

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE  
104, Southampton Row, London, W.C. 1.

January 1950

CHA: 7233

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held  
at 32, Tavistock Square, London, W.C. 1. Jan. 4th, 1950.

The following members were present:

Executive:	Mrs McGregor Wood	Miss McAra
	Mrs Peat	Mrs Malcomson
	Mrs Needham	Mrs Cusden
	Mrs Warner	Mrs Mitchener
	Miss Dickinson	Miss Haughton
	Mrs Stapledon	Mrs Ballinger
	Mrs de Swiet	Mrs Sutherst
	Mrs Nuttall	Mrs Kemp
	Mrs Twiston Davies	Miss Camfield
Vice Presidents:	Lady Parmoor	
	Lady Mayer	
Consultants:	Miss M. Wright	
	Miss O. Misar	
Visitor:	Gräfin Baudissin	

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Mrs Ineson  
The Hon. Mrs Franklin  
Lady Pethick Lawrence of Peaslake  
Mrs Scholefield Allen  
Mrs Goring

The Executive opened at 11.0 with Mrs McGregor Wood in the Chair.

The Chairman gave a New Year greeting to the members and welcomed Gräfin Baudissin very warmly as a visitor to the Meeting, and Miss Wright and Mrs Misar as Consultants.

It was decided to write a letter of condolence on the decease of Mr. Runham Brown ~~and~~ to the War Resisters International, of which he was the founder.

Congratulations and good wishes were to be sent to Mrs J.W. Creighton (late Miss Hayward, of the Office)

The Minutes of the December Executive were read, and the following alterations were decided upon:-

Sir Gilbert Murray to be changed to Dr. Gilbert Murray **DM**  
1523. to be changed to read "It was suggested that they should be used as a pointer for our general policy and that we should, as has always been our policy, co-operate with suitable bodies. It was felt that for the time being it would not be wise to lose our consultative status."

Matters arising from the Minutes:

1526.d. Lady Parmoor reported that she was going to attend a Friend's Peace Committee that afternoon on the subject of a united meeting of welcome for delegates returning from the World Pacifist Conference in India. She subsequently telephoned to say that the Friend's Peace Committee were going to arrange such a meeting.

1526. Miss Joan Robinson had been asked to speak at the February Executive, but could not do so. Miss Susan Strange would speak instead.

1529. Reports on Commissions

1. Current Affairs Mrs Cusden reported that they had discussed the best way to give the fullest possible publicity to the resolution on Atomic Energy passed at Copenhagen.

It was decided to send a letter on the subject to Mr. Attlee, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Clement Davies, Mr. Bevin, and a copy of the letter to Mr. Raymond Blackburn, M.P.

2. United Nations Mrs Warner reported that the following subjects had been discussed:-

- a) UNICEF and the fact that H.M. Government had sent no contribution to it recently. It was decided to write a letter to Mr. Bevin on this subject.

- b) Films in connection with United Nations. It was suggested that Miss Haughton put a note in the News Sheet that a list of the films was in the Office. Lady Mayer said that she had a projector that she would lend. The Crusade for World Government also had a projector that they would lend.

Mrs Twiston Davies suggested that a Film Sub-committee be formed to go round and give film shows near London.

It was decided that the Film Sub-committee consist of Mrs Twiston Davies, Lady Mayer, and Mrs Warner, with power to co-opt other suitable members.

3. Colour Questions Mrs Malcomson reported that the following subjects had been discussed:-

- a) The fact that a Nigerian introduced the King's Broadcast. It was decided to write a letter to the B.B.C. to congratulate them on this fact.

- b) The taking over of Hostels for coloured students by the British Council. It was decided to write a letter to the British Council to say that we felt confident that they would run the Hostels on democratic lines and give the students as far as possible the sort of food they were accustomed to, and liked.

- c) The success of the Christmas Eve Party in Liverpool for coloured children.

- d) The article on the Rev. Michael Scott in Picture Post, on December 24th, 1949.

- e) The reply of the Commonwealth Relations Office to our letter to Mr. Creech Jones in which we asked why H.M. Government representative had voted against his being given a hearing at Lake Success. It was decided that in view of the unsatisfactory nature of this reply Mrs Malcomson would draft a further letter on the subject, in which she should show that we are fully conversant with the constitutional position and that she should get in touch with Freda White for the details of this position.

- f) Margery Potham's letter to The Times on the danger of South Africa choosing the present time to take over the three High Commission Territories of Basutoland, Bechuanaland, and Swaziland.

1530. W.I.L.P.F. Affairs Gräfin Baudissin spoke of relief work in Lubeck. The relationship between the English and the Germans was very good. The great problem was that refugees poured in from the Eastern Zone without clothes or food, and the French and American Zones would not take refugees from Schleswig-Holstein. It was most important that they should. There had been a most successful Fete and a Concert given by the English and the Germans to raise money for the work. There was still a great need for clothes. The primary need was for work. Building materials were desperately needed so that building work could be done.

The Chairman read a letter that had been received from the International Fellowship of Reconciliation on the treatment of Conscientious Objectors in France.

It was decided that further consideration be given to this question by the Parliamentary Committee and that they take such steps as they think fit without delay.

Mrs Duncan Harris said that many members of the former Czech Section were still in touch with her.

It was reported that Miss Balch had been invited to represent the W.I.L. at a meeting in Rome.

Miss Haughton and Mrs Twiston Davies were elected to represent the W.I.L. at meetings of the Crusade for World Government.

It was reported that Mrs Misar had <sup>given advice in connection with</sup> ~~helped~~ in the formation of a Group of the W.I.L.P.F. in the Philippines.

1531. Finance Miss Wilkinson reported:-

1. a) That the Conference on Colonies had paid for itself
- b) That the Christmas Appeal had brought in £82,16.0 up to date.

2. Mrs Stapledon then gave the Financial Report and said that we were £176.4.0 overdrawn. She gave details of Liverpool's splendid effort in raising over £20 for Headquarters. The money was raised by Musical Afternoons, Whist Drives, etc., which were got up by the Liverpool members. This news was received with very warm appreciation.

Mrs Stapledon said that Miss Myrtle Wright had very kindly given us £5.0.0, which represented the amount we had given her for her expenses at Copenhagen.

3. It was decided that the financial position of the Rev. Michael Scott should be discovered from his secretary, with a view to our possibly giving him a little financial help later on as a token of our appreciation of his untiring efforts on behalf of the native races of South West Africa.

1532. Membership Mrs Sutherst reported on the poor response, up to the present, to her appeal for detailed lists of members. Since the last Meeting two new members, and one News Sheet member had joined.

1533. Reports

- a) Publicity Committee It was reported that the Committee had ~~decided~~ <sup>recommended</sup> to publish the Rev. Norman Goodall's speech to the Colonial Conference.

It had also been ~~decided~~ <sup>recommended</sup> that new W.I.L. headed writing paper be printed.

- b) The Polish Group It was reported that a meeting had been held at the Offices of the National Peace Council at which there had been an exchange of views between a Polish Group and a small representative group of the W.I.L. The Polish Group, which consisted of about thirty members, had since held an Organising Meeting and had elected the following Officers:-

Chairman	Mrs Irena Komorowska
Vice-Chairman	Mrs Teresa Lubienka
Treasurer	Mrs Natalie Chodkiewicz
Secretaries	Miss H. Dmochowska and Mrs H. Cumft
Delegate to Executive Meetings	Mrs M. Lesniak
Proxy Delegate	Mrs I. Malewska

- c) The French Section Mrs Sutherst gave an interesting description of her recent visit to the French Section. She told the Committee that Madame Duchene would shortly have her eightieth birthday. It was decided that the British Section send her flowers and a letter of congratulation, to be signed by all the Members present at the next Executive Committee.

1534. Annual Council It was decided that all Branches should be encouraged to send in one Resolution and not more than two,

It was decided that a fee of £5.5.0 be paid to Miss Gibberd who had consented to speak on World Truce. It was also decided that Sir John Maud be asked to speak on the part played by UNESCO in World Truce.

A Committee was formed to arrange the Agenda for the Council. This Committee was to consist of the Officers, Mrs Nuttall, Mrs Sutherst, Mrs Warner, and Lady Mayer, with power to co-opt another member if Lady Mayer were not in England.

This Committee was to have its first meeting on Tuesday, 17th January, at 2.30, at 104, Southampton Row.

At the close of the morning session Mrs Nuttall said that she was sure that members would be interested and pleased to hear that the Chairman, Mrs McGregor Wood, had been adopted as the prospective Liberal Candidate for the new constituency of Northwood and Ruislip. Mrs McGregor Wood was warmly congratulated.

Mrs Lankester spoke of the interest taken in the work of the W.I.L.P.F. by Dr. H. Subandrio, the wife of the first Indonesian Ambassador to this country.

Mrs Abbott, an Australian member made a charming speech in which she said how much she had enjoyed coming 'home'. She had learnt many things in this country, and thought we would learn much in Australia. She very kindly promised that she would look after any of our friends or acquaintances emigrating to Australia if we would let her know of them. She gave Mrs Stapledon a generous donation of £2.2.0.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 1st, 1950.

*Sydia de Luriet.*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.  
104 Southampton Row, London W.C.1.

FEBRUARY 1950.

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at  
32 Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. February 1st. 1950.

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The following members were present:-

President	Mrs Duncan Harris J.P.	Mrs Scholefield Allen.
Vice President	Lady Mayer.	Mrs Cusden J.P.
Executive	Mrs Schlossmann.	Mrs Stapledon.
	Mrs Goring.	Mrs Evans.
	Mrs Needham.	Mrs Mitchiner.
	Mrs Sussams,	Miss Dickinson.
	Mrs Warner.	Mrs Kemp.
	Miss McAra.	Mrs Twiston Davies.
	Mrs Nuttall.	Miss Haughton.
	Mrs Ineson.	Mrs de Swiet.
Representative of Polish Group		Mrs Lasniak.

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Mrs McGregor Wood.	Mrs Sutherst.
Mrs Ballinger.	Lady Parmoor.
Mrs Malcomson.	

The Chair was taken by Mrs de Swiet. No Commissions were held.

The Minutes of the January Executive were read and the following alterations were decided upon:-

The "and" after Mr. Runham Brown to be omitted.

O.M. to be added after the name of Dr. Gilbert Murray.

1529. The name Pelham to be changed to Perham.

1530. The words "helped in" to be changed to "given advice in connection with".

1533a The word "recommended" to be substituted for "decided".

The Minutes were then signed.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

- 1529 2.(a) The Foreign Office reply to our letter on the subject of UNICEF was read. It was decided that the Parliamentary Committee should pursue the subject further.
- 1529 3.  
(a & b) Letters were read from the B.B.C. and from the British Council in reply to our letters.
- 1533 (a) It was decided to refer back to the Publicity Committee the question of publishing the Rev. Norman Goodall's speech, also that mention of our Consultative Status B. in the U.N. should be included in the new writing paper.
- 1533 (c) A copy of our letter of congratulations to Madame Duchene on her eightieth birthday was read and later signed by the members. It was decided to send flowers to her as a birthday present.
- 1535 A reply was read from Mrs Urmila Mehta, President of the All India Women's Conference to the letter of congratulation that was sent to her on the inauguration of the Republic in Delhi on January 26th, 1950.

1535. The Hydrogen Bomb. The following resolution was sent to the three International Chairmen:-

"The British Section is gravely concerned at the decision of the President of the U.S.A. to develop the Hydrogen Bomb and begs the International Co-Chairmen to appeal to all Sections to urge their respective Governments (a) to set their faces against the manufacture and use of atom and hydrogen bombs as a first step towards the abandonment of force, and (b) to convene a meeting of the heads of the Governments of the U.S.A., U.S.S.R. and the U.K., with a view to securing agreement along these lines."

The following letter was sent to the heads of the four political parties:-

"The Women's International League is gravely concerned by the decision of the President of the U.S.A. to develop the Hydrogen Bomb. The conscience of the peoples demands that a halt be called to this development of the means of destruction."

