

558. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE. Attention was drawn to an Abyssinian Film belonging to the Ethiopian Women's Work Association which could be borrowed from Lady Barton.

559. PEACE ARMY. Conference on Peacemaking in Palestine, Friday June 17th. 3 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Miss Horscroft and Miss Gill, (subject to her consent) appointed representatives.

560. DATES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

July 12th. (usual date) Discussion on A.R.P. after Tea.

August. No meeting, unless an emergency arose.
The Officers will deal with necessary matters as they occur.

September 20th. (third Tuesday instead of 2nd).

This concluded the business.

B Duncan Harris

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for January 1st. - May 31st. 1938.

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>
Balance, Jan.1st. 27.17.11.	Salaries 157.10. 0.
Subscriptions 357.19. 8.	Wages 18. 7. 6.
Donations 32. 0. 6.	Insurance 3. 4. 9.
Affiliation fees 8. 0. 0.	Office Expenses 7. 9. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
News Sheets & Literature 15. 0. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Postage & Telephone 33. 6.10.
Proceeds of Meetings <u>66. 2. 6.</u>	Travelling Exps. 19. 8. 8.
Geneva Subscriptions & Pax " 6.19. 0.	Lighting & heating 5. 8. 9.
	Stationery 11.13. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	News Sheets & Literature 33.16. 2.
	Printing (including Annual Report £19.17. 0.) 31.15. 0.
	Press Cuttings 2. 2. 0.
	Audit Fee 7. 7. 0.
	Affiliation Fee 4. 8. 1.
	Meeting Expenses 65.17. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Rent 12.10. 0.
	Grants 3. 1. 0.
	417. 5. 3.
	Geneva Subscriptions & Pax 4.18. 0.
	422. 3. 3.
	<u>Balance</u>
	Co-operative Bldg. Soc. for 1940 Congress 9. 0. 0.
	Midland Bank 79. 1. 1.
	Cash in hand <u>3.16. 0$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
	91.17. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
<u>£514. 0. 4$\frac{1}{2}$.</u>	<u>£514. 0. 4$\frac{1}{2}$.</u>

Approximate Statement for June 1 - 13th. inclusive.

Balance, June 1st. 91.17. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenditure 18. 8.10
Income 14. 7. 7.	Balance 87.15.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>£106.4. 8$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	<u>£106. 4. 8$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Outstanding Accounts.

Geneva Subs & Pax. 2. 1. 0.
News Sheet for July 3.19. 0.
Campaign Printing 3.12. 6.
Stationery 16. 1.
<u>£10. 8. 7.</u>

BALANCE (including £9. earmarked for 1940 Congress) £77. 7. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Dr. Giles said Tom must have more eggs and butter and milk but I can't afford it on our money
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Oh! Mrs. Smith, butter's up another penny. Yesterday it was bacon. Goodness knows how we shall manage soon!



John says it's this armament business and tariffs that are the trouble. We're paying for it all round it seems to me! And I don't think it's going to bring **PEACE, ANYHOW.**



Well, it's high time we women made a fuss and said what we think about **WAR** preparation and high prices

I agree. If we joined together and said we wanted a real **PEACE** policy they'd soon have to listen.



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- To stop Private Profit in Arms
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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of meeting of Executive Committee held on Tuesday, July 12th. 1938 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 55 Gower Street, London W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Brayshaw, Dr. Hilda Clark, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Grindley, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Thornycroft, Miss Freda White, Mrs. McGregor Wood. and Mrs. Lola Lloyd (U.S.A.), and Lady Unwin, visitors.
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Thoday, and Miss Harrison.

MINUTES of meeting held on June 14th. were confirmed and signed having previously been circulated.

561. BUSINESS ARISING

Minute 535 International Criminal Police Commission. Replies had been received by Miss Fry from Sir Norman Kendal and Sir Alexander Maxwell, the former communication being confidential. The latter stated that prior to the Anschluss there was in existence a resolution that until 1942 the Police President of Vienna should, ex-officio, be the President of the Commission. No doubt the present position had not been foreseen, but in the circumstances the members of the Commission were not in a position to object to the assumption of that office by Herr Steinhausl, the present Police President of Vienna.

Minute 353 Arrest of Gertrud Benedic. A further letter had been sent to Mr. L. Vooy's asking for information, but no answer had been received.

Minute 537 The World Association of Girl Guides. A letter had been received from the Association thanking the W.I.L. for the interesting and valuable replies sent to their questionnaire.

Minute 538. Pastor Niemöller. Reported a Service of Intercession had been held at St. Martin in the Fields by the Bishop of Chichester, at which the W.I.L. had been represented.

The Officers had written to the Bishop of Chichester asking his advice as to how best to make effective protest against the continued imprisonment of Dr. Niemöller, but so far no reply had been received.

Minute 554 Luncheon Meeting, July 6th. Miss Hinder gave a very interesting talk on the situation in China, especially as she had experienced it in and around Shanghai. She said that since Japan had invaded China the centres of Education had moved to the west of China, and culture was rapidly spreading in that area. She stressed the extent to which China had become unified and is advancing in spite of its war pre-occupation. She spoke also of the construction of roads which will have a great effect on the life of the country. The meeting was of a private nature and no press reports permitted.

Minute 549 Scottish Regional Conference. Suggestions had been submitted by the Glasgow Secretary, and the Officers had sent a draft programme to Glasgow with further suggestions. The One Day Conference is now fixed for October 15th. Mrs. Duncan Harris intimated her intention of being present and Mrs. Innes was asked to represent the Committee if she found herself able to go north at that time. Mrs. Brayshaw promised to make it known amongst the Manchester members. It was suggested that Dr. Ethel Williams of Newcastle might be interested in the Conference, and that Miss Lettice Jowitt's name should be sent to Glasgow as a possible speaker.

Minute 553 League of Nations Inquiry into the Status of Women. No reply had been received from Professor Gutteridge to our letter, but Mrs. Lankester reported that the Indian Women were most grateful to the British Women for the attitude adopted on this subject.

Minute 403 (September 1937) Liselotte Hermann. Reported that Liselotte Hermann and her companions had been executed in Germany.

562. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was adopted. The Treasurer reported that, after consultation with the other Officers, she had approached Miss Chick, who had very kindly advanced a loan of £50. The best thanks of the Committee were accorded to Miss Chick, and also to our new S.W. London Branch and to the Golders Green Branch for contributions sent to head Office.

It was reported that two money-raising functions were being held in Hampstead this month (1) July 13th. at Mrs. Maxwell's house, 5.30 - 7.30, when three poets - Mrs. Sylvia Lynd, Mr. Sturge Moore, Louis MacNeice - would be giving readings of their own poems, and (2) a Bring and Buy Sale, with song recitals, and five minutes speeches on such subjects as 'Women and Peace', 'India and Peace', 'Art and Peace' on July 18th. 8 - 11 p.m. at the house of Mrs. McGregor Wood.

Mrs. Brayshaw suggested that Frederick Woodhouse, a well-known singer, (whose wife is a member of the S.W. London Branch) might be approached to give a concert to raise funds for Headquarters. It was finally agreed that a committee of four representatives of the Executive (the Officers with Mrs. Grindley) together with two representatives from the Croydon Branch and two representatives from the S.W. London Branch be formed to explore the possibilities and make arrangements for such a concert.

Miss Marshall suggested that members unable to attend themselves might purchase tickets to be passed on to refugees now living in London. It was also suggested that refugee talent might be used for a concert.

Miss Dickinson suggested that if a Headquarters Bring and Buy Sale was held in the Autumn, it should be held in a building which permitted short concerts to be held in an adjoining hall. The Office was left to find suitable halls.

Lady Unwin suggested that Mrs. Innes should write to Malcolm Davies of the Carnegie Trust Paris Office (which deals with British appeals) asking for financial help for the British Section of the W.I.L., and if this fails, to suggest that the W.I.L.P.F. write to the Carnegie Trust to try to get help for the international work.

563. SPAIN Reported that the Officers sent a letter to the Prime Minister on June 19th. welcoming his pronouncement that H.M. Government would not allow the question of police bombing to stand in the way of concluding an Agreement on the lines suggested by Mr. Cordell Hull, and urging the Government to take initiative in seeking international action to secure the abolition of air warfare. The letter had been circulated to the Press and Branches and Affiliated Societies asked to take similar action. Six branches and two other local organisations had reported action and notices had appeared in 14 newspapers. The action of the Officers was endorsed.

Dr. Clark drew attention to the fact that the proposed counting of foreign soldiers in Spain with a view to their withdrawal gave an opportunity to suggest to both sides that an armistice be called, and that many people felt that there was a possibility of this suggestion being accepted. It was agreed that the following resolution be sent to the Government, the Chairman of the Non-Intervention Committee, to the Press and to the Branches asking them to take similar action.-

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

Begs His Majesty's Government to use its utmost influence in the negotiations of the Non-Intervention Committee for the withdrawal of foreign soldiers from Spain, to win the agreement of both sides to call an armistice directly the Commissions are ready to start counting the numbers of foreign soldiers."

Miss Pye has consented to speak at a Lunch Hour Meeting on Friday, July 22nd. on her recent visit to Spain

564 WEST INDIES. Miss Anderson reported that the Watching Committee had met, as a result of which the attached letter had been sent to the Government and to the Press. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, had replied that he would bear in mind that the membership of the Commission should include a suitably qualified representative of West Indian birth, and also a woman with the necessary qualifications.

A letter had been received from Lady Olivier, (who has consented to act as a consultative member on the Watching Committee), suggesting that Miss Susan Lawrence had the necessary qualifications for such a Commission. Miss Anderson agreed to consult Mr. Buxton as to the advisability of suggesting Miss Lawrence, or any particular woman, at the moment.

It was suggested that, we should approach a Woman M.P. to ask a question in the House as to whether it was the Government's intention to appoint a woman on the Royal Commission on the West Indies. It was agreed to ask (1) Miss Thelma Cazalet, (2) Miss Ward, and failing either of these Miss Horsburgh.

565 PROTECTORATES. A letter had been received from the International African Service Bureau asking for support for a Petition to the Government against the transfer of the Protectorates to the Union of South Africa. The petition was signed by individual members of the Committee.

566. CHINA & JAPAN

With reference to the proposed Conference on Opium in the Autumn, Miss Pye had written to say that she feared that there was not sufficient interest in the subject for a Conference, but if the Committee so wished she would make further inquiries while in Geneva. She hoped, however, that a meeting would be held at which Miss Muriel Lester would be asked to speak. It was agreed that such a meeting be held and that if Miss Lester does not stay in England during the Autumn Miss Pye be consulted for another possible speaker.

Miss White spoke of the great need for the Chinese currency to have the backing of a great power, and of how essential it was for her to be able to continue her work of road building, especially as there was a possibility of Japan cutting off all access to the sea, and therefore leaving the new road from Burma

as the only connection with the outside world for the importation of food supplies etc. Mrs. Lola Lloyd, of the U.S.A. Section, brought forward the question of mediation, but Miss White pointed out that Mediation had already been offered in every possible form and had been rejected. She did however suggest that international action by a group of Great Powers, including Italy, Germany, U.S.A., France and Great Britain might be tried. Unfortunately, as Japan is outside the League, any action taken by the League would not be successful. Miss White moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.--

"The Women's International League

In view of the League Assembly recommendation of September 28th.1937, that League Members should 'consider how far they can individually extend aid to China',

Urges His Majesty's Government to help China in its struggle against aggression, by financial aid, for support of the currency, and for constructive work such as roads,

And asks His Majesty's Government to propose at the nineteenth Assembly an increase of the medical aid for China organised under the League."