"We ask you and your party to press that a meeting of the heads of the U.S.A., U.S.S.R. and the United Kingdom be convened to consider the complete renunciation of atomic weapons as a step towards the abandonment of the use of force."

A letter on this subject was also to be included in the "Background Material to Parliamentary Questions" which was to be sent to Branch Secretaries.

It was decided that Lady Mayer was to draft a letter to the Manchester Guardian, News Chronicle and New Statesman which was to be signed by W.I.L. members.

At 11.30 there was an interval during which Miss Susan Strange spoke on the implication to Britain of Western European Union. A discussion followed. Miss Strange was warmly thanked for her most enlightening speech.

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1937. The International Executive. It was reported that the weekend booked at Carey Hall for the International Executive from July 21st to 24th could not be extended to the 27th as was desired by the International Headquarters. It was decided that Mrs Ballinger should be asked to try to find a hall in Birmingham, Mrs Phillips should be asked to try to find one in Nottingham and that if they failed Mrs Duncan Harris would approach Professor Harvey for accommodation in Leeds.

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1938. WILPF Affairs. Mrs Duncan Harris, speaking as Chairman of the Committee appointed at the Copenhagen Congress to prepare amendments to the WILPF Constitution, asked that time should be given to the discussion of this subject at the Annual Council. This was agreed and the following resolution was then proposed by Mrs Duncan Harris and seconded by Mrs Cusden:-

"The British Section of the WILPF welcomes the development under the Charter of the United Nations of non-violent methods for the settlement of conflicts.

It recognises that science has increased the destructive capacity of weapons to a point where the outbreak of another world war would threaten the very existence of civilised human communities. It therefore urges that it is more necessary than ever that the primary objects of the WILPF remain:-

- (a) Total and universal disarmament.
- (b) The abolition of violent means of coercion for the settlement of all conflicts.
- (c) The substitution in every case of some form of peaceful settlement.
- (d) The development of a world organisation for the political, social and economic co-operation of peoples.

After discussion this Resolution was passed by the Executive for presentation to the Annual Council.

<sup>38</sup>  
1540 Reports.

- a. Indian Independence Day. Miss Dickinson reported that she and Mrs Lankester had attended the meeting. The speakers had been Mr Attlee, Mr Clement Davies, Lord Tweedsmuir and Mr Krishna Menon.
- b. Parliamentary Committee. Mrs Warner reported that the committee had worked as follows:- (1) They had put together the "Background Material for Questions to Parliamentary Candidates. (2) At the request of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation they had drafted a letter to the Times on Conscientious Objection in France. This letter had been signed by many important people. (3) Information had been received from Mr Sorensen that nothing had been done yet by the Government on the subject of Genocide. It was decided to put this matter on the Agenda for the March Executive.
- c. Film Sub-Committee. It was reported that this committee had got lists of suitable films from U.N.A. and were going to have a private exhibition to find out which were suitable to take round the Branches. Mrs Warner was going to write to the Central Film Organisation to find out if the film sub-committee could become affiliated to it and use its facilities.
- d. All Nations Group. Mrs Ineson reported that the Country Dance Evening had been a great success. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 21st at 7.45 at Guthrie House, The evening would be arranged by the Polish members.
- e. Polish Group. Mrs Lesniak, the Polish Delegate, who was warmly welcomed by the Chairman, reported that they had thirty members and twenty prospective members, and answered questions about the organisation of the Group.

<sup>39</sup>  
1541 Reconsideration of Terms of Reference of Parliamentary Sub-Committee. The Committee was warmly thanked for its enterprising work. It was decided that its terms of reference should be confirmed and that their exact form should be left over to the next Executive Meeting and that the Parliamentary Committee itself should consider them in the meanwhile. It was decided that this committee was a sub-committee of the Executive.

<sup>40</sup>  
1542 Annual Report. It was decided that the Report be presented to the next Executive Meeting.

<sup>41</sup>  
1543 News Sheet. Miss Haughton reported that Messrs. Mather had got out the February News Sheet which had to do with the forthcoming election, in record time, and asked the Branch Secretaries to get the copies to their members as quickly as possible. It was interesting to report that communications had been received from places as far apart as California, Brussels and Santiago. Miss Haughton concluded with an appeal to members for new ideas for articles.

154<sup>1</sup>. Finance. The Hon. Treasurer reported that the excess of expenditure over income for the year ending December 1949 was £508. Subscriptions, donations, quotas, etc. were all down for the year. On the other side of the picture £270 had been raised to finance the delegation to Copenhagen.

It was decided that the Finance Committee should meet at the earliest possible moment, to consider the budget for 1950 and also to consider ways and means of raising the money.

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Warner were elected to the Finance Committee.

Mrs Kemp offered to raise money for us in Reading, and was warmly thanked by the Committee and asked to proceed in any way she thought best.

154<sup>3</sup>. Suggested Change in Grouping of Branches. It was decided that the question of the grouping of the Branches be re-considered at the next Council Meeting.

154<sup>4</sup> Future Meetings. It was reported that the Annual Social would be held on February 4th, and that the entertainment would be given by Indonesian ladies. Lady Mayer undertook to put a notice of the Social in the New Statesman.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING It was decided that as 32 Tavistock Square was not available on March 1st, application should be made to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, 38 Gordon Square, W.C.1.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING March 1st. 1950.



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March 1950

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at  
38, Gordon Square, London W.C. 1, March 1st, 1950.

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The following members were present:-

President	Mrs Duncan Harris, J.P.,	
Vice-President	Lady Parmoor	
	The Rev. Constance Coltman, M.A., B.D.,	
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs Stapledon	
Hon. Secretary	Mrs Ineson	
Executive	Mrs Twiston Davies	Mrs Cusden, J.P.,
	Mrs Needham	Mrs Warner
	Mrs Peat	Mrs Sussams
	Mrs Mitchiner	Mrs Kemp
	Mrs Malcomson	Mrs Goring
	Miss Dickinson	Mrs Sutherst
	Mrs de Swiet	Miss Haughton
	Mrs Schlossmann	Miss McAra
	Mrs Weiss	Mrs Nuttall
	Mrs Ashworth	Mrs Ballinger
Representatives of Polish Group:	Mrs Lesniak and Mrs Malewska	

Apologies for absence were received from:

Lady Mayer  
Miss Camfield

The Executive opened at 11.0 with Mrs McGregor Wood in the Chair.

Lady Parmoor congratulated the Chairman warmly on standing for Parliament.

Mrs Malewska was warmly welcomed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the February Executive were read and the following alterations were decided upon:-

The numbering of the Minutes to be altered to run in sequence from 1535 to 1544.

Matters arising from the Minutes

- 1533 (c) Mme Duchene's letter thanking us for our birthday present of flowers was read.
- 1536 It was decided to book accommodation for the International Executive at Rankin Hall, Ullet Road, Liverpool, from July 25th - 31st. Members of the International Executive to have priority in the allocation of single rooms. It was decided that Liverpool, Childwall, Manchester, Warrington and West Derby Branches should make arrangements to entertain delegates. The booking at Carey Hall was to be cancelled.
- 1535 Miss Baer's letter asking us to urge our Government to make representations to Mr. Trygve Lie for a two year world arms truce was read, also a Minute from the Parliamentary Committee on this subject. After much discussion it was decided that the idea of an arms truce was unrealistic, and the following resolution was passed:
- 'In view of the present grave situation, which has been thrown into even sharper relief by recent announcements regarding the Hydrogen bomb, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (British Section) urges His Majesty's Government to press

Mr. Trygve Lie to summon a special (Emergency Conference) (special Session) of the General Assembly of the United Nations to discuss the problems common to all member nations in the light of any such constructive suggestions as the proposals of Senator McMahon and of the newly established Technical Assistance Board.'

It was decided to contact the United Nations information department to find out if 'Emergency Conference' or 'special Session' were the right word.

It was decided to send the Resolution to the following people:-

1. To Mr. Attlee with a personal letter
2. To all M.Ps. with a covering letter
3. To all our Affiliated Societies and Branches and to the Women's Peace Movement
4. To Miss Baer and to the International Chairmen
5. To Mrs Zeuthen and Mrs Hojer
6. To The Rev. Annalee Stewart.

It was decided that members should try to get as much publicity as possible for this Resolution through their local press.

#### 1545 Reports on Commissions

1. Current Affairs Lady Parmoor reported that the Commission had spent the whole time discussing the hydrogen bomb. They had decided to send the Resolution passed by the Executive on the subject to the heads of all the churches in the U.K.
2. United Nations Mrs Warner reported that the following subjects had been discussed:-
  - a) Teaching about the U.N. in schools
  - b) UNICEF. It had been decided to refer to the Parliamentary Committee the question of H.M. Government's contributions to UNICEF. The Parliamentary Committee were to write another letter to Mr. Bevin. If this were unsuccessful the Committee were to take action through the press.
  - c) The Work of the WILPF. The Rev. Michael Scott had said that the WILPF was a wonderful organisation and that without Miss Baer he could never have put his case to U.N. It was decided to write to Miss Baer about this.
3. The Colour Question Mrs Malcomson reported that the Commission had discussed:-
  - a) Miss Vera Brittain's <sup>proposed</sup> letter to The Times on the subject of India and Pakistan
  - b) The isolation of Mrs Seretse Khama
  - c) The letter from the prospective section in British Guiana
  - d) Stanley House and the fact that they had a full time Warden from British Guiana for three months and could now open every day

The Executive decided to contact the London Missionary Society to find out what was being done to help Mrs Khama.

#### 1546 Annual Council

1. Mrs Ineson read the Annual Report and some corrections were made. She and her helpers were congratulated on their work.
2. Members were asked to send in nominations for a new co-Secretary and a new Assistant Treasurer.
3. It was decided that the new chairman should be elected at the May Executive.
4. The resignation of Mrs Duncan Harris from being President, and of Mrs Scholefield Allen from being on the Executive, were received with very great regret.

#### 1547 Reports

1. The Parliamentary Committee Lady Parmoor reported that the Committee had been chiefly concerned with the question of the Hydrogen bomb. The matter had been referred to the Executive.

They had decided to send to all women M.Ps. an informative letter on the work of the W.I.L. They also decided to send a letter of condolence to those women members, specially friendly to the W.I.L., who had lost their seats.

2. The Polish Group Mrs Lesniak reported that they were going to hold a meeting on March 15th.

1548 W.I.L.P.F. Affairs It was reported that Mrs McCorkel was the new temporary Secretary at Geneva.

It was decided to discuss the Resolutions left over from the Copenhagen Congress on Monday March 27th, at the Annual Council.

1549 News Sheet Miss Haughton appealed to members to try to sell more copies.

1550 Finance Mrs Stapledon reported that there was a deficit of £23.17.8 on the first two months of the year.

1551 Correspondence Letters were put before the Committee as follows:

Women's Co-operative Guild of New Zealand It was decided to send a message of comradeship to them

Women's Peace Movement It was decided that Mrs Cusden, J.P., Miss Haughton and Mrs McGregor Wood be appointed to the General Council; that Mrs McGregor Wood be appointed to the Executive, and that Lady Parmoor be nominated as President.

Mrs Ilberg It was decided, *x regretfully* to refuse her offer to speak to us on German affairs, in view of the near approach of the Annual Council.

'Letter from London' Mrs McGregor Wood undertook to write a report for them.

Housewife It was decided to ask Mrs Peat to write an account of the aims and activities of the W.I.L. for this magazine.

World Citizenship Movement It was decided that Mrs Ineson should represent the WIL at a meeting of this movement to be held on March 18th.

The NEXT MEETING will be held on MONDAY, MARCH 27th.

Marian E. Parmoor.  
May 3. 1950.