✓ To be sent to the Government, the Chinese and Japanese Ambassadors, the Press, and the Branches urging them to take action.

567 CZECHO-SLOVAKIA. Mrs. Duncan Harris reported that our Czech Section thought that Great Britain should take some action to give economic help to Czecho-Slovakia. Miss White said that she felt at the moment it was much more necessary to press for loans to Central European States, such as Roumania and Bulgaria, to help agricultural development, as the spread of German influence in these States was a danger to Czecho-Slovakia, and so indirectly help to them would help her.

568 INDIA. Mrs. Lankester reported that Mrs. Bose, one of the leading Indian Women who had show great kindness to her while in India, had recently come to England to serve in an official capacity on a League Commission. Mrs. Bose had been refused accommodation at the West End Hotel, Bedford Place, because she was a 'woman of colour'. Mrs. Lankester said she intended to have a personal interview with the manager of the hotel, and she was asked to speak on behalf of the W.I.L., also to draft a letter on the 'colour bar' in Hotels to be sent to an association of Hotel Managers. Mr. Polak and Miss Harrison are both taking up the matter, and a letter from Edward Thompson on the same subject had appeared in the Manchester Guardian.

✓ The question of Police Bombing was again discussed and it was agreed to send a further letter to the Prime Minister expressing the hope that we would give a lead to the abolition of air-bombing by discontinuing the practice of bombing on the North West Frontier of India and elsewhere.

✓ Mrs. Lankester also reported on the meetings at which Mr. Nehru had spoken. She said that he had stated that a free India would stand for Collective Security, but her policy would also be a peaceful one. He also stressed that the Congress Party in India were not prepared to work the second part of the new Constitution and that a fresh crisis would arise. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Nehru which Mrs. Lankester was asked to draft.

569 UKRAINE. It was reported that Mr. Rhys Davies had asked a question in Parliament about the Ukrainians in Poland. Mrs. Corbett Ashby had informed us that on enquiries the explanation

given her was that the Ukrainian Women's Organisation had been suspended and not dissolved, probably owing to the political activities of its President, Madame Rudnycka, which involved activities outside the scope of its constitution and plan of work. Madame Ragaz' visit to Poland had been postponed at the request of the Polish Section.

570. W.I.L.P.F. International Executive Committee Meetings, Geneva, September 1938.

Suggestions for Agenda.

(a) Pax Badges. The Officers reported that our stock of badges was almost exhausted, and as the patent for our badge had been held by the Austrian Section it would not now be possible to obtain a further supply

(b) The Van Zeeland Report. It was agreed to send forward a resolution urging Sections and members to study this Report in order that it should not be pigeon-holed.

(c) Mediation. It was agreed that when considering the present International Situation the Committee should be asked to discuss "whether in the war situation in the world to-day we can apply the fundamental principles of our movement by pressing for 'continuous mediation'".

571. LUNCHEON MEETINGS. Miss Pye will speak on her visit to Spain on July 22nd. It was suggested that Miss Elizabeth Wiskemann be asked to speak at a Lunch Meeting in the Autumn.

572. ELECTION QUESTIONS. It was agreed that the following questions, together with the one on a World Conference already agreed to, be sent to those with whom we have contact wherever by-elections occur.-

a) "In view of the world wide horror at the massacres of air warfare,

Will you press the Government to give effect to the promise of the Prime Minister that they would not allow the question of police bombing to stand in the way of an international agreement on the practice of warfare?

As a first step will you urge the abandonment forthwith of the practice of police bombing on the North West Frontier of India and elsewhere?"

b) "Will you urge the Government to press at the Assembly of the League of Nations in September for the summoning of the Air Commission of the Disarmament Conference, with a view to initiating again international discussions for the total abolition of air-warfare."

573. OFFICERS' MEETING Mrs. Innes reported on the meeting on July 5th. most items having been dealt with under their respective headings.

574. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Mrs. Innes reported that arrangements were in hand for the News Sheet up to October. It was intended this year to issue one in September.

It was also reported that the new leaflet "WAR: WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION" was now in the printer's hands, and in view of the fact that Mrs. Grindley could use 1,000 at a Women's Peace Day, and of the W.I.L. Stall at the Woman's Fair at Olympia in November, 5,000 copies had been ordered.

575. WOMEN PEACE CAMPAIGNERS. Mrs. McGregor Wood, Mrs. Innes and Mrs. Duncan Harris reported on various meetings at which they had spoken. As a result of these three new Branches were being formed at Northampton, Peterborough and Keynsham (near Bristol). Interest had been aroused in Newport (Essex) and Bath.

Mrs. Greenwood reported that the Brighton Campaign had been very successful. Groups had been formed at Haywards Heath and Hassocks & Ditchling, and a very good meeting had been held at Lewes.

Mrs. Brayshaw reported that the Manchester Branch had visited between 8 and 9 thousand houses in Wythenshawe and Brenchall in one week, and three meetings had been held, but these had been somewhat disappointing. Much follow up work will be necessary in the Autumn, and Manchester Branch has decided to appoint a full time organiser for at least one year commencing in September next.

576. BRANCH MEETINGS Mrs. Innes reported that she had spoken at the 21st. birthday party of the Birmingham Branch, in which the Acock's Green Branch had also joined. She had also spoken at a Garden Meeting in Brighton after which she had received an anonymous letter suggesting that it would be helpful if the address of the W.I.L. was published in one of the local papers. In this connection Mrs. Innes suggested, and it was agreed, that in the Autumn a notice on the lines of "Women Unite for Peace" be inserted in "Public Opinion" for one or two weeks.

577. WOMAN'S FAIR & EXHIBITION. Mrs. Innes reported a letter from the organisers of the 'Woman's Fair & Exhibition' offering a stall 5 x 10 ft. in 'The Hall of Achievement' for the 22 days of the Exhibition, together with the use of the body of the Hall for one whole day, except two hours, for the cost of ten guineas inclusive. The exhibition is under the auspices of Odhams Press Ltd. and is to be held at Olympia, November 2nd. - 26th. 1938. It was unanimously agreed to accept this offer, and to make enquiries re time, other organisations taking part, etc. It was agreed to apply for the use of the body of the hall on Wednesday, November 16th.

It was suggested that short talks at frequent intervals, with perhaps short musical items, might prove the best use to which the hall could be put, and that a number of well-known women be invited to help us. Among those mentioned were, Sybil Thorndyke, Vera Brittain, Storm Jameson, Nancy Price, Gwen Frangcon Davies, Jelly d'Aranyi, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Dr. Maude Royden. It was also suggested that Mrs. Robert Mayer might be invited to help. All details were, however, referred to a special meeting of the Executive to be called for 11.15 a.m. on Friday, July 22nd.

Mrs. McGregor Wood had suggested at the Officers' meeting that as part of the Autumn Work a Conference of Branch Secretaries (or representatives) might be called to discuss experiences, especially in connection with the Women's Peace Campaign and to make future plans. It was suggested that this might take place in the morning of our special 'Day' at Olympia.

578. CORRESPONDENCE
International Peace Campaign had sent a questionnaire re food supplies etc. for Spain and China. Agreed to reply that as we are not a relief organisation we have nothing to reply to the questionnaire.

I.P.C. World Conference in Paris, July 23rd/24th. As Mrs. Thornycroft will be present representing the Women's Peace Crusade she was also asked to represent the Women's International League, and, if opportunity offered to put forward the W.D.L. views on the abolition of military aircraft and the internationalisation of civil aviation.

The Official Secrets Act and Individual Freedom A circular had been received from the National Union of Journalists asking for support for Mr. Dingle Foot's bill on this subject. Agreed to ask for sufficient copies to send this circular to Branches. The National Peace Council will be holding a Conference in the Autumn on Civil Liberties.

Peace & Empire Congress, Glasgow, September 23rd/25th. organised by the Scottish Peace Council in conjunction with the I.P.C. and N.P.C. Miss Mosa Anderson was appointed delegate, who will be able to combine this with a visit to Yealand

Women's Freedom League. Mrs. Duncan Harris reported a letter from the W.F.L. inviting us to support the deputation to the L.C.C. General Purposes Committee re the ban on marriage for all women employed by the Council. This had not necessitated a representative taking part in the deputation but consenting to the use of our name, to which Mrs. Harris had agreed. The Committee endorsed her action.

Mrs. Harris also reported that she had submitted the following resolution for the October Conference on the Position of Married Women being organised by the W.F.L.

"This Conference urges that the conditions for claiming Unemployment Benefit which apply to married women only be rescinded."

579. REPORTS

Mrs. Duncan Harris and Miss Marshall reported on the National Peace Council Annual Meeting. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Lankester are both on the new Executive Committee of the National Peace Council.

Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Duncan Harris and Mrs. McGregor Wood reported on the British Commonwealth League Conference, and the former two said they felt there should be a closer link between the B.C.L. and the W.I.L. It was agreed that enquiries should be made as to whether there were any obstacles from the B.C.L. point of view to the affiliation of the W.I.L. if they so desire. It was agreed to ask for sufficient copies of the Constitution to circularise the Executive Members.

580. WOMEN DELEGATES TO LEAGUE ASSEMBLIES. Miss Marshall raised the point that invariably, with one or two possible exceptions, the women delegates attached to the British Delegation to the Assemblies were appointed only a short time before the meetings of the Assembly, and some time after the appointment of the other members of the Delegation. It was agreed to ascertain from those who had acted as delegates when they were appointed, how long notice they were given, and if they would be willing to participate in a protest to the Government, either by a signed memorial or by deputation, asking for the women delegates to be given at least as long notice as other members, and not less than two months. It was suggested that Mrs. Corbett Ashby might be asked to draft such a memorial when all the facts were to hand, and that other women's organisations should be invited to co-operate.

581. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: Special meeting to consider "The Woman's Fair and Exhibition", Friday, July 22nd. at 11.15 a.m. and the next ordinary meeting, September 20th. at 11 a.m.

582. AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS. see attached summary of discussion

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DISCUSSION AT JULY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON AIR
RAID PRECAUTIONS.

At the close of the Committee a discussion on Air Raid Precautions was opened by Mrs. Savage, who said that according to the Home Office handbooks on A.R.P. the reason for instituting these precautions is to formulate measures for safeguarding the civil population against the effect of air attack such as are described in the handbooks. These measures are a necessary part of the defensive organisation of any country which is open to air attack.

The need for them is not related to any belief that war is imminent. It arises from the fact that the risk of attack from the air, however remote it may be, is a risk that cannot be ignored, and because preparations to minimise the consequences of attack from the air cannot be improvised on the spur of the moment, but must be made if they are to be effective, in time of peace. She continued to summarise the several categories into which instructions are divided and outlined some of the precautions suggested. She pointed out that while the Board of Education "considers it undesirable that any practice or preparatory instruction of school children in time of peace should be undertaken which might have adverse psychological or other effects on them or the general public" the public are encouraged to become familiar with A.R.P. with the inevitable result that the children will also learn of them. She said that in moving the third reading of the Air Raid Precautions Bill, the Home Secretary said the best defence for London was a strong, vigorous Air Force, capable of tying down the enemy's air force to local defence. What, we need to consider, is the meaning of this utterance. A.R.P. entail attack upon civil liberties, and modern warfare, even if labelled "defensive" is necessarily totalitarian. The more perfect the A.R.P. organisation, the stricter the discipline and more intense the regimentation required, and in some countries participation in such organisation is compulsory.