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May 1950

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The following members were present:-

President	Lady Parmoor
Vice-President	Mrs Duncan Harris, J.P.,
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs A.Z. Stapledon
Hon. Secretary	Mrs Warner (for a short time)
Executive	Mrs Ballinger Miss McAra
	Miss Barber Mrs McGregor Wood
	Mrs Beard Mrs Mitchiner
	Mrs Brailsford Mrs Nuttall
	Miss Camfield Mrs Peat
	Miss Dickinson Mrs Schlossmann
	Mrs Greaves Mrs Sutherst
	Miss Haughton Mrs de Swiet
	Mrs Malcomson Mrs Weiss
Representative of the Polish Group	Mrs Lesniak
Women's Peace Movement	Mrs Twiston Davies
Observer from the Women's League of the London Congregational Union	Mrs Wallis Hayward
Visitor	Mrs Nelson

Apologies for absence were received from:

Lady Mayer	Mrs Ineson
Mrs Denny	Mrs Sussams
The Hon. Mrs Franklin, C.B.E.,	Mrs Goring

The Executive opened at 11.0 with Lady Parmoor in the Chair.

All stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs Skinner late President of the Harrow Branch.

It was decided that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. Skinner; and to the Hon. Mrs Franklin, Mrs Alexander Wood, and Mrs Hosking, all of whom had suffered the loss of their husbands.

The Chairman welcomed the new members of the Executive, also Mrs Nelson of Edinburgh, and Mrs Hayward.

The Minutes of the March Executive were read and the following alterations were decided upon:-

1551. Mrs Alberg The word "regretfully" to be inserted.

The Minutes were then signed.

1552. Election of Chairman Mrs Stapledon proposed Mrs McGregor Wood as Chairman and spoke of the particular gifts of enthusiasm and humour that she had brought to the duties of the office, and the approval of the members was shown by their warm applause. Mrs McGregor Wood then took over the Chair from Lady Parmoor and expressed her thanks for the honour again accorded to her. As they all knew she considered that three years was the maximum time a Chairman should hold office, and as she had already been Chairman for two years she urged them to be deciding upon her successor in good time.

1553. Talk by the Rev. Michael Scott

To the surprise and delight of all, the Rev. Michael Scott gave an intensely interesting talk on the three High Commission

Territories and the possibilities of immense agricultural developments in Bechuanaland if large scale irrigation were undertaken.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

1535 A report was made of the answers received from M.P.s, Heads of Churches, etc., to whom the resolution on the Hydrogen Bomb, passed at the March Executive had been sent.

The Ex-President. It was proposed, seconded and passed nem. con. that the retiring President be an Officer during the term of office of her successor. This decision to be put into the Constitution at the next Annual Council.

1554 Elections.

1. Vice-Chairmen.

The following were elected:-

Miss Agatha Harrison.  
Mrs Nuttall.  
Mrs de Swiet.

It was decided to ask Mrs Cusden if she felt sufficiently free to undertake the duties of the office.

2. Representatives to other Societies.

The Abyssian Association	Miss Maud Dickinson
The British Commonwealth League	Mrs de Swiet. Mrs Twiston Davies.
The Joint Standing Parliamentary Committee.	Miss Hayler.
Liaison Committee for World Government.	Mrs McGregor Wood. Miss Haughton.
Liaison Group of British Women's Societies working in co-operation with the All India Women's Conf.	Miss Dickinson. Miss Agatha Harrison.
The National Peace Council.	Mrs Duncan Harris. Miss Agatha Harrison. Miss Haughton. Mrs McGregor Wood. <u>Deputy.</u> Mrs Longson.
The No Conscription Council	Miss Hayler. Mrs Needham.
The Status of Women Committee	Mrs Nuttall. <u>Deputy</u> Mrs McGregor Wood.
U.N.A. Women's Advisory Committee	Miss Dickinson.
Women's Council Co-operating with the women of India, Pakistan and Ceylon.	Miss Dickinson. Miss Agatha Harrison. Mrs Lankester.
Women's Group on Public Welfare. (International Committee)	Mrs Ineson.

It was reported that it had been decided not to continue the activities of the Women's Peace Movement, and warm thanks were accorded to its Secretary, Mrs Twiston Davies, for all her work. Lack of financial support had largely contributed to the failure to carry on, and the Chairman said she thought it should be known that the Women's Peace Movement still owed Mrs Twiston Davies £82.

### 3. Committees.

#### Organisation Committee.

The Officers,  
Mrs Dayan,  
Mrs Needham.  
Mrs Peat,  
Mrs Twiston Davies.  
*Mrs Sutherst Ex officio Mrs Kemp.*

(The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs Scholefield Allen to be filled later on).

#### Parliamentary Committee.

The Officers.  
Mrs Brailsford  
Lady Mayer.

#### Film Committee.

Mrs Twiston Davies. Convener.  
The Officers.  
Lady Mayer.

#### Publications Committee.

Miss Haughton. Convener.  
The Officers.  
Mrs Sutherst.  
Mrs Twiston Davies.

1555. The News Sheet. Miss Haughton spoke of the urgent need to sell more News Sheets and asked members to do all they could to help in this matter.

#### 1556. Reports on Commissions.

1. Current Affairs. Mrs Duncan Harris read out the draft of the letter to Mr Bevin on the subject of Germany that the Commission had considered. Much discussion followed. A vote was taken as to whether the letter should be sent when it had been suitably altered. Fourteen voted in favour, and six abstained. It was decided that Mrs Duncan Harris and Mrs McGregor Wood should work out the final draft of the letter.

2. United Nations. Mrs Stapledon reported that the following subjects had been discussed:

- a. The proposed letter to Mr Bevin on the subject of Germany
- b. The question of Genocide which was referred to the Parliamentary Committee.
- c. The United Nations Essay Contest. Too late to be considered

3. The Colour Question. Mrs Malcomson reported that:

- a. Formal acknowledgements had been received of our resolutions on Colour Discrimination & Seretse Khama, passed at the Annual Council.
- b. The Rev. Michael Scott had addressed large meetings in London & Liverpool.
- c. The Representatives of the United States were going to argue at the International Court of Justice at the Hague that South Africa could be legally deprived of its control over South West Africa.

All Branches were asked to work for the abolition of the Colour Bar on the lines of the Resolutions passed at the Annual Council.

1557 International Executive. It was decided to inform members that there would be a few places vacant in Rankin Hall and that those who wished might attend the International Executive as observers. Permission to attend discussions would be given session by session by the Executive itself.

It was also decided to write to Branches to ask for offers of hospitality for International Delegates.

Branches were also to be asked for a contribution towards the incidental expenses of the Executive.

It was decided to consider resolutions passed at the Annual Council when framing resolutions for the International Executive.

Mrs McGregor Wood & Mrs Cusden were elected to be the British Consultative Members at the International Executive.

1558 Finance. The balance sheet for March and April was read. A small credit balance was shown on the first four months of the year.

The Chairman then welcomed Mrs Kemp who described a successful Mop Fair which she had organised in Reading. After discussion it was suggested that under Mrs Kemp's leadership we should have a joint effort in Reading to raise money when the Annual Council met there next year. This effort should take the form of an International Fair at which members of each Branch should undertake a stall; should represent a different country and should dress in national costume. Mrs Mitchiner offered to help with the costumes. Mrs Kemp & Mrs Sutherst were asked to form the nucleus of a committee to consider plans. Branch Representatives were particularly asked to tell their Branches of this scheme.

1559. Report of Annual Council. A feeling was expressed that there had been too many speakers and too little time for discussion of Resolutions and the reports of Commissions.

Mrs Beard, the Representative of Long Eaton & Nottingham, said how difficult she found it to secure speakers and it was suggested that neighbouring Branches should co-operate in the matter.

It was decided that Lady Parmoor be asked to write a letter to the B.B.C. to ask if some time could be put aside for our work in their new programme, "Meeting Point for Women".

1560 India & Pakistan. Miss Dickinson read a letter from Miss Agatha Harrison in which she told of a meeting for joint action between women of India and Pakistan that she had been able to arrange.

1561 Membership. Mrs Sutherst reported that her membership register was nearly complete. She announced that the membership cards would be free to new members and would cost other members 1d.

1562 Reports.

1. Status of Women Committee. Mrs McGregor Wood reported that she and Mrs Nuttall had been to the House with a deputation and had met Mrs Castle, Mrs Mann, Mrs Braddock, Dr. Edith Summer-skill and other women Members. Mrs Castle had been non-committal on most of the points raised but had promised to try to get amended the laws on solicitation which, in several respects, were most unfair to women.

2. The Parliamentary Committee. It was reported that six meetings had been held since the last Executive & the chief subjects discussed had been:-

a. The Hydrogen Bomb. The resolution passed at the last executive in response to the letter of the International Chairmen & Miss Baer was gestetnered at Lady Mayer's expense and sent to all M.P.s the Prime Minister, the Heads of all Gov-

ernment Departments, & the Heads of all the Churches in the British Isles. Recently it had been sent to all the National Sections as an example of the action that this Section is taking and we have asked them to let us know what action they have taken.

b. Treatment of Conscientious Objectors in France. Our letter, not inserted by the Times, had been sent to the Manchester Guardian and the New Statesman but had not, so far, appeared in either.

c. Education on the United Nations. We enquired from the Ministry of Education how teaching about the United Nations was given in schools and reported our findings to Miss Baer.

d. Seretse Khama. The Committee hoped to meet Mr Greenidge of the Anti-Slavery Society next Monday to learn more about this case.

e. India & Pakistan. We sent letters to both the High Commissioners to express our pleasure at the action taken by the Prime Ministers to avoid war. We sent flowers and a letter of greeting to the wife of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, when she was in London recently with her husband on their way to the United States.

f. The Neutrality of Germany. Very much thought and discussion had been given to this subject and a letter to the Foreign Office had been drafted by Lady Parmoor, Mrs Duncan Harris & Mrs Brailsford.

g. UNICEF. Mr Dudley Ward, the London head of UNICEF, was approached over the correspondance that we have had with the Foreign Office on this subject. He invited one of the members to visit his office and explained the present position in detail.

1563 Branches. Mrs Sutherst said that she would write to all the former members of the Harrow Branch which had unfortunately come to an end since the death of its President, Mrs Skinner. The Childwall Branch reported that they had now secured correspondents in the Russian Zone of Germany & in Bulgaria. The Reading Branch reported that Mrs Kemp had had greetings from Mrs Abbott of Melbourne, Australia. The Manchester Branch reported that they were going to hold a meeting on May 16th at which Lady Parmoor would speak on the Hydrogen Bomb.

The Chairman said that Executive Members were welcome as visitors at Meetings of the Parliamentary Committee.

It was decided to write to all the Executive Members and to ask them if the fourth Wednesday in the month would suit them for the monthly Executive as Lady Parmoor was frequently unable to attend all day on the first Wednesday.

THE NEXT MEETING will be held on Wednesday, June 7th.

G. R. McGregor Wood.



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Minutes of the Executive  
32 Tavistock Square, London W.C.1. June 7th, 1950

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The following members were present:

President.	Lady Parmoor	<i>MS Suter</i> Miss Agatha Harrison
Vice-President.	Lady Mayer.	Miss Haughton.
Hon. Secretary.	Mrs Ineson.	Mrs Holden.
Hon. Treasurer.	Mrs A.Z. Stapledon.	Mrs Malcomson.
Executive.	Mrs Ashworth.	Mrs Schlossmann.
	Mrs Brailsford.	Mrs Sutherst.
	Miss Camfield.	Mrs de Swiet.
	Mrs Cusden.	Mrs McGregor Wood.
	Mrs Greaves.	Mrs Weiss.
Representative from the Polish Group		Mrs Malewska. L.L.B. Ph.D.
Specially invited.		Mrs Twiston Davies.
Observer from the Women's League of the London Congregational Union.		Mrs Wallis Hayward.
Visitor from Sweden		Mrs Akesson.

Apologies were received from:-

Mrs Ballinger.	The Hon. Mrs Franklin C.B.E.
Mrs Needham.	Mrs Duncan Harris J.P.
Mrs Nuttall.	Mrs Sussams.