A.R.P. detracts from finance available for social services, they encourage a belief that war is inevitable, they engender fear, suspicion and hatred. Meantime the air-force is being built up in readiness to defend our country by attacking another, and, asked Mrs. Savage, what consolation can women find in the knowledge that our own bombing machines will be killing the children of other women in 'enemy cities'? She urged that all our energy should be directed to the only means of protection, i.e. the abolition of fighting planes and the internationalisation of civil aviation.

Mrs. Innes, following Mrs. Savage, read extracts from the 'Times' of June 17th. 1938 to support three points which she felt were the main purpose of A.R.P. (a) to drill the country, (b) to prepare women for a so-called "women's job" in time of war, (c) to so train women as to free men for fighting.

Mrs. Lankester said that no-one in this country wanted war, and that the demoralising effect of air raids on the population must be prevented. However much we individually deplore A.R.P. and are not prepared to take part in them we have no right to urge doctors, nurses, etc. not to prepare themselves for any emergency that may arise.

One member suggested that it was the job of the Government to provide adequate protection on similar lines to the shelters which had been built in Spain. Two members gave instances of how the money needed for A.R.P. was crippling social services; in the one case a tutor could not be provided for an ordinary home nursing class as all instructors were engaged in teaching A.R.P., and in the other case a local Council had said that they could not build nursery schools as all the money would be needed for A.R.P.

Mrs. Duncan Harris pointed out that we must face the fact that as a result of our not participating in A.R.P. organisation certain lives might possibly be lost, but she considered the risk far less than that created by the war-mindedness which A.R.P. is creating.

The Government is organising A.R.P. in order to prevent the population from being afraid. Because of our fundamental beliefs we cannot take part, but we can help to inculcate the spirit of calmness and thus create a far stronger force against fear than any other method of protection. It was agreed that while individuals felt it quite impossible to participate in A.R.P. we could not press the Government to abandon them entirely, as any Government would have to continue with them in some form due to the demand of public opinion, but we must continue to urge upon the Government the only possible defence from air attack, i.e. the total abolition of fighting aircraft.

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COPY of letter sent to the Rt. Hon. Malcolm Macdonald, M.P.,
Colonial Office, Downing Street, London S.W.1., June 23rd.1938.

Dear Sir,

We are deeply concerned over the fact that the population of the West Indies, whose loyalty is undisputed, should have been brought, by their justifiable despair of any improvement in their economic and social conditions, to have recourse to riots and disturbances.

We are glad that His Majesty's Government proposes, without waiting for any further report, to take immediate action in the development of housing, medical and other social services.

Further, in view of the important economic issues involved, we welcome the proposal to appoint a Royal Commission of Inquiry. We earnestly trust that consideration will be given to the desirability of appointing on this Commission a suitably qualified representative of West Indian birth, and also a woman with the necessary qualifications.

As regards the terms of reference of the Commission, we would urge the need for a comprehensive survey, with a view to the fullest development and most productive use of the land; and to the establishment of suitable families on small-holdings.

We believe that this country must recognise the need for grants on a large scale from the public exchequer if its responsibilities are to be discharged.

While we recognise the vital importance of every step which aims at placing the economic life of the West Indies on a sound footing, we, as a women's organisation, are especially concerned with the wretched plight of the children. We believe that it is only by universal education of a wide kind that the children can be enabled to take their proper place, when they grow up, as individuals, as members of the family, and as future citizens. At the same time we would urge the desirability of providing school meals for all needy children, and of developing wide schemes of infant welfare.

Yours faithfully,

K. E. INNES.

Hon. Secretary.

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Statement of Accounts, Jan.1st. - June 30th.1938.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance, Jan.1st.1938.	27. 7.11.	Salaries	187.10. 0.
Subscriptions	366.15. 8.	Wages	21.17. 6.
Donations	49. 6. 0.	Insurance	3.17. 1.
Affiliation fees	8. 5. 9.	Office Expenses	8. 7. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
News Sheets & Literature	20. 9.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Postage & telephone	39. 7.10.
Proceeds of Meetings	66. 5.11.	Travelling Exps.	24. 3. 3.
	<u>511. 3. 2$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	Lighting & heat:	5. 8. 9.
Geneva Subscriptions & Pax	6.19. 0.	Stationery	11.13. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
		News Sheets & Literature	39.11.11.
		Printing (including Annual Report £19.17.0)	37. 7. 6.
		Press Cuttings	2. 2. 0.
		Audit Fee	7. 7. 0.
		Affiliation & Delegates' Fees	4.18. 1.
		Meeting Exps.	65.17. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
		Rent	12.10. 0.
		Grants	2.18. 0.
			<u>474.16. 4.</u>
		Geneva Subscriptions & Pax subscriptions	6. 19.0.
			<u>481.15. 4.</u>
		Balance at C.P.B.S. for 1940 Congress	10. 0. 0.
		Midland Bank	47.14. 5.
		Cash in hand	6.10. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
			<u>64. 4. 9$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
	<u><u>£546. 0. 1$\frac{1}{2}$</u></u>		<u><u>£546. 0. 1$\frac{1}{2}$</u></u>

Approximate Statement for July 1 - 8th. inclusive.

Balance	64. 4. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenses	30. 4. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Income	27. 9.11.	Balance	61.10. 1.
Loan	50. 0. 0.	Loan	50. 0. 0.
	<u>£141.14. 8$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>£141.14. 8$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Outstanding Accounts

Rent	12. 10. 0.
Stationery	2. 5. 5.
Printing	1. 18. 6.
Typewriter contract	3. 0. 0.
July News Sheet	3. 17. 6.
Lighting	1. 4. 1.
	<u>£24. 15. 6.</u>

BALANCE (including £10. earmarked for Congress and £50 Loan)

£86. 14. 7.

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Special Meeting of Executive Committee held on Friday, July 22nd. 1938, at 55 Gower Street, London W.C. 1. from 11.15 to 12.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Dickinson, Miss Harrison, Mrs. McGregor Wood, Mrs. Maxwell, and Lady Unwin (visitor).

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Dr. Hilda Clark, and Mrs. Greenwood.

W.I.L.P.F. Executive Committee Agenda.

Mrs. Duncan Harris asked leave to bring forward another matter for the Agenda for the International Executive in September. She proposed that a resolution re the abolition of Police Bombing as a first step towards the total abolition of air warfare be sent forward to Geneva. Agreed, and Mrs. Lankester undertook to draft the resolution.

Meeting for Miss Lester. Miss Harrison reported that Miss Muriel Lester would not be leaving England until the end of the year, and that she would be glad of an opportunity to speak on China, with particular reference to the Opium Question. Mrs. Innes reported that a letter had been sent to Miss Lester asking her to suggest dates, but so far a reply had not been received.

Appointment of Women Delegates to League Assemblies.

In view of the replies received from the former Women Delegates and the fact that the Woman Delegate's name for this Assembly had been announced at the same time as the other members of the Delegation, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister thanking him for his action and saying that we hoped that the practice of appointing the Woman Delegate with the other members of the delegation would continue.

Women's Advisory Council, L.N.U.

A letter inviting two representatives to a meeting with the Woman Delegate to the League Assembly was read. Mrs. Lankester agreed to attend with Dr. Clark, our permanent representative. It was suggested that the question of Police Bombing might be brought before this meeting, but it was left to Mrs. Lankester to consult with Dr. Clark as to the subjects to be suggested for the Agenda.

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WOMAN'S FAIR & EXHIBITION.

Mrs. Innes reported that in reply to our enquiries the following information had been received:-

1. The hours of the Exhibition are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
2. The body of the Hall will be available for our use from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16th., the seating accommodation being approximately 310.
3. Pamphlets and work done by members may be sold, provided the profit goes to the Funds of the League.
4. The price of hiring the film apparatus with operator is two guineas per hour.
5. Organisations such as the Mother's Union, Women's Amateur Athletic Association, the Association of Women Civil Servants will be having stands in the same section as the W.I.L.

With regard to the helpers on the stall, it was suggested

a) that the day be divided into 'shifts' as follows:-

- 9.45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 12.45 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 3.45 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- 6.45 p.m. - 10.15 p.m.

b) that Branches, especially London and near London Branches, be asked to be responsible for supplying helpers for at least one day - it always being necessary for not less than two helpers to be on duty at the same time.

c) that the two members of the Office Staff be in attendance on alternate days.

Lay out of Background and Stall.

It was agreed that the back wall be divided into three panels, the centre one to be a poster such as that published by the P.P.U. 'Wars Next Target', and the two side panels to have printed slogans, one to be 'Women Unite for Peace'. Across the top the W.I.L. name to be printed. It was agreed that a map of the world indicating sections of the W.I.L.P.F. in one colour, and groups or individual members in another colour all linked to Geneva as the International headquarters, should be displayed, underneath which should be printed "Women are Uniting for Peace - Will you join them?"

It was left to Mrs. Duncan Harris, in consultation with Miss Dickinson, to get into touch with Mr. Eric Gill and Mr. McGibbon of the Arts Peace Campaign with a view to getting their advice about

lettering for the slogans.

It was agreed that all decoration, lettering, etc. be carried out in our own colours, blue and green. The surround for the stall to be plain blue, with a frieze of 'Pax' badges.

W.I.L. Special Day. It was agreed that this be known as WOMEN'S PEACE DAY AT OLYMPIA. It was agreed .-

1. that a W.I.L. member should take the Chair at each session and should give a fifteen minutes' talk on the history of the W.I.L.
2. that for the morning and evening sessions we try to get a well-known speaker and a well-known actress or musician. The following were amongst those suggested.-

Miss Nancy Price, Owen Frangon Davies, Mrs. de la Hay, Jessica Tandy, Evelyn Sharp Nevinson, Madame Gerhardt, Jelly d'Aranyi, Virginia Woolf, Christine Foyle, Dame Katharine Furse, Miss Thornycroft, Miss Vera Brittain, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Dr. Maude Royden, Rose Macaulay, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Margery Fry.

3. that an attempt be made to get speakers from other countries - India, China (Miss Chu Chen Koo). Mrs. Paul Robeson was also suggested.
4. that at the evening session a representative of the Women's Peace Crusade be asked to give a few minutes' talk on the co-ordinating activities of the Crusade, and that perhaps the Women's Co-operative Guild, the Sisterhood Movement, and the Y.W.C.A. be invited to send a speaker to talk for 5 minutes.
5. that Mrs. Duncan Harris approach Elfrida Vipont, asking her if she would be prepared to give song recitals at intervals during the day.
6. that Sybil Thorndyke be asked if it would be possible for her to be responsible for an hour or an hour and a half of the afternoon session, supplying an international ballet, pageant or something similar. Failing Miss Thorndyke it was suggested that Mrs. Colebrook might be able to help.

Sub-Committee. It was agreed that Mrs. Garside (of Golder Green), and Mrs. Robert Mayer, be invited to serve on the sub-committee.

B.B.C. It was also agreed that the B.B.C. be approached with a view to getting a broadcast on women and peace in connection with Women's Peace Day at Olympia, especially in view of the fact that a woman had not been included in the series of talks on 'Peace and War'.

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Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, 20th. September, 1938
at 55, Gower Street, London W.C. 1. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Thornycroft, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Brayshaw, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Grindley, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Longson, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Wood, Dr. Clark, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Innes: Miss Sheepshanks (visitor) Mrs. Crammer, (observer from Leicester Branch).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE received from Miss Rinder, Miss Pye, Miss Marshall, Miss Chick, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss White. Unanimously agreed to send flowers and a message of love to Miss Chick..

583. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. On the nomination of Miss Warner, Mrs. Huxley of Leicester was unanimously elected to the Executive Committee.

~~584.~~ BUSINESS ARISING. Reported an acknowledgment of our letter of July 27th. from the Bishop of Chichester re Dr. Niemoller.

Mrs. Wood reported action taken by the W.I.L.P.F. in Geneva. On a report from Miss Mohr of Norway, who had visited Frau Niemoller in Berlin, the Committee had agreed.-

- 1) that National Sections should be asked to use their influence with their German Embassy;
- 2) that Miss Mohr be asked to take flowers and a message to Frau Niemoller;
- 3) that a prominent woman should be asked to go to Hitler to intervene on behalf of Dr. Niemoller, and Lady Astor had been suggested.

Mrs. Innes explained that a letter from the Chairmen to Lady Astor is being sent to us in the hope that we will find a way of getting it taken to her. Mrs. Lankester and Mrs. Wood thought that Tom Jones might be willing to give it to her as he is a very great personal friend of hers, and they agreed to talk over the matter with him when the letter came.

Scottish Regional Conference. Reported that as three good speakers had now been secured the Scottish Branches had decided to go forward with their arrangements for a Conference on October 15th. The Organisers would appreciate the presence of any member of the Executive in addition to Mrs. Duncan Harris who has already promised to attend.

Miss Muriel Lester. has promised to speak to the W.I.L. on her experiences with special reference to the Opium Question on the afternoon of November 29th. Mrs. Harris said that Miss Ward, who has been appointed referent for the League of Nations Opium Commission, promised to attend the meeting. The arrangement were left to the Officers and Miss Pye.

Resolutions and letters from the Officers & Executive had been formally acknowledged.

Women's Freedom League. A report was given on the Deputation to the L.C.C. to urge the removal of the marriage ban on all women employed by the Council.

British Commonwealth League. Agreed to affiliate to the British Commonwealth League., the Constitution of which had previously been sent to the Executive. The fee is £1.1.0.

Miss Mohr's (Norway) proposed tour in England had been cancelled as the Branches had not been able to arrange meetings for her in September.

585. FINANCE. The Statement of Accounts to September 12th. had been circulated to the Executive with their Agenda and was formally adopted. The serious financial situation was considered and it was agreed

- 1) to appeal to various Trusts for a Grant;
- 2) to ask all members (from Headquarters and through the Branches) to promise to send a minimum donation of £1. by the 1st. December, sending with the letter suggestions for raising the money;
- 3) to have a Bring and Buy Sale in the London Office.

Mrs. Brayshaw said she would like to see all Branches appealed to to raise a minimum of £5. every year for Headquarters, in addition to their affiliation fees.

A proposal was made that a Conference of Branch Secretaries should be held at which advice might be sought as to the possibility of raising the affiliation fee of 3d. per member. Approved for planning when opportune.

586. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:

German-Czech situation. Mrs. Duncan Harris reported on a meeting she had attended the previous day of an informal group of representatives from almost every section of the Peace Movement. It had been unanimous in the decision to try to get over to the German people a message of friendship and to get the whole situation on to a wider economic basis. At the recent W.I.L.P.F. Committee Meetings in Geneva there had been a strong feeling of unity in spite of sharp differences of political opinion. A telegram to Lord Halifax had stated that the responsibility for maintenance of unity and independence of Czecho-Slovakia and the peace of Europe lies with Gt. Britain. It had appealed to him to state publicly that no further concessions would be forced upon Czecho-Slovakia. A letter had been sent to the President of the Czecho-Slovak Republic, expressing thanks for the spirit of co-operation in which the negotiations have been carried on, and urging him to stand firm "for the possibility of avoiding a war depends on the moral strength to show conviction, foresight and a resolute will for the preservation of Freedom and Peace." A resolution^{was} adopted expressing dismay at the criminal propoganda of misrepresentation and defamation against Czecho-Slovakia and urging the Czech Government through the Radio Stations and by all other means at its disposal to promote the spreading of the truth as widely as possible.

After a long general discussion the attached statement was adopted, to be sent, with covering letters to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Czech Section, the Czecho-Slovak Legation, Lord Allen of Hurtwood, the Press and the Branches, the latter to be urged to send it to their Members of Parliament and their local Press.

League of Nations Assembly. Briefly reported on by Mrs. Innes.

India Mrs. Lankester reported the visit to this country of the Hon. Mrs. Pandit, the first woman Cabinet Minister in India, and the second to hold that rank in the British Commonwealth. The Liaison Group of British Women's Societies co-operating with the All India Women's Conference, was organising a meeting for her at Brettenham House, Lancaster Place, Strand, on Monday October 10th at 5 p.m. and it was hoped that members, including Branch members, will make an effort to be present. Notices will be sent out from this Office.

Jamaica In view of the Commission shortly going to Jamaica to investigate conditions there it was agreed to ask Miss Una Marson to speak on the subject at a Luncheon Meeting on October 4th. with Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair. It was also agreed that a Statement based on the article in the September News Sheet should be put before the meeting and if adopted, forwarded to the members of the Commission.

Africa. Mrs. Innes reported Sir John Harris's concern for the present conditions in East Africa, particularly the slaughtering of native cattle which is now going on as an attempt to meet the problem of land erosion. He would welcome a meeting of interested people to talk the matter over. After discussion it was agreed (1) that we could not arrange a meeting at the moment but would ask Sir John to send literature on the subject for our Executive and Branches; (2) to invite Lady Harris to attend the next meeting of the Executive on October 11th. at 4 p.m. to discuss the question of British responsibility for the Protectorates.

Austria. Dr. Clark reported on the work being done in this country for Austrian refugees and mentioned that the Friends Austrian Committee would be glad of offers of hospitality for refugees passing through London to their destination, etc. Agreed that a note should be put into the October News Sheet.

587. W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, Geneva, September 6th.- 11th. Reports were given by Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Innes and Mrs. Duncan Harris. The resolutions, etc. adopted at the meetings are attached and an account of the proceedings is to appear in the October News Sheet.

588. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT. Reported (1) that 5,000 copies had been reprinted of the leaflet "War: Women's Contribution." To date 1,750 had been sold; (2) copies of Mrs. Innes's book "The Romance of the Health Work of the League of Nations" was now on sale at the Office, price 1/- postage extra 1d.

589. BY-ELECTIONS. Agreed that proposals from Miss E. Woodall of Cheshire for the formation of small groups of interested people in each Constituency should be circulated to the Branches. The W.I.L. By-Election questions had been published in the September News Sheet with the suggestion that members should send them to friends living in towns where By-Elections are pending with the suggestion that they put them before their Candidates either in writing or at meetings.

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~~589~~. FORMATION OF NEW BRANCH AT KEYNSHAM. Agreed that a letter of welcome from the Executive should be sent to the Branch.

591. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL CONFERENCE on Civil Liberties, October 28th. & 29th. Delegates and visitors' fee 2/- for the whole Conference. Visitors may attend individual sessions on payment of 1/- per session. Appointment of delegates to come before the October Executive.

592. WOMAN'S FAIR AND EXHIBITION, Olympia, November 2nd/26th. Arrangements for the "Stand" and Women's Peace Day, November 16th. were reported. It was suggested that inquiries should be made about the "Singing for Peace" Choir.

593. REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS. Mrs. Thornycroft reported on the I.P.C. Conference in Paris in July. Mrs. Innes reported views expressed at the W.I.L.P.F. Meetings in Geneva.

Dr. Clark's report on the meeting of the Women's Advisory Council, L.N.U., with Miss Irene Ward, M.P., was read. Agreed to ask the W.A.C. if they were organising another meeting on Miss Ward's return from the Assembly.

594. FORTHCOMING W.I.L. MEETINGS were reported as follows:-

September 22nd. 7 - 9 p.m. in the Office: Speaker: Miss Packham, on the Teachers' Conference on International Affairs, Geneva, 1938.

October 4th: Luncheon Meeting, Speaker on Jamaica.

October 18th: Luncheon Meeting: Speaker Miss K. Gibberd, on the International Labour Office: What it does and why it succeeds?

November 2nd. - 26th: Women's Fair and

November 16th: Women's Peace Day at Olympia.

November 29th: Afternoon meeting for Miss Muriel Lester on the Opium question.

595. VISITORS FROM W.I.L.P.F. SECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER, 1938

Miss Katherine Blake, Mrs. J.N.D. Harris, and Mrs. Rommell from U.S.A., Mrs. Todd from Western Australia, and Mrs. Eisenschiml from Reichenberg, Czecho-Slovakia.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: October 11th.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

B. Duncan Harris

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FOR FAVOUR OF PUBLICATION.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM
BRITISH SECTION

55, Gower Street, London W.C. 1.

Statement on the German-Czech Situation passed by the Executive Committee of the Women's International League, British Section, on Tuesday, September 20th, 1938.

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League have considered the present German-Czech conflict and the proposals which have been made for a solution.

We believe that the proposals made by the Czech Government to the Sudeten minority provided for the redress of all genuine grievances suffered by the latter, and that there are no grounds for the assumption that the Sudetens have the right to insist on the cession of territory to the German Reich or that the German Reich has any right to demand it.

We note that this demand is part of a repeatedly declared policy, in which the forcible annexation of Austria was a first step.

We believe that the danger to the independence of the Czech and Slovak peoples from the breaking up of the historical and strategic frontier between themselves and a country which openly proclaims the right to conquest by arms, is so overwhelming that it may well be beyond the ability of Great Britain and France to guarantee its future; and that if Herr Hitler maintains his position in Germany the outcome is bound to be the complete subjugation of the Czechs and Slovaks, followed by that of Hungary, Roumania and Yugoslavia.

We hold that the effect of buying off Herr Hitler's threatened direct attack on Czecho-Slovakia by the cession of the Sudeten

territory, can only be to strengthen his position at home and to encourage him to believe that the Democratic countries will concede point after point in his programme until he is in a position completely to dominate Europe. It is a travesty to claim that concessions made to buy off a threat of war are examples of 'peaceful change' and as such will promote international justice.

We do not believe that peace and justice can be obtained in this way. War may be postponed but cannot thus be averted.

A situation has been brought about in which it is indeed difficult to see the way back to the League of Nations principles now set aside; but we believe that with fuller understanding by the public of the real issues, this way may yet be found.

RESOLUTIONS ETC. passed by the International Executive Committee Meeting of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, held in Geneva, September 6-11, 1938.

Copy of telegram to LORD HALIFAX, Foreign Office, London.

Responsibility for maintenance of unity and independence of Czechoslovakia and peace of Europe lies with Great Britain
Appeal to you to state publicly that no further concessions be forced upon Czechoslovakia

Copy of letter to Mr. Edward Benes, President of the Czecho-Slovak Republic, Prague. September 8th. 1938.

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting in Geneva from September 6 - 11, expresses to you, Mr. President, its thanks for the spirit of co-operation in which the negotiations between your Government and its partner have been carried on. The calm, the self-possession and the dignity which have been displayed are an example to all.

The concessions made by the Czecho-Slovak Republic, have given proof that the Government is striving for a peaceful solution of the difficulties. We are convinced that you will be successful further in avoiding concessions which would endanger the unity and independence of the State.

Stand firm, Mr. President, for the possibility of avoiding a war depends on the moral strength to show conviction, foresight and a resolute will for the preservation of Freedom and Peace.

The democratic Liberties and Peace of Czechoslovakia are the Democratic Liberties and Peace of Europe.

Resolutions

Abolition of Air Warfare

The Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting in Geneva September 6 - 11, 1938, representing women in 24 countries, welcomes the pronouncement of the British Prime Minister that his Government would not allow the practice of police bombing on the N.W. Frontier of India to stand in the way of any international agreement for the abolition of air warfare.