*MS Fitzhugh*  
The Executive opened with Mrs McGregor Wood in the chair.

Miss Agatha Harrison was very warmly welcomed on her return from India after an absence of over six months.

The Minutes of the May Executive were read and the following alterations were decided on:-

1554. Organisation Committee. The names of Mrs Sutherst and Mrs Kemp to be added to the list.

The Minutes were then signed.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

1556. Our letter to the Foreign Office on the subject of Germany and their acknowledgement were read.

Date of future Executive Meetings. It was stated that the majority of the members preferred the fourth Wednesday as the date for Executive Meetings, and that many did not mind which Wednesday was chosen.

It was decided to hold meetings on the first Wednesday in July and September and then to reconsider the matter.

1554. It was announced that Mrs Cusden found her time too fully occupied this year to accept the Vice-Chairmanship for which she had again been nominated.

1564 Reports of Commissions.

1. Current Affairs. It was reported that the following subjects had been discussed:-

- a. The Colour Problem in South Africa and the hope that we should be able to take some definite steps after the for-

- thcoming African Conference; such steps to be referred to the Parliamentary Committee to be dealt with urgently.
- b. Mr Trygve Lie's proposed twenty years peace programme.
  - c. The Schuman Plan. (Also referred to the Parliamentary Committee.)

2. The United Nations. It was reported that the following subjects had been discussed:-

- a. Education in schools on the work of the United Nations. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the "Methods and Materials" Committee set up to consider this subject to urge that United Nations Day be observed in all schools and that fuller regular teaching be given on the work of the United Nations.
- b. The recognition of the Chinese People's Government at U.N. Suggested that we should inform ourselves further on this matter and write again to Mr. Attlee.

3. The Colour Question. Mrs Malcomson reported that there had been a discussion on Stanley House in Liverpool.

Miss Agatha Harrison was then invited to speak on her experiences when she attended the World Pacifist Conference in India recently. A report of what she said will be found in the July News Sheet.

It was decided that we should again express our pleasure at the agreement between India and Pakistan when the Begum Liaquat Ali Khan and her husband return to England by sending a small deputation to wait upon them.

#### 1565 Future Meetings.

- a. All Nations Group. Mrs Ineson reported that the All Nations Group were holding a meeting that evening to decide the future of the Group. It was hoped that as many members as possible of the British Section of the W.I.L. would attend.
- b. Meeting at the Hon. Mrs Franklin's House. A meeting of London Headquarter members and representatives of the All Nations Group was to be held at 50 Porchester Terrace, W.2. on Thursday, June 29th from 8 - 10.
- c. Proposed Receptions for International Delegates. It was proposed to hold receptions for the International Delegates in London on July 20th and 21st. It was decided to ask Geneva how many delegates might be expected.
- d. Lunch Meeting. It was agreed that we should try to arrange a Lunch Meeting on the Tuesday before the October Executive at which Mr Creech Jones be asked to speak on the proposed Caribbean Federation. The British Commonwealth League were to be asked to hold this meeting jointly with us.
- e. Public Meeting in the autumn. It was suggested that we should hold a public meeting in the autumn to try to increase our membership, as suggested by members of the Polish Group; the details of this meeting to be worked out in conference with the Polish Group Committee.

Mrs McGregor Wood reported that she had accepted an invitation from the American Section to go on a speaking tour in the States in September. The Executive congratulated her very warmly.

It was noted that Mrs Peat was intending to visit America and it was unanimously decided to sponsor this visit and to request that she would collect information at Lake Success and report back to us.

1566 WILPF Affairs. It was decided to endorse for the International Executive the following Resolution that had already been sent to Geneva by Mrs Duncan Harris:-

"The Executive Committee of the WILPF records its support of the action undertaken by the Rev. Michael Scott on behalf of the oppressed people of S.W. Africa and elsewhere. It urges the Government of S. Africa to agree to the request of the United Nations that the Mandated Territory of S.W. Africa be brought under the Trusteeship Council. It asks the U.N. to continue to do all in their power to secure for the inhabitants of this territory all the safeguards envisaged under the Trusteeship system and in the Charter of Human Rights. Further it would urge the U.N. to press all Governments administering non self-governing territories to accept the principle of international accountability by submitting reports of their administration to the General Assembly and by co-operating in supplying information requested thereby."

Mrs Akesson of Sweden gave the Executive a friendly greeting and spoke of her work for peace. Mrs McGregor Wood invited members to come to a lunch on June 13th at the Westway Hotel to hear more of the scheme.

1567. Reports.

a Organisation Committee.

1. Membership. It was reported that Mrs Sutherst had divided the list of Headquarter Members into regions as a step towards linking them more closely with each other and with Headquarters. Mrs Twiston Davies was taking on a similar work for the London Headquarter Members.

It had been decided to:-

- a. Write a letter to each Headquarter Member to tell her of our current work.
- b. Suggest that where there was a group of Headquarter Members that one should undertake to correspond with the office.

It was suggested that:-

- a. Special paragraphs for Headquarter Members should be put in the News Sheet and Mrs Sutherst offered to write such paragraphs.
- b. The News Sheet subscription to non-members of the W.I.L. should be raised to cover the total costs.

2. Future Plans. Mrs Warner's memo on work for the forthcoming year was read and discussed. It was suggested that more should be done to publicise the work of the League.

It was decided that:-

- a. Mrs Warner be asked to write a publicity leaflet with special reference to the present work of the League: the Parliamentary Committee, the All Nations Group and the Polish Group.
- b. The special subject for study for 1950 be Race Relations.
- c. Groups of Branches should hold their own regional meetings in the autumn in the place of the usual Extended Executive.

b. Conference of World Women's Christian Temperance Association. Mrs McGregor Wood reported that she had addressed a session of this Association and that they had been deeply interested in the work of the W.I.L.

c. Meeting with Rajkumari Amrit Kaur. Lady Parmoor reported that at a small gathering they had discussed the workings of the World Health Organisation and the part that women could play in this connection.

d. Meeting at Miss Brittain's House. Lady Parmoor reported that at this meeting the question of forming Peace Units had been discussed. The Committee decided to continue to observe this subject.

e. Parliamentary Committee. It was reported that four meetings had been held since the last Executive & the chief subjects discussed had been:-

a. UNICEF After a conversation with Mr Dudley Ward there had been reason to fear that the work of UNICEF might be terminated in favour of a long term programme of education. Various leading women's organisations and all women M.P.s had been approached on the subject. Mrs Barbara Castle M.P, kindly undertook to look further into this matter and had sent us a most informative letter. It had been decided to consider the matter further.

b. Genocide. Mrs Mignon Castle and Miss Baer had been approached for an explanation of the Governments reluctance to sign the Genocide Convention. The report of a recent debate on this subject in the House of Commons showed that "the Government did not consider that the convention should be ratified until they were satisfied about how it was going to affect . . the right to grant asylum and until they were sure what they were ratifying in relation to Soviet reservations." Decided that nothing further could be done on this subject at present.

c. Africa. Mr Greenidge of the Anti-Slavery Society had given us an intensely interesting talk on the case of Seretse Khama; the international position of S.W.Africa and the three High Commission Territories.

d. The Schuman Plan. It had been decided that this plan must be carefully considered as though potentially a power for European unity it was also liable to grave abuses. Mme. Jouve and Frau Hoppstock-Huth had been written to to discover the general trend of opinion in their countries but no answer had so far been received.

e. Recognition of the Representatives of the Chinese Peoples' Government. A letter had been sent to Mr Attlee to urge H.M.G. to follow the logical outcome of their policy of granting official recognition to the Chinese Peoples' Government by using their influence to ensure that representation be accorded to that Government in the United Nations. Mr Attlee in his reply stated that the decision did not rest with H.M.G. but must be the result of corporate action by all the powers.

1568 News Sheet. Miss Haughton thanked Miss Wilkinson warmly for all her work in connection with the financial side of the News Sheet.

1569. Finance. Mrs Stapledon reported that the amount by which expenses exceed income for the month of May was £20, and she urged the Branches to send in their Affiliation Fees as soon as they conveniently could. (See Amendment to the Constitution, Rule IV, a.)

THE NEXT MEETING will be held on Wednesday, July 5th.

G. R. Woodward

July 5. 50

Signed Minutes

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at  
32, Tavistock Sq., London W.C.1. July 5th, 1950.

The following members were present:

President	Lady Parmoor	
Hon. Secretaries	Mrs Ineson	
	Mrs Warner (for a short time)	
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs Stapledon	
Executive	Mrs McGregor Wood	Mrs Suthorst
	Mrs Cusden, J.P.	Mrs Weiss
	Mrs Duncan Harris, J.P.	Mrs Mitchiner
	Mrs Nuttall	Miss Haughton
	Mrs Needham	Mrs Ballinger
	Mrs Malcomson	Mrs de Swiet
	Mrs Brailsford	Mrs Peat
	Miss A. Harrison	Mrs Goring

Representatives from the Polish Group Mrs Lesniak  
Mrs Malewska

Consultants Mrs Misar  
Miss Dickinson  
Miss Mosa Anderson

Visitors Mrs Mitchell  
Mrs Garnet

Apologies were received from: Hon. Mrs Franklin, C.B.E.  
Mrs Wallis Hayward  
Lady Mayer  
Mrs Barber  
Mrs Creaves  
Miss Camfield  
Mrs Schlossmann  
Mrs Sussams

The three Commissions met together at 10.0 with Mrs Stapledon in the Chair and considered the Memorandum on a 'More Effective W.I.L.' put forward by Mrs Brailsford with a view to its presentation at the International Executive. An amended version was read which had been drafted by Mrs Warner, and approved by Lady Parmoor, and which embodied suggestions made by the Officers. After much discussion it was decided to appoint a Committee consisting of Mrs Cusden, Mrs Brailsford and Mrs Malcomson, to make a fresh draft using Mrs Brailsford's document and the amended one in order to embody alterations decided on by the Commissions.

The Executive opened with Mrs McGregor Wood in the Chair. Lady Parmoor and Miss Haughton paid warm tributes to the late Mrs Bruce Glasier, and all stood in silence as a mark of respect to her memory.

It was reported that Mr. Skinner had made the League a gift of £4 in memory of his late wife.

The Minutes of the June Executive were read and the following alterations were decided on:-

Mrs Barber's name to be added to the list of those present, and Mrs Mitchiner's name to the list of those sending apologies.

1566. The words 'peace campaign' to be substituted for 'scheme'.

1567 c. to read as follows:- 'At a small gathering convened by the N.P.C. there had been a discussion on the workings of W.H.O. and the part that it could play in the building of world peace.'

The Minutes were then signed.

1570. International Executive Mrs Stapledon reported that the programme for the International Executive was as follows:-

Tuesday	General Executive Meeting in the evening
Wednesday	Executive Meetings all day
Thursday	3.30 Reception by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and Civic Welcome to Delegates
	7.30 Public Meeting at The-Royal Institution, at which it was agreed Lady Parmoor should take the Chair.
Friday	Executive Meetings all day
Saturday	Afternoon - Garden Party in aid of League of Coloured Peoples
	Evening - Members' Party with the Executive Committee as hostesses.
Sunday	Executive Meetings
Monday	Morning Meetings
	Afternoon end of Executive

The hope was expressed that there would be a great many more bookings; number up-to-date was about thirty.

Mrs McGregor Wood read the headings of her report of the British Section which she will give to the International Executive, and it was much appreciated and warmly approved.

1571. War in Korea Mrs Duncan Harris reported the action that she as an Officer of the N.P.C. had taken together with Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Leslie Smith, in going to the Russian Embassy in person, and giving to the First Secretary a note asking the Russian Government to use their influence to persuade the North Koreans to withdraw. The Secretary was informed that notes had been sent to the American Embassy and the Foreign Office, asking them to influence their respective Governments so that, in the event of the withdrawal of the North Korean Forces they would prevent reprisals in S. Korea. After consultation with some of the Officers she had sent the following telegram to the American Section:-

"British WILPF supporting National Peace Council which to-day urgently appealed by deputation to Soviet Embassy to convey to Soviet Government plea for influence on North Korea to withdraw. Have also urged on British and American Governments their responsibility to settle deadlock by peaceful means. If N. Korean troops withdraw is essential American and British Governments guarantee to use all influence dissuade S. Korean troops from hostilities or reprisals and do all possible bring whole issue to immediate and genuine International mediation. Urge parallel action by American WIL."

It was reported that the Parliamentary Committee had discussed the Indian suggestion of mediation by the six non-permanent members of the Security Council, of which Norway was one. A letter had been sent to Mr. Krishna Menon to ask him to convey to his Prime Minister our congratulations and hopes for his success. Similar letters had been sent to Miss Lous-Mohr, and the President of the Norwegian Section. The American Section had been asked to convey personally to Sir Benegal Rau, head of the Indian Delegation to the Security Council, our appreciation of the initiative taken by Mr. Pandit Nehru, and our earnest hopes for its success.

Mrs Cusden proposed that members of the Executive should go down to the House and get in touch with their M.P.s, to ask them to support Mr. Fenner Brockway's resolution on the Indian suggestion of mediation. Mrs Duncan Harris seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

1572. The monthly Balance Sheet was distributed to members and Mrs Stapledon spoke on the seriousness of the £26.8.3 which we had.

*Mrs Stapledon's alteration*

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on the seriousness of the financial position - the debt of \$26-8-3 which we had incurred in the first 6 months of the year was indicative of a situation which might deteriorate very rapidly if not checked.

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1573. War Films from America A protest by Miss C.A. Lejeune in The Observer, on the showing of American War Films in this country was quoted by the Chairman. In the course of a discussion, a possible visit to Mr. Harold Wilson and contact with Mr. Woodrow Wyatt at the Board of Trade were mentioned. The matter was referred to the Parliamentary Committee.

1574. Mrs Brailsford's Memorandum The Drafting Committee presented their new version of Mrs Brailsford's Memorandum. It was decided to include the suggestion that the question of the advisability of having three International Chairmen be reviewed. A discussion took place on the advisability of making every member of the Section an International Member. Differences of opinion were expressed. It was proposed by Mrs Mitchell, Seconded by Miss Haughton and carried unanimously that Mrs Brailsford's amended Memorandum be adopted, subject to slight revision of the wording and be presented to the International Executive, sponsored by the British Executive.

1575. International Finance It was decided to promise £100 to the International funds for the ensuing year. This would be raised by members International subscriptions, and a sum from the Penny-a-Week Fund.

1576. Reports of Meetings.

a) Mrs Ineson reported that a meeting of members of the All Nations Group and of London H.Q. members, had been held on June 29th, at the home of the Hon. Mrs Franklin. Mrs McGregor Wood took the Chair and Mrs Cecil Heath was the chief speaker. Greetings were given by representatives from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Indonesia, Canada, and Ireland. At a discussion later in the evening members made many suggestions for improving the work of the A.N.G. and the W.I.L.

b) Mrs McGregor Wood reported (1) a lunch meeting at the Westway Hotel on June 13th, where members of the W.I.L. and of other peace societies had the opportunity of meeting Mrs Akesson of Sweden, and of hearing more of her peace campaign. Promises of support were made and it was decided to publicise the campaign in the News Sheet. (2) At Friends' International Centre on June 26th, the Parliamentary Committee and some Headquarter members had had tea with four African ladies, Mrs Solanke, a social worker, Mrs Wright, a music student, Miss Lily Baeta, an educationalist, and her sister Miss Annie Baeta, a barrister. All these ladies came from West Africa and we had a most interesting discussion on conditions and problems in that part of the world. (3) At a garden party given by Mr. & Mrs Hugh Schonfield over 200 people representing many nationalities were present, and the proceeds were in aid of the International Peoples' College. It was very much hoped that June 24th, would become widely observed as a "Feast of Frontiers".

1577. Vacancy on the Executive Regret was expressed that Mrs Denny had not been able through illness to attend any Executive Meetings, and it was decided to bring up the matter of her resignation and the consequent vacancy at the next Executive.

1578. News Sheet Miss Haughton urged members to try to sell extra copies of the News Sheet. She welcomed any suggestions for articles.

1579. Branch News Manchester Mrs Needham spoke on a document issued by the International Red Cross on the new aspect of their work which has arisen with the introduction and use of



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atomic bombs. It states that protection of civilians is impossible with the use of such weapons.

Reading Mrs Mitchell reported that they had had a very interesting talk on Malaya and a most successful Garden Party.

Croydon As the result of a Whist Drive the Croydon Branch had given £4 to the International Fund.

Childwall It was reported that they had raised £40 at their Garden Party. The Branch was warmly congratulated through Mrs Stapledon.

1580. It was decided that on, and after, October 1950, the Executive Meeting should be held on the first Tuesday in the month.

THE NEXT MEETING will be held on Wednesday, 6th September.

C R McCaughey Wood

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at  
52, Tavistock Sq., London W.C.1. September 6th, 1950.

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The following members were present:

<u>Chair</u>	Mrs McGregor Wood	
<u>Hon: Secretary</u>	Mrs Ineson	
<u>Executive</u>	Mrs Ballinger	
	Mrs Cusden	
	Mrs Duncan Harris	
	Miss A. Harrison	
	Mrs Malcomson	
	Mrs de Swiet	
	Mrs Holden (proxy for Mrs Mitchiner)	
<u>Representative</u>	Mrs Ashworth (Coventry)	
	Mrs Goring (Brighton)	
	Mrs Barber (Reading)	
	Mrs Hayward (P.C.U.)	
<u>Consultant</u>	Miss Dickinson	
<u>Visitor</u>	Miss Holland (Croydon)	
	Mrs Forrester (New Jersey, U.S.A.)	
<u>Apologies:</u>	Lady Parmoor	Mrs Twiston Davies
	Mrs Stapledon	Mrs Warner
	Mrs Brailsford	Mrs Needham
	Miss Haughton	Mrs Sutherst
	Lady Mayer	Mrs Greaves
	Mrs Misar	Mrs Weiss
	Mrs Nuttall	Mrs Mitchiner

During the Meeting we were pleased to welcome Mrs Forrester, a W.I.L. member from New Jersey, U.S.A. She is visiting Europe on a scholarship to study the working of the Co-operative Societies. We wished her well in her work and invited her to make further contacts with us.

The Executive opened with Mrs McGregor Wood in the Chair.

The Minutes of the July Meeting were read, and the following alteration made:-

1572 "The monthly Balance Sheet . . . Mrs Stapledon spoke on the seriousness of the financial position. The debt of £26.8.3 which we had incurred in the first six months of the year was indicative of a situation which might deteriorate very rapidly if not checked."

The Minutes were then signed.

Matters Arising

1577 Two vacancies were before the Executive; one for an individual member and one for a representative of the N. Wales Branch. The Officers recommended that Mrs Twiston Davies be elected for the first of these. A letter was read from Manchester bringing forward the name of Dr. Lloyd Pritchard for consideration. As the latter had not yet been approached, it was proposed and seconded that the election be postponed until the next Executive; and this was passed. At a later stage in the proceedings this Resolution was rescinded and the following decisions made:

- 1) To nominate Mrs Twiston Davies for the individual vacancy
- 2) To communicate with Dr. Lloyd Pritchard to see if she would be willing to be a Consultant member or a representative of the N. Wales Branch.

Mrs Malcomson proposed, and Mrs Barber seconded that Mrs Twiston Davies be elected. This was agreed.

War Films The Parliamentary Committee reported that the proposed letters had been sent.

Members were asked to pay particular attention to war propoganda appearing in News Films.

Syllabus of Work 1950 - 1951 "Race Relations"

It was reported that letters had been sent asking for background material to the following:

Mr. Greenidge, Miss M. Anderson, Rev. M. Scott, Ritchie Calder, Mrs Malcomson on the Colour Problem in England, Mrs Ineson on Relations between Christians and Jews, Miss M. Maxwell on the position of Maoris in New Zealand, Miss A. Harrison, Dr. R. Hinden, Mrs Solanke, and Miss A. Baeta had also been consulted.

Replies had been received from Miss M. Anderson, Mrs Malcomson, Miss Baeta, Miss Maxwell:

It was decided that a precis of material received, and lists of suitable publications be sent to the Branches.

#### 1581 Parliamentary Committee

The report was read and accepted with an alteration in the paragraph on the proposed Indian Section. The re-draft was made by Miss A. Harrison.

The Executive supported the work done by this Committee on the Korean situation.

With regard to Formosa, Mrs Cusden suggested that a request should be made to the International Chairmen to write direct to President Truman thanking him for his public statement on the Formosa question. Mrs McGregor Wood introduced the subject of the British Government's change of attitude on the subject of International Accountability for Non-self-governing Countries, reading from a cutting in a Sunday paper. The Secretary was asked to write to the Fabian Colonial Bureau for their views on this. Miss Harrison undertook to bring up this matter with Mr. Shiva Rau at Lake Success.

#### 1582 Report on Commissions

##### 1) Current Problems

a) A letter to Women M.P.s on the present critical situation drafted by Mrs Duncan Harris at the request of the Parliamentary Committee was read and discussed. Subject to the approval of the Executive, it was decided to send this to their private addresses before the opening of Parliament.

b) Miss A. Harrison read an extract from Pundit Nehru's speech in Assam, and it was suggested the Executive send a letter of gratitude to him for keeping the question of Peace before the world.

c) Some members expressed their disgust at the prevalence of war films. Branches were to be asked to take local action where necessary.

d) The letter in the Times on conscription from the Fellowship of Reconciliation was noted.

The Executive accepted this report and asked Miss Harrison and Mrs Cusden to re-draft one paragraph of the letter to the M.P.s, in order to make it as short and urgent as possible.

##### 2) Colour Problem and United Nations

a) The question of two Commissions instead of three was discussed, and the following points noted:

The United Nations is now at the centre of every world problem and therefore does not need a separate Commission:

The Colour Problem Commission should now cover a wider field of Far Eastern affairs and work in co-operation with the newly formed African Relations Commission:

b) It was noted that Miss Atlee had returned to this country and had expressed her intention of working on behalf of coloured people. It was thought that she might be approached as a speaker.

c) Mrs Malcomson gave an encouraging report on Stanley House and noted that the Deputy Lord Mayor was now an official. She mentioned that workmen's Clubs had been started where the men were the hosts, and it was suggested that London might follow this example. She felt that the "Cocoa Film" did not fully represent the position of the workers.

d) Both short and long term policies are needed in tackling these problems.

The Executive approved the report and took the following action:

1. It was proposed by Mrs McGregor Wood, and seconded by Mrs Cusden that Mrs Malcomson be elected as our representative on the African Relations ~~Commission~~ Council. This was carried unanimously. Mrs McGregor Wood and Mrs de Swiet both agreed to act as substitutes when necessary.

2. It was agreed that the three Commissions be merged into two; the title and officers of each to be approved at the next Executive.

#### 1583 International Affairs

Several people reported on the success of the International Executive held at Liverpool, and the five Branches were warmly thanked and congratulated on the happy atmosphere, and excellent staff work which had made this occasion so memorable.

Mrs Duncan Harris reported on the excellent public Meeting, ably Chaired by our President, and specially mentioned the number of outstanding speakers on the platform.

She suggested that the resolutions passed be sent out with the Minutes. On the domestic side, she reported that Gertrude Baer will now be resident in Geneva, that Louisa Jacques is still at the Office, but that there is no Secretary.

The Constitution Committee of W.I.L.P.F. was re-elected with Mrs Duncan Harris as Chairman. They have circularised a report and asked for comments from the different sections. The Executive decided that it should be dealt with by the Congress Sub-Committee elected at the Annual Council of 1950 and that they should report to a later Executive.