The bombing of civilian populations is barbaric and inexcusable, and we urge the British Government in this period of widespread extension in the use of this cruel weapon in China and Spain not to wait for general agreement to be reached but to give the lead itself by abandoning forthwith the method of bombing in its own outlying territories.

World Federation.

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom meeting in Geneva September 6-11, 1938 resolves:

This Committee approves work for an all inclusive non-military democratic Federation of Nations.

Message to Mr. Bullitt

Resolved that we, the International Executive of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom send our thanks to His Excellency Mr. C. Bullitt, American Ambassador to France for his heartening address at the dedication of the monument at Grave on Monday in which he stressed the necessity for the organisation of the peace and we ask him to transmit our thanks to his government

Dictatorship

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom makes the following statement concerning its attitude to dictatorship:

We want to emphasise that the sense of the words "Peace and Freedom" in itself excludes a sympathetic attitude towards dictatorship, in whatever country it may be practised. We are against oppression, violence and terror whether it is practised in fascist, national-socialist or bolshevist countries, or in countries where subject peoples or minorities are oppressed. And we protest strongly against every threat to human rights in countries in which it is taking place.

Message to President Roosevelt

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting in Geneva September 6 - 11 1938, representing 24 countries, wish to express to you, Mr. President, their appreciation of your initiative in calling the Evian Conference which we feel to be a most valuable contribution towards a reawakening of the Conscience of mankind to the desperate problem of refugees.

We want to express the sincere hope that your efforts may be carried forward to a successful issue.

Czechoslovakia

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is dismayed by the criminal propaganda of misrepresentation and defamation against Czechoslovakia.

It urges the Czecho-Slovakian government through the Radio Stations, by all other means at its disposal to promote the spreading of the truth as widely as possible

French India.

The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom draws the attention of the French Government to the suppression of the Indian workers' movement by the Governor of Pondichery in spite of the promises of the Popular Front government and the promulgation of the Labour code. It deplores the denial of the right of assembly; the recent suspension of workers' paper; the arrest and imprisonment of trade-unionists; and the provocation caused by bringing in military detachments from French Indo-China, which led to firing, by the troops, among the injured being young boys and children.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for January 1st. - August 31st. 1938

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance Jan. 1st. 1938	27.17.11.	Salaries	264.12. 6.
Subscriptions	369.11. 2.	Wages	29.17. 0.
Donations	86. 3. 3.	Insurance	5. 4. 3.
Affiliation Fees	8.19. 0.	Office Expenses	13. 4.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
News Sheet & Literature	40. 3. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Postage & Telephone	52. 0.11.
Proceeds of Mtgs	74.19. 9.	Travelling Expenses	30.14. 8.
Loan	50. 0. 0.	Lighting & Heating	10.11. 8.
Office Exps. Re-fund- ed by W.P.C.	14. 5. 2.	Stationery	14. 7. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<hr/>	News Sheet & Literature	48.11. 2.
	644. 1.11 $\frac{1}{2}$.	Printing (including Annual Report £19.17. 0)	42.11. 0.
		Press Cuttings	2. 2. 0.
		Audit Fee	7. 7. 0.
		Affiliation & Delegation Fees	5. 0. 7.
		Meetings' Expenses	73.15. 0.
		Rent	12.10. 0.
		Grants	2.18. 0.
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			615. 8. 1.
Greek & French Histories	9. 4.	Greek & French Histories	9. 1.
Geneva Subs & Pax	6.19. 0.	Geneva Subs. & Pax	6.19. 0.
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			622.16. 2.
		Balance at C.P.B.S. for 1940 Congress	12. 0. 0.
		Midland Bank	41. 6. 3.
		Cash in hand	3. 5. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
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			56.12. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$.
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			£679. 8. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Approximate Statement for Sept. 1 - 12th. inclusive.

Balance	56. 12. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenses	13. 9. 8.
Income	4. 0. 6.	Balance	47. 2.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
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OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

Loan	50. 0. 0.
Stationery	1. 3. 6.
Printing	11. 6.
News Sheets	3.17. 6.
Rent for June & September quarters	25. 0. 0.
Woman's Fair	5. 0. 0.
Salaries, Wages & Insurance due September 16th.	8.13. 1.
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DEFICIT £47. 2. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, October 11th, 1938,
at 55 Gower Street, London, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Greenwood, Dr. Clark, Miss Pye, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Harrison, Mrs. McGregor Wood, Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Longson, Miss Marshall, Miss Rinder. Visitors: Mrs. Garside, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. McConkey, (Canadian Section,) Mrs. Eisenschmil (Czecho-Slovakia) Madame Blockova, (Czecho-Slovakia,) Miss Lolo Lloyd (U.S.A.).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Chick, Mrs. Brayshaw, Mrs. Thornycroft, Mrs. Huxley.

The Chairman warmly welcomed our visitors from abroad.

MINUTES OF MEETING on September 20th and 27th were confirmed.

596. BUSINESS ARISING: Mrs. Lankester reported that in view of the international crisis she and Mrs. Wood had taken no steps to get the W.I.L.P.F. letter into the hands of Lady Astor, urging her to go to Hitler on behalf of DR. NIEMOLLER. Decided to inform Geneva Headquarters that, in view of the circumstances, the Committee felt that people who would get the ear of Hitler now are not the people we should like to send, not on account of the possible danger to Dr. Niemoller, but on account of what they might say.

The BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE had accepted our application for affiliation and had invited a representative to serve on their Standing Committee. Mrs. Lankester agreed to act and Mrs. Maxwell consented to deputise when necessary.

MURIEL LESTER'S MEETING on November 29th had been cancelled as she had telephoned to Miss Pye to say that she had been called urgently to be present at a meeting in India which necessitated her leaving the country almost immediately.

597. FINANCE. The Treasurer presented the attached statement of accounts and reported that £305 had been received in response to her appeal. She wished to thank Miss Dickinson for her suggestion that members should be invited to send £1. The Appeal to women, adopted at the special meeting on the 27th September had been added to the foot of the letter. Many letters of a stimulating nature had been received, supporting the policy which the Executive had adopted.

Arrangements for the Bring and Buy Sale were in hand. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence had consented to open it and Mrs. Innes was taking the Chair.

598. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TRUSTEE. Mrs. Binyon's resignation as House Trustee was accepted. The appointment of a Trustee in her place was deferred.

599. GERMAN-CZECH SITUATION. The Chairman reported that several Branches and individual members had suggested that the British Section should make some gift to our Czecho-Slovakian Section in view of the terrible position in which they found themselves. In addition, an appeal, dated 4th

October, had been received from Frau Hanouskova, Chairman of the Czecho-Slovakian Section, urging that money should be sent to them which could be used for the care of the Sudeten refugees. After discussion it was agreed that this was the time to break the rule not to undertake relief work. Mrs. Garside reported that the Golders Green Branch had already collected £32.13.0 which it would like to be forwarded from the London Office. It was unanimously AGREED that this sum should be made up to fifty pounds immediately and forwarded to Frau Hanouskova's letter with the information that the Committee had set aside its rule and would be glad to forward any gifts sent to the Office. AGREED to inform those responsible for administering larger Funds know of the willingness of our Czech Section to help. Miss Pye undertook to pass on this information.

The enclosed moving appeal from the National Council of Women of Czecho-Slovakia in the name of 50,000 organised women and of all the suffering women of Czecho-Slovakia had been sent to Lord Halifax, Foreign Office, London. The Executive AGREED to inform Lord Halifax that it endorsed this appeal, and to ask the Women's Peace Crusade if it would send it out to appropriate Women's Societies in this country. (Later: The Women's Peace Crusade agreed to do this)

The question of the emigration of Czecho-Slovakian subjects was considered, and it was agreed to urge the Government in order to facilitate the emigration of Czecho-Slovakian subjects from the ceded areas, in their desperate need, to do its utmost to provide all the funds necessary for their transport and settlement in other countries. The Branches were to be asked to take similar action. It was further AGREED to send the following cable to our Sections in Canada, Australia and New Zealand:-

"Beg you urge your Government to facilitate the immigration of Czecho-Slovakian Subjects from ceded areas. We are urging our Government to provide funds for transport and settlement."

AGREED that this should be sent to the American Section asking them if they can approach other American countries.

and it was agreed

Long-range action was considered/ - after seeking consultation with other peace organisations, and advice from experts, if possible through the National Peace Council - to work for a Conference of all States which should consider such matters as are endangering world peace, - including economic, colonial and racial problems, the limitation and reduction of armaments and the revision of Treaties. The Branches were to be informed of our plans.

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569. INDIA. Miss Harrison, in view of her pending visit to India, during which she would be attending the All India Women's Conference in December, asked that her place on the Executive might be filled as she felt strongly that it was important that the full strength of the Committee should be maintained. She expected to return about mid-February. This suggestion was referred to the Officers but in the meantime Miss Harrison was granted leave of absence. Mrs. Lankester AGREED to draft a message to the All India Women's Conference for the December Committee. Mrs. Lankester reported on the excellent meeting with Mrs. Pandit the previous day.

607 ⁵⁹²~~570~~. WOMAN'S FAIR AND EXHIBITION, OLYMPIA. Arrangements were reported an urgent plea was made for helpers. There were many vacant days to be filled in at the Stand.

602 ⁵⁷³~~573~~. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL CONFERENCE ON CIVIL LIBERTIES. Miss Sheepshanks was appointed Delegate. It was hoped that Miss Marshall and Miss Anderson would be able to attend.

603 ⁵⁹²~~574~~ PROTECTORATES.

At 4 o'clock Lady Harris, who had been inviting to the meeting, gave an informative talk on the question of the African Protectorates, which was followed by discussion.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: November 8th.

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FOR INFORMATION:

The Officers' Meeting on Tuesday, October 4th, sent the following letter to the Secretary of our Czecho-Slovakian Section:-

"The Officers meeting in Committee this morning felt they must send a line even before the meeting of the Executive Committee next Tuesday.

We feel overwhelmed with shame at what you and your country have suffered for the sake of the peace of Europe, and we are constrained at the same time to express to you our admiration for the nobility and self-control of your Leader and your people.

We believe that by this self-control you have made the greatest contribution that it is possible for any nation to make towards the establishment of the peace of the world. You have stood for a civilised standard of conduct, the effect of which will, we are convinced, be written in human history."

This letter was reported on and approved by the Committee on the 11th.

Copy of appeal to The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Halifax, Foreign Office, Downing Street, London S.W. 1. from the National Council of Women of Czecho-Slovakia, Prague, October 7th.1938.

Excellency,

The National Council of Women of Czecho-Slovakia in the name of 50,000 organised women and in the name of all the suffering women of Czecho-Slovakia turn to you in this tragic hour.

Will you, who are acquainted with the minority distribution in our country and have a sense of justice for the rights of the oppressed minorities, use your influence in the cause of justice for the Czechs as well.

We beg to call attention to the fact that certain occupations by the German soldiers are an injustice. Nearly one million Czecho-Slovaks are going to be taken over by the Third Reich where no minority rights are recognised. There are numerous examples of territory inhabited by the Czechs which have been taken over by Germany - we quote the plight of Policka in Eastern Bohemia on the Moravian border. This is a district of mixed nationalities, the centre of which, Policka, is purely Czech; out of a population of 6096 there are only 149 Germans. The news of the German occupation reached the Czech population here so suddenly that it had not time to move even their household effects and many of them fled with only what they could carry. This town is very prosperous and has fine munition plants. This is only one of many districts occupied by the Germans in which there was to have been a plebiscite according to article 3 of the Munich Convention. Instead, the present occupation is based on the statistics of the Census of 1910, the time of the greatest oppression of the Czechs by the Austrians, which made no attempt to present a fair picture of nationality distribution. The 1930 Census, justly and scientifically carried out, based on actual present day conditions in which each individual was free to determine his nationality would naturally be less favourable and accordingly discarded.

This 1930 Census would correspond more accurately to conditions in 1920, the census used as the basis of the Saar Plebiscite on which that in our country was to have been patterned.

Economically, our country is being completely ruined, our railways are cut up. The main line connecting Moravia to Slovakia has been severed in five places by the new frontier. The new frontier deprives us of all our industrial centres, prosperous spas, electric plant (including the plant which supplies Prague), and mines as well as endangering the greatest munition plant - the Skoda works, which now lies practically on the new frontier.

We women appeal to you Sir, to use all your influence to save our country from complete ruin, from being dismembered and destroyed, that our children may live and work in their own country as a small and independent nation. We beg you to save our countrywomen and their families from having to become a part of a foreign nation.

Chancellor Hitler, himself, declared that he desired no minorities. We trust that you are in a position to use your influence in not having the census of 1910 used as a basis for the new frontier and that the Census of 1920 or 1930 be used, and that the Czech population in the districts occupied by the Germans be exchanged with the Germans scattered throughout the remaining country. Will you kindly instruct your Ambassador in Berlin to endeavour to have the Commission which meets on Monday observe the letter as well as the spirit of the Munich Agreement.

We have the honour to remain, Excellency,

Your obedient servant

F.F. Plaminkova,

President, National Council of Women

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts, Jan. - Sept. 30th. 1938.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance, Jan. 1st. 1938	27.17.11.	Salaries	296. 2. 6.
Subscriptions	376.11. 2.	Wages	34. 4. 6.
Donations	210.19. 9.	Insurances	6. 2. 7.
Affiliation Fees	10.19. 0.	Office Expenses	14.13. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
News Sheets & Literature	41. 5.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Postage & Telephone	61.18. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Proceeds of meetings	74.19. 9.	Travelling Exps.	35.11. 8.
Loan	50. 0. 0.	Lighting & heating	10.11. 8.
Office Expenses refd. by W.P.C.	14. 5. 2.	Stationery	15. 8. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
	779. 0. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	News Sheet & Literature	51. 3. 2.
Greek & French Histories	9. 4. 0.	Printing (including Annual Report £19.17.)	42.11. 0.
Geneva Subs. & Pax.	6.19. 0.	Press Cuttings	2. 2. 0.
		Audit Fee	7. 7. 0.
		Affiliation & delegates' fees	6. 1. 7.
		Meeting Expenses	78.15. 0.
		Rent	12.10. 0.
		Grants	2.18. 0.
			678. 0. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.
		Greek & French Histories	9. 1.
		Geneva Subs. & Pax.	6.19. 0.
			685. 8. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Balance at	
		C.P.B.S. for	
		1940 Congress	13. 0. 0.
		Midland Bank	106. 8. 2.
		Cash in hand	9.10. 0.
			128.18. 2.
	£814. 6.11 $\frac{1}{2}$		£814. 6.11 $\frac{1}{2}$

Approximate Statement Oct. 1 - 8th. inclusive.

Balance	128.18. 2.	Salaries	7.10. 0.
Subscriptions	3. 6. 6.	Rent	25. 0. 0.
Donations	169.18. 6.	Lighting & Heating	18. 6.
Literature & office expenses etc.	1.10. 5.	Petty Cash	6.11. 2.
			39.19. 8.
		Balance	263.13.11.
	£303.13. 7.		£303.13. 7.

Outstanding Accounts.

LOAN	50. 0. 0.
News Sheets	
Sept. & Oct.	7.15. 0.
Stationery	3.13.10.

£ 61. 8.10.

BALANCE £202. 5. 1.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, November 8th, 1938,
at 55 Gower Street, London, W.C. 1. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Huxley, Dr. Clark, Miss Pye, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Thornycroft, Mrs. Brayshaw, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Marshall, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. McGregor Wood.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from Miss Rinder.

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~~573~~. MISS CHICK. Referring to the severe loss the W.I.L. had sustained in the death of Miss Mary Chick, the Chairman spoke of all she had been to the Executive, and to the manifold services she had so devotedly rendered to the W.I.L. It was AGREED to minute the following:-

"Miss Mary Chick was a member of the British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom from 1919-1938. She became a member of the Executive Committee in 1919.

From 1922 to 1931 she held the Office of Hon. Secretary and for three years (1932-1934) she was Hon. Treasurer, at the same time serving on a number of important sub-Committees.

In addition to these Offices she attended International Executive Committee Meetings and International Congresses abroad as delegate from the British Section.

She addressed many meetings in London and elsewhere on behalf of the W.I.L. and was a frequent worker in the Office where she was much loved by the Staff.

The character of the thoughtful help which she gave to the Executive is well illustrated by the generous hospitality she extended one week-end to the whole Executive at her delightful home in Branscombe. This invitation was given at a time of great stress and difficulty in the whole peace movement and contributed much to understanding between members of different points of view, and so to the subsequent carrying on of the work in the true spirit of the W.I.L.

Her constant loyalty, wise judgment, and practical support were always at the service of the cause she had so much at heart and her colleagues on the Executive Committee feel they have lost in her a wise counsellor and an always reliable friend.

At the beautiful service at Golders Green, the Minister reminded us all that the best tribute we could pay to her memory is to give ourselves more devotedly to work for peace."

The Committee stood in silence.

AGREED that a copy of the Minute should be sent, with a covering letter, to Dr. Harriette Chick.

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~~574~~. MISS KARLEEN BAKER. The Chairman reported that she had received a letter from Miss Baker saying that she would like to be released from her Press work for the W.I.L. but would like to remain on the Committee. There was a wide expression of appreciation of the exceptional quality of Miss Baker's service to the W.I.L. and pleasure of the prospect of seeing her back again. It was unanimously AGREED that a letter should be sent to Miss Baker welcoming her back to meetings of the Executive without liability for specific work. The Secretary was asked to convey to her the deep appreciation the Committee felt for the seven

years of almost full-time work she had given with such outstanding devotion and charm to the W.I.L.

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~~575~~. NEW NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE. The Chairman reminded the Committee that there were now two vacancies on the Executive. She proposed Miss Lettice Jowitt as a member and had obtained her consent to nomination. Mrs. Grayshaw seconded this. Mrs. Innes nominated Miss Amy Haughton, a member of the Welwyr Garden City Branch. This was seconded by Miss Pye. Both nominations were accepted.

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~~576~~. MINUTES of meeting on October 11th were signed, having previously been circulated.

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~~577~~. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TRUSTEES. The Committee was informed of the necessity to appoint two Trustees in the place of Mrs. Binyon, who had resigned, and of Miss Chick. Mrs. Duncan Harris and Mrs. Innes were asked to act as Trustees with Dr. Clark, and they accepted. The formalities of assigning the Lease to them would be done in the regular way.

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~~578~~. CZECHO SLOVAKIA. Mrs. Duncan Harris gave an account of the visit she paid to Prague on behalf of the Society of Friends. While there she met members of the Czech Section of the W.I.L.P.F. She had been able to get, after much difficulty, the fifty pounds which we had sent to her under cover of the National Bank of Prague, but Frau Hanouskova had, so far, not received the fifty pounds we had sent to her, though it was hoped that ultimately she would do so. A Friend who was going to Prague over the weekend had taken with him another sixty pounds from the W.I.L. in Bank of England Notes. All told, the W.I.L. had now sent £174 in response to the Czech Section's appeal for Funds.

Mrs. Harris emphasised the immense complexity of the situation in Czecho-Slovakia and paid tribute to the courageous manner in which our members were meeting it. They were not allowed to hold meetings; they must remain very quiet. But they were doing great work for the refugees from the Sudeten areas, particularly for those members of the W.I.L. whose crime had been their vigorous and loyal stand for freedom and peace. Standing firm for democracy, but belonging to no particular Party they were no one's charge, and our members in Prague were doing their utmost to help them. Some of them were staying with members in Prague or being supported by them there. They were hoping to be able to buy an old mill in the country in which they could place a few refugee families whose qualifications would enable them to support themselves. There was urgent need to get out of the country 19 W.I.L. members who were in immediate danger of being sent back to the Sudeten areas and then put into concentration camps - or even worse, and offers of hospitality were wanted at once if we were to be able to get visas and permits for them to enter this country. To get them on to the "immediate danger list" was a question for those in Prague, and it was understood that this list was already nearly filled. The Swedish W.I.L. was also trying to do something. She had seen our Dutch friends both on her way out and returning and they also are sending money.

The necessary details as to how to get the refugees out of Czecho-Slovakia were considered, but it was AGREED that the Committee could not deal with them as a whole and it was left to Mrs. Harris, Miss Marshall, Miss Pye, Dr. Clark and Miss Sheepshanks to take up the matter.

Mrs. Harris said that she realised that the Office could not at the present time deal with this extra work and she had, therefore, accepted the offer of a friend, ~~Miss~~ Hampson, who is a trained Secretary to help her with the correspondence, etc. This was warmly approved by the Committee.

Miss Pye, who is ~~hoping~~ to arrange for some to be trained as nurses or midwives, warned people that the refugees would need to be taught English before they could be taken into homes as domestic or other help, and that maintenance while they learn might be necessary for at least twelve months; temporary homes would be necessary for others, and responsibility must be undertaken by some person or body for each refugee.

Miss Marshall reported that the Lord Mayor's Fund had entrusted the administering of twenty thousands pounds to the Czech Committee for Czech refugees in this country.

As the News Chronicle Fund was more elastic Dr. Clark suggested that it might be willing to allocate money to persons for whom individuals or groups of people had made themselves responsible. AGREED that this should be explored. Also AGREED to try to get the Czech Committee to take as many of our members as it could.

Mrs. Innes reported that she had written to Lord Halifax on November 1st urging that, in view of the immediate danger which threatens those refugees who are being pressed to return to the Sudeten areas, the British Government should (1) facilitate the speedy entry of numbers into this country pending a solution of the refugee problem; (2) watch the industrial situation closely and seek opportunities of assisting Czecho-Slovakian people to expand their diminished industries and to make use of their remaining resources by the granting of loans for all reasonable requirements; (3) do all in their power to secure by negotiations, facilities for large-scale settlement of refugees in the less densely populated countries overseas.

A copy of this letter drawing attention particularly to paragraph (3) was sent to the High Commissioners for Australia, Canada, Newfoundland, Southern Rhodesia, the Irish Free State, and to the Press.

Letters were reported from

(1) the Northampton Branch saying that it thought it would have been wiser not to have broken the W.I.L. rule of undertaking relief, not because the members lack sympathy with the needs of Czech refugees, but rather because of it, since they feel the need for help is equally great in many parts of the world, including our own distressed areas. They think the problem demands a permanent solution and one that is beyond the scope of private charity. AGREED to reply that the Czech case is different as it concerns members of our own League, and danger even to life is involved;

(2) the Manchester Branch, enclosing £31. 5. 0 which was the result of a Sale at Mrs. Muter Wilson's house on behalf of the Czech refugees;

(3) the S.E. London Branch enclosing £15, the result of a collection amongst their members and friends;

(4) the Women's Advisory Council of the L.N.U. enclosing a message from the women of Great Britain to the women of Czecho-

Slovakia, which Mrs. Duncan Harris, as Chairman, had signed on behalf of the W.I.L.;

(5) the Cambridge Branch⁽¹⁾ urging the Executive to take all possible steps to help the mothers of the world to express their desire for peace among the nations of the world; (2) informing the Executive of a message the Branch had sent to the Prime Minister urging the British Government to take the initiative in calling without delay a Conference of the Nations;

(6) Miss Horsbrugh, M.P. saying that she is entirely in favour of a World Conference being called when the preliminary work has been done and it is found that the heads of all nations are willing to sit and discuss matters together;

(7) the Embassy of the United States of America acknowledging our letter of September 27th;

(8) Government Offices formally acknowledging letters we had sent them on the Czech situation;

(9) Miss Woodall of Stockport, asking if it would be possible or advisable to earmark part of our Czech Funds for the German Group of W.I.L. workers. A reply had been sent saying that we thought it was best to leave it to our Czech Section to decide on the spot how they use the money sent to them.