New Sections Committee was appointed consisting of Mrs Duncan Harris, Mrs Fanny Arnskov and Dr. Reddick, to deal with formation of new sections where contacts exist, and to link up isolated individuals more closely with Headquarters. The Committee is preparing a leaflet for use in securing International members in countries with no organised Section. They are also considering the organisation of a World Section to accommodate such members. The responsibility of India rests with Dr. Reddick, but there are two groups with whom we are concerned, Indians living in England, Indians passing through the country. It was suggested that the Indians in London be asked to an Autumn Meeting. Mrs Duncan Harris was asked to get into touch with Rosemary Sands who had given a broadcast to India.

Tributes were paid by Mrs de Swiet and the Chairman to Mrs Malcomson for arranging the Garden Party.

Mrs Cusden spoke to the Policies and Actions Committees and the consideration of Mrs Brailsford's memorandum.

1584 The Congress of 1952 has received invitations from U.S.A., Finland, and Great Britain.

1585 Finance A detailed Balance Sheet was distributed and Miss Wilkinson pointed out the deficit on the year's work had now reached £158.0.9½. Branches had been extremely helpful in sending in their Affiliation Fees, in whole or part. The question of an Autumn appeal was discussed, also the necessity for a campaign for new members and the need of new and attractive literature to ensure

this.

A letter was read from the Treasurer, Mrs Stapledon, emphasising this and suggesting the opening of a special fund for publications for which she generously offered £5. The question of the Jane Addams Fund to be put on the Agenda for the October Executive. The question of literature was referred to the Press and Publicity Committee and the following were recommended as members: Lady Mayor, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Holden, the Officers, with Mrs Warner as Convener. It was also decided to ask Mrs Warner to be Press Secretary. In the consideration of the layout of pamphlets and the News Sheet, Mrs Goring offered help from her husband, and Mrs Malcomson from a friend. Mrs Cusden wished the International aims to be included in all literature.

#### 1586 Membership

A report was given of the work done by Mrs Twiston Davies and in the Office with regard to the London H.Q. membership. The members are now to be divided into districts and small meetings are being planned at the houses of those able to have such. Warm appreciation of Mrs Twiston Davies' work was expressed. Mrs Sutherst's report dealt with membership in the whole country. 250 letters had been sent and many of the replies showed that the members were elderly and inactive. The need for a campaign of new members was great and it was decided that Extended Executive should give much thought and time to this. Mrs Sutherst now has a list of those willing to help, and if this is supported there is a possibility of many new Branches being formed. The Executive expressed their thanks and appreciation of Mrs Sutherst's work.

1587 Extended Executive After discussion of replies from Branches on this subject, it was decided (1) to hold the ordinary Executive in London on October 3rd, (2) TO HOLD AN EXTENDED EXECUTIVE IN LONDON ON NOVEMBER 7th, (details to be given later) (3) to encourage Branches to hold Regional Conferences this Autumn if possible, but not in place of the Extended Executive as previously suggested.

1588 Mrs McGregor Wood spoke of her coming visit to the American Section of W.I.L. which we hope will lead to even greater friendliness and co-operation. We asked her to convey our warmest greetings to W.I.L. in America, and wished her Godspeed in this important venture. Miss A. Harrison told us of her coming visit to America at the invitation of the American Friends' Service Council. She is going with Gerald Bailey and the purpose of their visit is to work on the problem of East West Relations. While there she has also consented, at the request of the International Executive, to co-operate with Dr. Bussey and Mrs Walser and do what is possible to fill the gap left by Gertrude Baer, during the present Assembly of U.N. The Executive expressed their gratitude, and gave her their best wishes for her work and further efforts in the great cause of peace. Satisfaction was also expressed that Mr. and Mrs Brailsford were visiting Yugoslavia at the request of the Yugoslav Government. This coincides with the visit of a delegation from the N.P.C.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 3rd.

*Mary Nuttall*  
3.10.50.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.  
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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at  
32 Tavistock Sq, London W.C.1. October 3rd, 1950.

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The following members were present:-

President.	Lady Parmoor.	
Chairman	Mrs Nuttall.	
Hon. Secretary.	Mrs Ineson.	
Executive	Mrs Duncan Harris J.P.	
	Mrs Weiss.	
Representatives.	Mrs Ballinger.	
	Mrs Barber.	
	Mrs Greaves.	
	Mrs Holden.	
	Mrs Malcomson.	<i>Mrs Nuttall</i>
	Mrs Schlossmann.	
	Mrs Sutherst.	
Alternate	Miss Dickinson.	
Consultants.	Dr. Lloyd Pritchard.	
	Mrs Misar.	
Visitors	Mrs Frank from U.S.A.	
	Mrs Lilley from Melbourne.	
	Mrs Wickham from Oxford.	
Observer.	Mrs Wallis Hayward.	
Apologies.	Miss Haughton.	The Hon. Mrs Franklin C.B.E.
	Mrs Lesniak.	Mrs Twiston Davies.
	Mrs de Swiet.	Miss Myrtle Wright.
	Mrs Stapledon.	Miss Agatha Harrison.
	Mrs Goring.	Mrs McGregor Wood.
	Mrs Sussams.	

The Executive opened with Mrs Nuttall in the Chair.

The Chairman expressed our deep sorrow at Mrs Stapledon's loss in the sudden death of her husband, Dr. Olaf Stapledon, and her reply to our letter of sympathy was read.

It was decided to send a message of sympathy to Mrs Twiston Davies who was undergoing an operation in hospital.

Mrs Wickham, the President of the Oxford Branch was warmly welcomed. She promised to urge her Branch to elect a representative to the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

A letter was read from Miss Myrtle Wright bringing greetings from the Norwegian and Danish Sections, and speaking of the difficulties of the Norwegian Section in face of the present reactionary attitude of their Government. It was decided to get in touch with Miss Wright and ask her to come to a Parliamentary Meeting and tell us more of this matter as she was unable to attend Executive Meetings.

Mrs Frank, a Czech now resident in America, and Mrs Lilley, one of our members from Melbourne, were warmly welcomed.

The Minutes of the September Meeting were read, and the following alteration made.

1582.1. The word "Commission" to be deleted.

The Minutes were then signed.

Matters Arising.

1577. It was reported that Dr. Lloyd Pritchard felt unable to represent the N. Wales Branch, but was willing to act as our Economic Consultant. It was proposed by Mrs Ineson and seconded by Mrs Sutherst that she attend the Executive Meetings in this capacity. The motion was carried unanimously and Dr. Lloyd Pritchard was very warmly welcomed.

1581. Dr. Rita Hinden's reply to our letter was read and appreciation was expressed. Lady Parmoor suggested that we should consult the Race Relations Committee of the Society of Friends and the Anti-Slavery Society as to whether it were advisable to press for a change in the Charter on the subject of International Accountability. Decided to bring the question up at a future Executive after we have heard from Miss Agatha Harrison.

1582.2b. Miss Attlee's answer to our letter was read.

1582.1. Replies were read from Mrs Ganley and Mr James Hudson to our letter to M.P.s on the subject of Korea.

1583. Mrs Duncan Harris reported that she had had a telephone conversation with Miss Sands but no definite action had been taken.

1589. Reports.

a. Parliamentary Committee. It was reported that there had been three meetings of this committee since the last Executive. Among the subjects discussed had been: (1) Korea. Letters had been written to Mr Hudson, Mr Clement Davies and other M.P.s on their speeches during the Defence Debate in the House. (Mr Clement Davies' reply was read.) Our Resolution on Korea had been sent to all our representatives at Lake Success with a covering letter signed by Lady Parmoor. (2) Greek Prisons. The U.D.C. Pamphlet on the disgraceful conditions existing in Greek Prisons had been considered and the Howard League applied to for further information which they could not supply.

b. Current Affairs Commission. It was reported that this Commission had not yet elected a regular Chairman or Reporter. The subjects discussed had been (1) Korea. The report in the Times of Mr Vishinsky's speech advocating the withdrawal of American and other foreign troops was noted. It was emphasised that there was extreme danger, now that the declared objective was achieved, of the U.N. slipping into the aggressive position. It was decided that we re-affirm our policy in a Statement, drafted by Mrs Duncan Harris urging the following points:-

1. The creation of a unified and independent Korea.
2. A "Cease Fire" order now.
3. Immediate Mediation by an impartial tribunal, with the pre-requisite of the seating of the Peking Government representative in the U.N.
4. Free Elections, supervised by Neutral Observers, especially from Asia.
5. All peace proposals to be impartially examined.
6. Long term plans for the relief and rehabilitation of Korea as a self-governing country to be made.

b. Current Affairs Commission.(con). The Statement was accepted by the Executive and it was decided that copies should immediately be sent to the British Representatives at Lake Success and also to Mr Attlee and some M.P.s.(See copy of Statement enclosed with Minutes).

It was also decided to send the following cable to Sir Gladwyn Jebb:-

"Women's International League urges need for immediate cease fire order from both sides of the conflict in Korea and immediate appointment of impartial body to mediate and propose settlement for united and independent Korea."

c.Race Problems Commission. This Commission did not meet. Mrs Malcomson attended the African Relations Council.

d.African Relations Council. Mrs Ineson outlined its origin and work. Mrs Malcomson reported on a meeting held that morning. The Chair had been taken by the Rev.Henry Carter. The matter of an Executive came up and it was decided that the full Council should be called at frequent intervals for the present. The question of holding a conference on Race Relations in the spring had been deferred until the next meeting.

#### 1590 International Affairs.

a.Invitation to 1952 WILPF Congress.It was decided that if it were possible to get suitable accommodation, the International Congress should be invited to meet in England in 1952. Accommodation would be needed for two hundred for one week, (possibly the first week in September) also for the members of the Executive Committee for a week before and after the main session. Mrs Schlossmann undertook to find out if accommodation were available at Cambridge and Mrs Goring and Mrs Aitken were to be approached about the possibilities of Roedean and the Oxford Colleges respectively. Mrs Malcomson undertook to make enquiries in Liverpool and Mrs Needham was to be asked about Manchester. Lady Parmoor undertook to approach the organisers of the Friends Council for information about the running of a large Congress. It was decided to report back to the next Executive.

b. Liaison Group of Organisations Co-operating with the All-India Women's Conference. Miss Dickinson reminded the Executive that the Liaison Group of British Women's Societies had been formed in 1934 on the instigation of Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, to work in co-operation with the All-India Women's Conference, in order to strengthen the links between women of both countries and to create a better understanding of the Indian Women's Movement.

Rajkumari was the first liaison officer for India, and Mrs Lankester was appointed for England, and had remained liaison officer ever since.

The Bulletin of Indian Women's Movement was soon published as an integral part of the Group's activities. Friendly contacts much valued on both sides, had been maintained through the years, but gradually since India gained independence, it had been felt that the rather specialised work of the Group should end; partly because the constituent societies (not the W.I.L.) had not given sufficient active financial support.

The re-organised Women's Council Co-operating with women of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, was a larger body, gaining in importance, and could now carry on the work on a broader basis.

The "Bulletin" might continue under the Women's Council, but no decision had yet been reached. The Standing Committee of the All India Women's Conference had been written to, but to date no reply had been received.



c. I.L.C.O.P. Lady Parmoor gave a most intensely interesting report of the Conference that she had recently attended at Royaumont. It was felt that the work of the Conference was now so vital that the Executive urged Lady Parmoor to write an account of it for the News Sheet.

d. World Government. It was decided that this subject be brought up at the Extended Executive. Branch Representatives were asked to find out if any of their members could represent us at the People's World Convention to be held in Geneva in December next. Mr Keeler to be applied to for fuller information about the proposed Conventions at Geneva and Rome.

e. Indonesia. It was decided to write to Dr. Subandrio and congratulate her on the election of her country to the United Nations.

f. American Prison for War Criminals in Bavaria. Mrs Wickham mentioned an article by Ernst von Salomon in a Hamburg paper on the unsatisfactory conditions in this prison. It was decided that, as she was shortly going to the States, she should bring this subject to the notice of the American Section and that we should also write to them.