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579. INDIA. Mrs. Lankester reported that Mrs. Pandit was returning to India. She is very keen to interest Indian women in wider questions and to get them to understand the need for women all over the world to stand together for democracy; she would like to start some kind of peace organisation amongst women.

AGREED that Mrs. Lankester be asked to take our good wishes to Mrs. Pandit on her departure next day, and that a letter should be sent after her wishing her complete recovery of health, every success in her work for peace, and our anticipation in a close co-operation with her in her efforts to get women to unite in the cause of peace and freedom.

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580. SPAIN. Dr. Clark drew attention to Lord Halifax's speech in the House of Lords on Thursday, November 3rd, on the Anglo-Italian Agreement. She thought it important to go on protesting against the Agreement, although we know we cannot do any good now. The important thing to know now is whether the non-intervention plan has been carried through to such a point that Great Britain and France will recognise the granting to Franco of belligerent rights and she urged that Branches and members should be asked to send letters to their Members of Parliament saying that they trust there will be no question of granting belligerent rights until all foreigners have been withdrawn from Spain. The conditions of the Agreement have not been fulfilled and there is a real and serious danger of an intensification of the starvation of the civilian population, even though technically belligerent rights refer only to arms and munitions.

Miss Pye said that if two or three countries would give credits for surplus food supplies the problem of food for refugees might be solved.

AGREED to adopt Dr. Clark's suggestion to urge the Branches to write to their Members of Parliament, and it was left to the Officers to take action if and when advisable on the question of granting of credit to Spain for food.

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~~581~~. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. A long discussion took place on the question of Colonies arising out of Hitler's demands for the return of the German Colonies which were taken away from Germany after the Great War. Some felt that the calling of a World Conference would not be adequate. Our policy that all Colonies should be placed under international control, in which Germany should share, was maintained, but it was agreed that ~~central-must~~ all nations associated with that control must give proper and full safeguards for the rights of all minorities; it was argued that it was better to make proposals now than to wait for Hitler to make demands, though some felt that it might be well to stand up to Hitler and take the risk of what might happen. On the general situation Mrs. Brayshaw felt that the strong need of the moment was the issue of a pamphlet giving a historical survey of events during the last seven years, or so, and an analysis of our reasons for regarding the Munich Agreement as not fulfilling the essentials of a real peace. The Committee agreed that this was so and Mrs. Brayshaw consented to draft a pamphlet. Mrs. Savage promised to send her a document which contained many of the facts she would require.

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~~582~~. AIR DISARMAMENT. Reported a letter from the Air Disarmament Committee inviting the W.I.L. to support a strong resolution to the Government urging aerial disarmament. AGREED to reply that we had recently taken action on these lines and could not, therefore repeat it.

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~~583~~. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Reported that the N.P.C. were organising a National Petition for a New Peace Conference. A special Petition Committee had been appointed and Mrs. Duncan Harris had consented to serve on it on behalf of the W.I.L. This was APPROVED and it was AGREED to ask our Branches to support the Campaign, and to collect signatures at the W.I.L. Stand at the Woman's Fair, Olympia, this month.

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~~584~~. FINANCE. The Treasurer apologised for her absence in the morning as she had to attend a Conference elsewhere, and also for not placing before the Committee the usual Statement of Accounts which had not been prepared owing to pressure of work in the Office. The Bank balance was £241. 1. 2, and outstanding accounts amounted to £74. 10.0 including the £50 loan from Miss Chick, leaving a net balance of £166. 11. 2d. Two appeals had recently gone out which had resulted in £173.16.6 for the Czech Fund and £340. 12. 7d for the General Fund, while the Bring and Buy Sale brought in £15 odd.

It was AGREED that the loan from Miss Chick must be returned immediately.

Mrs. Savage reported that the S.W. Branch were having a Concert on the 14th December which Mr & Mrs. Woodhouse were very kindly arranging in their own house. She expressed the hope that other members might be able to attend. The Committee expressed their warm appreciation of this effort.

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~~585~~. WOMAN'S FAIR AND EXHIBITION, OLYMPIA, was reported on. Mrs Wood undertook to Chair the meeting in the morning on November 16th and Mrs. Innes agreed to take it in the afternoon.

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~~586~~. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Mrs. Maxwell reported that as a result of the Leaflet Competition two leaflets had been accepted and a prize of 5/- would be given to each Competitor, and an artist friend of Mrs. Savage's had sent in a drawing depicting the nursery rhyme "Three Blind Mice" which the Committee had decided to print, if possible, in time to use at the Fair. Also, a leaflet was to be printed of an article in the Daily Herald "Guidance in this furious tumult" by H.M. Tomlinson, permission having been given by the Editor and the Author.

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587. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE Dr. Clark reported that the W.P.C. was organising a Conference on the present world situation on December 1st in the London School of Economics from 4.15 to 6.45 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. with Lord Cecil, Mr. Garret (on the Spanish situation) and Miss Marshall (on the Czecho-Slovakian refugee problem) as speakers. Tickets 1/0 each session.

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588. INFORMATION BULLETIN. Attention was drawn to Volume 1, No. 2 of this Bulletin, which deals with the 19th Assembly of the League of Nations (Non-Political and Technical Activities, by Laura Puffer Morgan), copies of which could be obtained from the Geneva Research Centre, 14 Avenue de France, Geneva.

The following Conferences were reported on:

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589. THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE on The Married Woman and Unemployment Benefit. Reporter: Mrs. Maxwell, who had attended the second session, the W.I.L. not being represented at the first session owing to Mrs. Harris's visit to Prague, and our not being able to secure a substitute in the time.

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590. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL & NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES on War Preparation and Democratic Liberties. Attended by Miss Sheepshanks and Miss Jean Thompson on behalf of the W.I.L.

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591. MRS. CORBETT ASHBY on Defence of Democracy. Mrs. Innes reported on the agreed Statement of Policy and the request for endorsement by the W.I.L. AGREED not to take no action.

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592. CORRESPONDENCE Invitations to send delegates to the following Conferences were reported:-

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592. FOOD AND FREEDOM FOR SPAIN, November 12th, Friends House. Miss Marshall had been asked to represent the W.I.L. but had not replied. Miss Dickinson and Mrs. Wood undertook to attend.

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593. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE on "Physical Fitness and the Nutrition Problem," November 15th, Economic Reform Club, 26 Grosvenor Place, S.W. 1. AGREED to ask the Golders Green Branch if they could send a representative. Mrs. Duncan Harris hoped to be present, and Miss Dickinson expressed her willingness to attend in the afternoon, if necessary.

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594. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE had informed us that The Hon. J.D. Rheinallt Jones would be arriving from South Africa in a week's time and was willing to address meetings on the Native Policy of South Africa. A letter had been sent asking if Mrs. Jones were coming could we get her to speak at our afternoon session at Olympia on November 16th.

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595. ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ALLIANCE "Forced Marriages of African Girls," December 12th, 8 p.m. Caxton Hall. Chief speaker Archdeacon Owen of Kavirood. AGREED to ask Miss Anderson to attend for the W.I.L.

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596. WOMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE GUILD. Reported particulars of their Pacifist Celebration in Regent's Park on Armistice Day had been sent to London Members.

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597. ASSOCIATION FOR MORAL AND SOCIAL HYGIENE. Reported that in ~~commemoration~~ of Miss Alison's 25 years' work a Public Dinner was being arranged for November 14th at St. Ermin's Hotel, Westminster, at 7.30 p.m. (tickets 6/6d each) when a presentation would be made to her.

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598. MARGARET ASHTON MEMORIAL FUND. AGREED to send for particulars.

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599. THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE L.N.U. is not arranging an "After Assembly" meeting with Miss Irene Ward, M.P.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: December 13th.

This concluded the business.

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Executive committee meeting held on Tuesday,
December 13th. 1938 at 55 Gower Street, London W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Duncan Harris in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Grindley, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Brayshaw, Miss Haughton, Miss Jowitt, Mrs. Huxley, Miss Anderson, Miss Pye, Mrs. Longson, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Maxwell and Lady Unwin (visitor).
~~Miss Rinder.~~

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE WERE RECEIVED from Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Thornycroft.

MINUTES OF MEETING on November 8th. were confirmed, having previously been circulated.

621. BUSINESS ARISING Reported letter of thanks from Miss Karleen Baker.

622. JEAN HENDERSON. The Secretary reported that Miss Henderson, who had helped in the W.I.L. Office for several years as Press and Publicity Secretary, had recently lost both her parents within the same week. She proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to her. This was seconded by Lady Unwin, and unanimously AGREED to.

623. FINANCE The attached Statement of Accounts was presented and approved. The Treasurer pointed out that in response to the two appeals to members and Branches for Czech Refugees £325.11.0. had been received to date.

624. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE - NEW TRUSTEES. The Secretary reported the Lease of 55 Gower Street, granted by the Duke of Bedford to Mrs. Binyon, Dr. Clark and Miss Chick had been assigned by them to Dr. Clark, Mrs. Duncan Harris and Mrs. Innes.

The Committee AGREED that any liabilities incurred under the Lease are the responsibility of the Committee as a whole and not of the Assignees alone.

Further reported that the amount in the International House Account was £379. deposited in the Co-operative Permanent Building Society which gave a three percent interest on Share Accounts.

In view of the possibility of increased rates, etc. and in particular of a considerable amount ultimately payable for dilapidations, it was AGREED that this Fund should be increased in each year for £25 until the expiry of the Lease in September 1944. When we get an increase of Rates it was AGREED to discuss the matter with the Women's Peace Crusade.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

625. JEWS. A letter was reported from Miss Dugaard of our Danish Section asking our help in getting an international quota for Refugees. After discussion the Committee felt that they were not sure of the exact implications of the policy suggested and that any proposal to admit refugees permanently into a country might rouse opposition. It was agreed to write in this sense to Miss Dugaard, but assuring her that we are giving all the support we can towards a settlement of the refugees question, and that following up of Evian, and are urging our Government to secure agreement on broad lines wherever possible, and asking her to write to us again if there was anything definite she wanted us to urge, apart from the international quota.

Mrs. Innes summarised a report from Geneva on the terrible situation of Jews from Bratislava, in No Man's Land on the Hungarian-Slovak frontier. We were asked to give publicity to it and to put pressure in any appropriate quarters for the ending of the situation. After discussion Miss Rinder undertook to draft an introductory note to go to our Branches, etc. with a Summary of the report, urging approach to local Members of Parliament, and to the press.

626. SPEEDING UP OF IMMIGRATION CONDITIONS. Mrs. Duncan Harris reported that the National Peace Council Executive were organising a representative deputation of Peace Organisations to the Home Office to press for the speeding up of the issue of visas and the relaxing of immigration conditions, and urging that the Czech Refugees should not be overlooked in the general situation.