1591 Extended Executive.

a. Agenda. The proposed agenda was discussed and agreed upon. It was decided to ask Miss Annie Baeta to speak from 6 - 6.30.

b. Pooling of Fares. It was proposed by Mrs Sutherst, seconded by Mrs Malcomson, and carried unanimously that the policy of pooling fares be dropped at this Extended Executive.

1592. Finance. Miss Wilkinson reported that the total loss on the year's working to date was £200. 18. 2½.

b. Possible Autumn Appeal. The subject to be brought before the Extended Executive. It was suggested that the appeal might be made for a special piece of work.

c. Jane Addams Fund. Mrs Duncan Harris said that the money in this fund had been collected internationally after Miss Addams death in 1936 and was intended to be used in some special way as a memorial.

Mrs Duncan Harris and Mrs Innes, in whose names the fund now stood in the Post Office Savings Bank, proposed that it should be transferred to the Women's International League and should be kept in a separate account.

The Executive agreed. It was decided that the question of whether it should stay in the P.O. Savings Bank or be put into the Trustee Savings Bank should be investigated by the Treasurer and Secretary.

Decided that those who were authorised to sign cheques should be responsible for withdrawals.

1593. Membership. Mrs Sutherst reported that she had written to all country Headquarter Members to ask if they could hold a small meeting in their homes. All who answered in the affirmative had been sent a notice of the Extended Executive.

There was a possibility of a new group being formed at Leeds and in one or two other places.

Mrs Misar said she had held a small meeting at which great interest had been shown in the work of the League.

1594. News Sheet. Members expressed their regret that Miss Haughton was kept away by illness. It was decided to send her a message of sympathy. Miss Wilkinson reported that, although the circulation had not increased, in the first nine months of 1950 the News Sheet had brought in £35. 9. 1½ more than in the whole of 1949. This statement was received with great pleasure.

1595. Publicity.

a. Publicity Committee. It was reported that Mrs Stevens and Mrs Holden felt unable to serve on the Committee and that no answer had yet been received from Lady Mayer.

A small Committee had met and had decided that:-

1. The entire stock of the pamphlet "Would you gamble with their Future?" was to be handed to the Branches who were to be asked to distribute them by Christmas.
2. The entire stock of "Invitation to Women" was to be used up and then replaced by a pamphlet prepared by Mrs Warner.

b. Pamphlets. Mrs Malcomson showed a sample pamphlet that could be produced for 1/- and it was decided to bring it to the notice of the Publicity Committee.

1596. Annual Council 1951. It was suggested that the subject for the Council should be "Economic Implications of Peace." Decided to write to the Reading Branch in answer to their enquiries about a Reception and a Public Meeting and to say that the Executive wished to leave these matters to the judgment of the Branch. The possibility of holding a Jane Addams Meeting at the Annual Council was discussed.

1597. All Nations Group. Mrs Ineson reported that meetings were now held on the first Friday in the month at 7.45 at Friends International Centre. A business meeting had been held on September 21st. at which Miss Wilkinson had been appointed Treasurer of the Group and Mrs Dennis Secretary. Plans had been made for a Christmas party on January 5th.

1598. Branch News. Lady Parmoor reported that she had spoken to a meeting at Warrington on September 26th. The meeting had been well attended and three new members had been enrolled. She had also been present at a very enjoyable Social Evening at Manchester.

1599. Reports of other Organisations.

a. The British Commonwealth League. A report was given of a lunch meeting held at the Minerva Club on September 27th, when Miss Gwilliam, Assistant Education Officer for the Education of Women and Girls in the Colonies, gave a most interesting account of her recent tour in HongKong, Malaya and Borneo.

b. The National Peace Council. Miss Dickinson and Mrs Holden were elected as W.I.L. alternates to the Council Meeting next Wednesday, October 11th, in place of Mrs McGregor Wood and Miss Harrison.

c. No Conscription Council. Miss Hayler's letter reporting a meeting on September 28th was read.

It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Dr. Ralph Bunche on the occasion of his being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1949.

THE NEXT MEETING will be held on Tuesday, November 7th, at Friends' House, Euston Road, London N.W.1.

N.B. Change of address.

B. D. Inman Harris

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Minutes of the Extended Executive Meeting held at  
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The following members were present:

President	Lady Parmoor.
Vice-Presidents	Miss Vera Brittain. Lady Mayer.
Hon. Secretary	Mrs Ineson.
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs Stapledon.
Executive	Mrs Ashworth. Mrs Ballinger. Mrs Barber. Miss Dickinson. Mrs Goring. Mrs Hartley. Miss Haughton. Mrs Alun Llywelyn-Williams. Mrs Malcomson (for a short time) Mrs Mitchiner. Mrs Malewska. Mrs Needham. Mrs Nuttall. Mrs Schlossmann. Mrs Sutherst. Mrs de Swiet.
Consultant	Dr. Lloyd Pritchard.

In addition the following Branches were represented.

Birmingham.  
Brighton.  
Bromley.  
Childwall.  
Croydon.  
Leicester.  
Liverpool.  
Manchester.  
N. Wales.  
Nottingham.  
Orpington.  
Oxford.  
Reading.

There were twenty three Headquarter Members present and the Women's League of the London Congregational Union and the Peckham Women's Co-op Guild were represented.

Apologies were received from:-

Mrs Beard.	Mrs Innes.
Miss Camfield.	Miss McAra.
Mrs Greaves.	Mrs Sussams.
The Rev. Constance Coltman.	Mrs McGregor Wood.
Mrs Cusden.	Miss Myrtle Wright.
Miss Agatha Harrison.	

A Roll Call was held during the morning session.

The Morning Session opened at 10 a.m. with the Ex President, Mrs Duncan Harris J.P., in the Chair. She took the place of Lady Parmoor who was just recovering from a severe cold. The Executive expressed their appreciation of the fact that Lady Parmoor was present and hoped that she would be able to speak during the discussions.

Tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs Olga Misar, who had passed away since the last meeting. She had been one of the founders of the WILPF in 1915 at the Hague and a staunch advocate of human rights in Vienna during the thirties. She and her husband had come to England as refugees just before the war and she had continued over here her untiring work for peace. All members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

A letter was read from Mrs McGregor Wood which brought greetings from the WILPF thirty fifth birthday party at Minnesota. She asked us to pay special attention to the subject of Genocide, and to the two points that President Truman had stressed in his recent speech; disarmament and rehabilitation. She suggested that we should make plans to celebrate the WILPF 35th birthday over here.

A letter had also been received from Miss Agatha Harrison and it was decided to read it later on.

1600 Chairman's opening remarks. The Chairman gave a warm welcome to the Branch delegates and the record number of Headquarter members.

She said our greatest need was to think globally. There could be no piecemeal solution of present world tensions. The world situation was changing so very rapidly that it was difficult to keep up to date; witness the consideration by the Security Council of the Korean situation, and the Prague proposals. Russia was constantly bringing forward proposals for disarmament which were not having the thoughtful consideration that they merited. These proposals were a hopeful sign. We must remember what Lord Samuel said recently about the world situation: "What we are witnessing is not sunset but dawn." The British Section should consider how to influence the British Government and the Commonwealth so as to hasten this dawn.

1601. International Affairs. As a prelude to the discussion on Current Affairs Miss Vera Brittain gave an illuminating background talk. She stressed the part that India was taking in promoting world peace and advised members to read a book by Mr Nehru called "Independence and After".

She said that we were engaged in the old struggle to decide whether men were free individuals or accessories of the State. In the Seventeenth Century this struggle took a religious form, in the Twentieth Century it took the form of a conflict between communism and democracy.

This struggle showed itself: 1. in the active form of open warfare, as in Korea; 2. in the clash of ideas, as in the Sheffield Congress; 3. in the field of poverty. Here much might be done by supporting Lord Boyd Orr's idea of pooling the world's food.

The Chairman thanked Miss Brittain very much for sparing time to attend the Executive and for giving us an inspiring lead in the discussion which was to follow.

Lady Parmoor, also spoke of Lord Boyd Orr's plan and pointed out that in the East there were "a thousand million people standing up who never stood up before" in the history of mankind, and who were demanding political freedom and economic equality.

Mrs Nuttall opened the discussion and stressed the necessity of clear thinking based on accurate facts.

During the discussion the points in Mrs McGregor Wood's letter were mentioned and related to action already taken on the subject of Korea. It was felt that the statement sent out by the October Executive was still adequate to express our concern and it was decided that we could take no further action at the moment. In this connection the following letter was read from Mr James Hudson, M.P.

"Since you sent your resolution there have been made public the further intentions of the Government and the United Nations about Korea. I wish we could get the "cease-fire" as your resolution suggested, but I am very thankful that a serious effort is being made to reconstruct economically both North and South.

This should help Pacification if only the Chinese can be persuaded to keep out of it, but of course the Chinese have been very badly treated about the whole matter.

I am very grateful for your encouragement, and you may rely on me to watch the matter very closely."

The question of "Genocide" was referred to the Parliamentary Committee who were asked to make a fresh study of the reasons given for the British Government not signing or ratifying the Convention.

Miss Agatha Harrison's letter from Lake Success was then read and the following points were specially noted:

"You will be watching the discussions on Disarmament. Save for India's good and simple and direct resolution, we are caught in this, (as in all other discussions) in a tussle between what are called the Great Powers and the Soviet bloc. It seems that whenever either put forward a resolution, they are not taken on the merits of what is suggested, but each seems to take for granted they must propose something else. The part that India is playing in all this is very very important. Each time they try to bring in something that will be a via media...So watch what India is doing, and support all you can. I believe it will help if when she makes these positive moves for peace, you express gladness to Nehru, the High Commissioner, (perhaps you should deal with Nehru through the latter and ask him to convey your message) - also direct to Sir Benegal Rao. . India needs to feel support for the kind of thing she is trying to do. You probably have thought of this. Not only does she voice her own country's views, but she is able to strengthen weaker and smaller nations, who feel as she does, but may not be able to say so.

South Africa. . what we are struggling with at the moment is to get this Assembly not to shelve the Hague Court's advice and to get the British Government etc. to take a stand on accepting this advice, that will open the way for the right of petition of these oppressed peoples (The Hereros of S.W.Africa) One thing would, I believe, help to show Gordon Walker that the W.I.L. is looking with expectancy to Great Britain to take her part in seeing this matter is considered by this session, and will advise acceptance of the Hague Court's decision." Miss Harrison went on to suggest that a letter be sent to the Commonwealth Relations Office. She drew our attention to the statement submitted by Michael Scott to the United Nations and said it contained the points we should press for.

A Committee composed of Miss Dickinson, Mrs Needham, Mrs Kinnish and Miss Walmesley was set up, and drafted the following letter which was read and approved at a later stage:

The Rt.Hon.P.Gordon-Walker P.C.  
The Commonwealth Relations Office,  
Downing St. S.W.1.

Sir,

The Executive Council of the Women's International League, together with Branch Delegates from all parts of Great Britain, have given earnest consideration to the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on the affairs of South West Africa as communicated to the United Nations.

This opinion states:- "In view of the result at which the Court has arrived with respect to the exercise of the supervisory functions by the United Nations and the obligation of the Union Government to submit to such supervision, and having regard to the fact that the dispatch and examination of petitions form a part of that supervision, the Court is of the opinion that petitions are to be transmitted by that Government to the General Assembly of the United Nations, which is legally qualified to deal with them." (Opin. of 11.VII.50.)

We therefore strongly urge H.M.Government to instruct its representatives at the United Nations to press for the consideration of the Hague Court's decision by the Assembly, and to endeavour to secure its acceptance during the present session.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edith F. Ineson.  
Hon. Secretary.

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The Afternoon Session opened at 2 p.m. with Mrs de Swiet, one of our Vice-Chairmen, in the Chair.

1602 Report of Organisation Committee. Mrs Sutherst, the Membership Secretary, reported the recommendations on membership and finance made by the Organisation Committee, held the previous day, November 6th

Our most urgent need was to attract more members. In order to do so it was necessary to have good publications showing the line taken by the W.I.L. on important questions. For this purpose the Annual Report might be printed more attractively and contain a resume of work done, rather than details of organisation. A copy should be given to all prospective members.