627. EDUCATION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN. The question was raised as to whether child refugees were to be allowed to attend local elementary schools. If not, and money had to be raised to send them to private schools there was likely to be a certain amount of criticism by those asked to give help. It was AGREED as a preliminary to possible further action, to ask one of the Refugee Committees whether prohibition from elementary schools is local or Governmental.

628. W.I.L. CZECH REFUGEES. Mrs. Duncan Harris reported that none of our members had yet arrived in this country, owing to the many delays in obtaining visas and transport difficulties. They were in real danger as the situation in Czecho-Slovakia was getting more acute. The Czech Section, with Tessa Rowntree, a young Friend, were interviewing those members who were coming. They were being taught domestic work and English while waiting to come and every care was being taken to send the right kind of people. The Croydon Branch has arranged to give them three nights' hospitality on their arrival, when they will be introduced to some of the British members, and their hostesses notified of their arrival. Mrs. Harris hoped that some of the Executive would be able to go to Croydon to welcome them, and several expressed their intention of doing so. Mrs. Lankester is undertaking this side of the work,

in Co-operation with the Executive
Many of our Branches are giving very practical help, Manchester is taking ten and Brighton one refugee. Members in some cases have offered temporary hospitality and many have given donations. Throughout the Section there is a great desire to help our Czech Members. Mrs. Hampson of Croydon had given invaluable secretarial help and the Officers had sent a letter of appreciation to her for the many hours of work she had given in helping Mrs. Duncan Harris. Miss Thorn another Croydon member had also given time in the evenings after long and strenuous day-work in an Office.

Croydon + Keynsham are taking

After Mrs. Harris's report she proposed

(1), that the W.I.L. Czech Refugees brought over by the W.I.L. should be the responsibility of the Executive Committee as long as they remain in Great Britain;

(2) that they should be made Hon. Associate Members of the W.I.L. and presented with an Associate Membership card on their arrival in England;

(3) that the sum of 10/- should be given to each Czech W.I.L. refugee on their arrival, with a covering letter of welcome;

(4) that the sum of 27/- should be spent for a 'bus to take the refugees from the boat to Croydon.

These proposals were unanimously AGREED to.

On the suggestion of Miss Rinder it was AGREED to ask Herr Wankor, London Representative of the Sudeten Area Refugees if he would supply us with a few notes to give to speakers and to questioners proving the need of help for refugees from Czecho-Slovakia, in order to meet the criticisms that the refugees who have got to Prague are not in danger and needing help, or that the German Jews are in the greatest danger and must be helped first.

It was AGREED to invite Tessa Rowntree to speak at a Luncheon Hour Meeting in January, if possible, on her Czech refugee work.

Mrs. Lankester paid tribute to the work for the Czech Refugees Mrs. Harris was doing, day and night.

629. SPAIN. Belligerent Rights. Reported that Manchester and Brighton Branches had sent us copies of their resolutions and letters to the Government and their Members of Parliament urging the Government to stand firm against the granting of belligerent rights to General Franco.

In view of the Prime Minister's visit to Rome in January, it was agreed that he should again be written to urging him "that under no circumstances shall our Government agree to the granting of belligerent rights to General Franco in the forthcoming negotiations in Rome."

Reported that the International Peace Campaign were organising a joint deputation from every constituency to the Prime Minister on 7th. January to ask for the withdrawal of all foreign troops, technicians and war materials from Spain.

Attention was drawn to the Memorandum (No.30) of the Women's Peace Crusade on "Belligerent Rights in the Spanish Civil War."

630. COLONIES. Mrs. Brayshaw hopes to have her draft memorandum on the historical background of the Munich Agreement, ready for the consideration of the January Executive.

The Brighton Branch has urged its Members of Parliament to advocate that all non-self-governing Colonies should be placed under international control, in which Germany should have an equal share, each nation giving proper and full safeguards for the rights of all minorities.

Miss Rinder undertook to draft a resolution on the subject for the Annual Council Meetings.

631. INDIA. Reported that the Officers had sent the following message to the Hon. Secretary of the All India Women's Conference and a copy to Agatha Harrison, who is now in India:

"The British Section of the Women's International League sends its warm greetings to delegates of the All India Women's Conference, assembled in Annual Session.

"It rejoices in the knowledge that Indian women are at this time standing on a common front with the women of other lands for the defence of liberty and justice and for the peaceful solution of work problems."

Mrs. Pandit's message to the Annual Conference of the Agra Constituent Branch of the All India Women's Conference is being printed in the January News Sheet.

Mrs. Lankester gave a report of Agatha Harrison's activities in India where she is witnessing a much more critical situation than she has ever seen before. She has had talks with Gandhi, Nehru and the Viceroy on the subject of Federation, a statement about which the Viceroy is making on December 19th. Meantime, there is growing a great national movement for more responsible Government in the States. Miss Harrison is also visiting villages and seeing the efforts made to carry out non-violent measures in the frontier problems.

Lady Unwin, on behalf of the Committee, agreed to send Miss Harrison a message of love and deep appreciation of her work in India.

It was agreed to ask Miss Harrison if she could pay a visit to our Egyptian Section if we made it financially possible for her to do so.

632. PALESTINE. Attention was drawn to Stuart Emeny's article in the News Chronicle on Palestine, in which he deals with the Government's policy of blowing up houses in rebel villages. After discussion it was agreed to send the article to Miss Freda White and ask her if she would draft us a letter to send to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Colonial and Dominions Secretary.

633. NATIONAL SERVICE REGISTER. Consideration was given as to whether the Executive could make a pronouncement on the proposed National Service Register for use in the Branches. Before taking action, however, it was AGREED to study the Historical Notes in a November issue of "The Friend" which dealt with the steps by which freedom was lost in the last war. Any Notes sent out should go with a covering letter saying that as an organisation we did not wish to shirk any right duty as citizens, but we must recognise that the suggestions before the country were for the development of the military machine.

634. W.I.L.P.F. SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Mrs. Innes reported that following on the decision of the last Executive an invitation had been received from the American Section to hold the Spring Executive Meetings, 1939, in Washington. The Officers had gone into the question of expense and felt unable to recommend to the Committee that this proposal should be supported, in view of the great cost at a time when the refugee problem is so acute everywhere and where many Sections are in financial difficulties.

After discussion it was AGREED to invite the Spring Executive to meet in England, as the Committee felt it to be very important that it should meet in Europe in the present critical international situation. Realising the difficulties of the American Section in sending delegates, it was AGREED to offer Headquarters ten pounds towards a grant for the expenses of an American representative. In the event of the Committee meeting in America, it was decided to inform Geneva that Lady Unwin expected to be in America in the Spring and would be authorised to attend meetings, but no other British member would be attending.

Should the W.I.L.P.F. accept the invitation to hold its meetings in London it was AGREED to offer hospitality as far as possible where desired, and if possible arrange the British Section's Annual Council Meetings for the same time. As two months' notice had to be given to Branches, etc. of the date of the Annual Council Meetings, this was left to the decision of the Officers. The suggestion to hold the Council Meetings at Friends House was accepted.

AGREED that the Council Social should not be held at Friends House.

B. Duncan-Harris
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635. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Reported that the work for the Petition for a New Peace Conference was being continued until the end of February. In connection with it two poster parades in the shopping centres of Central London were being organised one on December 13th. and the other on December 20th. A third one would take place in the New Year, and it was agreed to notify the London and near-London Branches by letter and Headquarter Members through the News Sheet. Several Committee members from the country asked that notices of such activities on or near Committee days should be sent to them.

In response to an appeal for Petition Funds it was AGREED to send a donation of £2. 2. 0.

636. WOMAN'S FAIR, Olympia. A detailed report of the W.I.L. Stand at Olympia was given. The general opinion was that it had been worth while and worth repeating another year, when the experiences gained this year would be valuable another time. A suggestion from Mrs. Wood that small cards giving brief details of the W.I.L. should be printed for distribution in bus and train was referred to the Publicity Committee. The need for more attractive publicity was also referred to the Publicity Committee. It was proposed to hold a Lunch Meeting for the 88 helpers on January 17th.

637. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Mrs. Maxwell reported that the new leaflets and "Farmer's Wife" postcard were printed. Nearly 6,000 Christmas Cards had been sold. Agreed to tell Laurence Housman of the great success of the Card.

638. REPORTS OF CONFERENCES:

Miss Dickinson reported on The Food and Freedom for Spain Conference, November 12th.

Miss Mosa Anderson / reported on Conference on Forced Marriages of African Girls, December 12th. She had abstained from voting on the resolution because there had been no opportunity of discussing it. The Chairman had announced that the 13 co-operating Societies agreed to it. She reported this in case the W.I.L. became involved at a later date. Mrs. McGregor Ross had written to Miss Anderson expressing her misgivings on the resolution.

After discussion it was AGREED to write to the St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance to say that there had been no opportunity of seeing and discussing the resolution beforehand we do not, as a matter of principle, wish the name of the W.I.L. to be associated with the forthcoming deputation.

Mrs. Lankester reported on the Women's Peace Crusade Conference on "Europe to-day and World Peace", December 1st.

Mrs. Lankester also reported on the Dinner for Mrs. Rama Rau, organised by the British Commonwealth League.

639. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE. AGREED to pay the affiliation fee of £1. for 1938.

640. MRS. RAMA RAU. AGREED to invite Mrs. Rama Rau to the meeting of the Executive Committee on January 10th, 1939.

This concluded the business.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts, January 1st. - November 30th. 1938.

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
Balance, Jan. 1st. 1938	27.17.11	Salaries	364.10. 0.
Subscriptions	392. 4. 8.	Wages	41. 4. 6.
Donations		Insurances	7. 8. 8.
General	474. 4. 9.	Office Expenses	30. 2. 5.
Czech Fund	214. 0. 4.	Postage & Tele- phone	82. 2. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Affiliation Fees	13. 5. 9.	Travelling Exps.	44.11. 0.
News Sheets & Literature	73,15. 9.	Lighting & Heat:	11.18.10.
Proceeds of Meetings	97.13. 8.	Stationery	25. 0. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Office Expenses refunded by W.P.C.	14. 5. 2.	News Sheet & Literature	68.19. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1270.10. 1.	Printing (includ- ing Annual Re- port £19.17.0.)	42.11. 0.
Greek & French Histories	9. 4.	Press Cuttings	4. 4. 0.
Geneva Subs & Pax.	8.19. 0.	Audit Fee	7. 7. 0.
		Affil. Fees and delegates' Fees	6. 4. 7.
		Meeting Expenses	99. 9. 4.
		Rent	37.10. 0.
		Grants	10.18. 0.
		Czech Fund	174. 6. 0.
		Advertisement	10. 6.
			<hr/> 1058.17. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Greek & French Histories	9. 1.
		Geneva Subs & Pax	8.19. 0.
			<hr/> 1068. 5. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Balance at	
		C.P.B.S. for	
		1940 Congress	15. 0. 0.
		Midland Bank	231. 0. 9.
		Cash in hand	2. 9. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	<hr/> <u>£1,316.16. 4.</u>		<hr/> <u>£1,316.16. 4.</u>

Approximate Statement December 1st. - 12th. 1938.

Balance, Dec. 1st.	248.10. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenses	30.18. 3.
General Income	16. 5. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Balance	345. 9. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Czech Fund	111.11. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$		
	<hr/> <u>£376. 6.10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<hr/> <u>£376. 6.10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

Christmas Card Printing	21.16. 9.
News Sheets	3.17. 6.
Printing of leaflets	12.14. 4.
Stationery & Literature	6. 8. 4.
Vatcher	10. 0.
Geneva Pax	4.10. 0.
	<hr/> <u>£49.16.11.</u>

BALANCE £295.12.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ including £151. 7. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ earmarked for Czech Fund