In order to balance the budget the annual subscription should be raised to £1 a head. This sum could either be given by the member herself or raised in some way.

A Christmas appeal should be launched on behalf of the 1950 debt. It should ask for money as a thank offering.

Mrs Sutherst then stressed the need for a forward move, and made further suggestions which arose from her experience as membership secretary.

1. In order to make the W.I.L. widely known up and down the country we should employ an expert publicity agent whose work would give an excellent return for the expense involved.
2. Small groups of Headquarter members should be formed in every district wherever possible, so that they could contact outsiders and create new members, and eventually grow into Branches.

3. Every Headquarter member should take the News Sheet as a means of keeping her in touch with the work of the W.I.L.

4. The value of an "All Nations Group" should be stressed, as it gave an opportunity for new members to make international contacts and help in the educational side of the work.

5. In all this it was necessary to have a constructive and positive policy.

1603 Finance. Mrs Stapledon said that Mrs Sutherst had already touched on many details of the financial position. She presented the Balance Sheet and pointed out that, in the first ten months of 1950, our expenses were in excess of our income by £208.6.10. She stressed the need for an appeal to raise this amount and agreed that it would be necessary to raise the subscription.

1604 Drive for New Members. Mrs Needham outlined the following practical suggestions for getting new members in the Branches, and making the W.I.L. more widely known.

1. Every Branch should accept responsibility for letting the surrounding district know of the existence of the W.I.L.
2. Branch meetings must be regular.
3. The best way to attract new members was for small groups to meet in the suburbs of each branch town, if possible in members homes. Outsiders should be invited to each meeting, and light refreshments add to the feeling of sociability.
4. At these small meetings the current work of the Executive and Parliamentary Committee should be discussed.
5. Public Meetings, with very good speakers, should be held whenever possible
6. Announcements of public meetings in local papers drew attention to the work of the League.
7. Letters to the press from members of the League were good publicity.
8. Another form of publicity would be to send a letter to every person who wrote to the papers on international affairs and on peace. W.I.L. literature and a News Sheet should also be sent.
9. Women's Groups in churches, Co-op Guilds, etc. should be asked if they would like to have a speaker from the League.

In the discussion that followed it was urged that lists should be circulated of speakers who would go round to small groups in the different areas. Mrs Sutherst offered to provide such lists if all the Branches would co-operate in giving her the names of members who were prepared to speak.

Mrs Needham drew attention to the fact that the Parliamentary Committee was doing splendid work, notably on Korea, and that the Minutes of these meetings were circulated weekly to Branches who had intimated that they wished to have them.

Mrs Silyn Roberts, N.Wales, suggested that group membership might be introduced. Each group might pay one full subscription between them and might meet regularly among themselves, but centrally perhaps only once a year.

It was suggested that we might have an arresting poster suitable for advertising the meetings of the League, which could be used by all Branches.

It was generally decided that the very best way to interest others in the work of the League was for members to hold small meetings in their own homes and invite one or two non-members to join in.

Several members pointed out that the word "International" in the title of the League caused us frequently to be confused with Communist societies. It was decided that, to avoid future confusion, we should always use the full title of the League and speak of "The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom."

1605 Pageant and Sale at the Annual Council in 1951.

Mrs Kemp, Reading. who had very kindly consented to get up a pageant and Sale of work during the Annual Council at Reading next year, to raise money for the League, gave an outline of her scheme. She suggested that there should be a Pageant of Famous Women through the Ages. Each Branch should choose the character they wished to represent, and the member who should represent her, and Mrs Kemp would arrange for the dresses.

As regarded the sale, each Branch should undertake to be responsible for a certain number of articles to be sold. Mrs Kemp would get in touch with Branch Secretaries on the subject.

1606 The News Sheet. Miss Haughton urged each member to try to sell one more copy of the News Sheet as its wide circulation was excellent publicity for the League.

A Correspondence Column in the News Sheet had been suggested and she asked members to send her letters of not more than 500 words on topical subjects on which they felt keenly.

It was suggested that the cost of the News Sheet might be covered by inserting advertisements. The subject was referred to the Officers Meeting for discussion.

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The Evening Session opened at 4.45 with Mrs Nuttall, one of our Vice Chairmen, in the Chair.

1607 Proposed Revision of Rules of British Section.

Mrs Ineson explained that she and her co-secretary, Mrs Warner, had drawn up a revised list of rules of the Women's International League for the purpose of making them clearer and more concise and bringing them up to date. Copies were circulated so that Branches could send suggested amendments to the Office. This was in preparation for the Annual Council, 1951, when they would be presented for adoption. It was pointed out in what respects they differed from the present rules.

1608 Report of Constitution & Congress Committee. Mrs Duncan Harris reported that a Constitution and Congress Committee had been set up to consider proposed changes to the International Constitution and had reported to the International Executive when it met in Liverpool in July 1950.

Since that date a small British Constitution Committee had been set up to consider the proposed changes and had issued a further report. This report was briefly outlined to the meeting, but, as time was too short to discuss it thoroughly, it was decided to circulate it to the Branches for further consideration.

1609 Michael Scott's Film of South Africa. An introduction to the film was given by Mrs Esther Muirhead, Secretary of the new African Relations Council, who spoke of the work of Michael Scott, and the difficulties which confronted him in presenting the case of the Hereros Tribe to the United Nations. She was glad that we were supporting his proposals in the present Assembly.

The film showed something of native life in South and South West Africa. At its conclusion a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Muirhead, and to the projectionist, Mr Hyde, was proposed by Mrs Nuttall, seconded by Mrs Hartley, and carried unanimously.

THE NEXT MEETING will be on Tuesday, December 5th, at 32 Tavistock Square, at 10.15 a.m.

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at  
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The following members were present:-

President.	Lady Parmoor.
Vice-Presidents.	Mrs Duncan Harris J.P. Lady Mayer.
Hon. Secretary.	Mrs Ineson.
Hon. Treasurer.	Mrs Stapledon.
Executive.	Mrs Barber. Miss Dickinson. Mrs Greaves. Miss Haughton. Miss McAra. Mrs Malowska. Mrs Mitchiner. Mrs Nuttall. Mrs Schlossmann. Mrs de Swiet.

Apologies were received from:-

Mrs Needham.  
Mrs Weiss.  
The Hon. Mrs Franklin.  
Dr. Lloyd Pritchard.  
Mrs Lesniak.  
Mrs Twiston Davies.  
Mrs Sutherst.

The Executive opened at 10.15 with Mrs de Swiet in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The Chairman, Mrs McGregor Wood was still in America and a letter of appreciation of her work there from the American Section was read.

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Dr. Ralph Bunche. A letter was read from him, acknowledging our congratulations on the occasion of his being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1949.

1601 Genocide. The Parliamentary Committee had corresponded with Mr Janner, M.P. for Leicester, who had raised the question of why H.M. Government had not signed the Convention, several times in the House. He had referred us to the reply sent by the Foreign Office to the National British Women's Total Abstinence Union on this subject. It stated that "H.M.G. could not ratify the Convention until they were satisfied how it would affect the right to grant asylum to political refugees", also "H.M.G. cannot accept the Soviet and other reservations because their effect would be to alter in important aspects the Convention as drafted." It was decided that the Parliamentary Committee should continue to watch this question and should take action later. Copies of the reply should be sent to Miss Baer and Mrs Walser (if permission could be obtained from the N.B.W.T.A.U.) Miss Agatha Harrison should be consulted as to any discussion on the Convention at Lake Success.

1601 S.W.Africa. The Commonwealth Relations Office reply to our letter was read. It referred us to an answer given by Mr Attlee in the House on September 14th 1950 to a similar question:- "It is, of course, the general policy of the U.K. Government to support the authority of the Court.." It was decided to watch this question and get further information from Miss Harrison when she returned.

1610. Reports.

a. Parliamentary Committee. It was reported that they had welcomed four new members: Dr. Lloyd Pritchard, Miss Hargreaves, Mrs Holland and Miss Nightingale. It had been <sup>suggested</sup> decided to alter the composition of the Committee, and a small <sup>committee</sup> under Lady Mayer's chairmanship would deal entirely with Parliamentary matters, lobbying, etc. The whole Committee was to <sup>remain</sup> under the chairmanship of Lady Parmoor and to be known as the Action Committee.

The chief subjects dealt with had been:-

Genocide. Already reported.

Peace Congress at Sheffield. Decided to ask Mrs Stapledon & Mrs Duncan Harris to act as observers. Mrs Cole of Sheffield to be also asked.

Greek Prisons. The Committee had got in touch with the Howard League who had no information about the conditions in these prisons. Decided to get in touch with Miss Fry when she returned from a conference on prison reform in the States.

Chinese Marriage Laws. A study was made of the new Chinese Marriage Laws and it was decided to write a letter of congratulation to M. Sun.

Korea. In reply to a cable from Miss Bussey the following cable was sent to Sir Gladwyn Jebb:- "The British Section of the WILPF urges use presence of Peking Delegates as opportunity to secure settlement of Korea and issues threatening world peace." It was decided that when Miss Hargreaves attended the Meeting on Korea organised by the N.P.C. she should ask a question based on the Resolution on Korea passed by the International Executive in July last.

Disarmament. Decided to send the following telegram to Mr. Driberg and Mr. Ellis Smith in support of their action in Parliament. "The Parliamentary Committee of the WILPF, British Section, express their support for your action in demanding lasting peace effort."

b. National Peace Council. Mrs Duncan Harris reported the great success of the N.P.C.'s public meeting on "Korea, China & Peace". It had been suggested that similar meetings should be held in the provinces in co-operation with other Peace Organisations. The Liverpool Resolution might form a basis for such meetings. Lady Parmoor offered to speak. It was decided to send a circular letter to Branch Secretaries to stress the urgent need for such meetings.

Mrs Barber promised that the Reading Branch would support their member, Mr Mikardo, who had spoken on Korea in the House.

It was reported that the N.P.C. were following up Lord Salisbury's speech and hoped to start a nation wide movement for "negotiate now".

c. The Sheffield Congress. Mrs Stapledon gave a comprehensive report on the Delegates' Meeting and Public Meeting that had been held at Sheffield before the Congress moved to Warsaw. A written report may be borrowed from the office. A discussion followed on the difficulty of co-operating with Communist sponsored Peace Movements.

1611. Closed Session on Office Affairs. Mrs Ineson reported the officers' decision on finance and office expenses. This decision had been reached after several meetings at which the gravity of the continual annual deficits had been brought home to them when it was realised that only £333 remained in capital funds. It had therefore been decided to make the following suggestions to the Executive:-

1. To accept the N.P.C.'s offer of two small rooms on their premises at a rent of £2.10 a week and to move there as soon as possible. This rent would include lighting, heating and cleaning and the use of a Committee Room for Executive & other meetings. The total estimated saving of this move would be about £1 a week.
2. To have one paid worker in the office instead of two and to carry on with the aid of voluntary workers. This would mean that the efficient services of Miss Wilkinson must very regretfully be dispensed with.

After discussion the Executive endorsed these recommendations and decided to offer Mrs Dennis a rise in salary of £1 a week in view of the extra responsibility and work which she would have to undertake. Mrs Dennis thanked them for their offer and agreed to take on the extra responsibility if she could have really reliable help with the finances. It was suggested that Mr Dayan be applied to for this help. *AS far as finances were concerned Mrs Dennis would be responsible only for the day to day book & other arrangements were to be made for keeping the account books Mr Dayan was to be applied to for advice regarding the book keeping* Many expressions were made of thanks to Miss Wilkinson, and appreciation was expressed of the excellent services she had rendered to the W.I.L. It was hoped that her membership of the London Group would continue.

It was decided that two signatories should be added to the existing ones for transactions with the Co-operative Permanent Building Society. The four signatories were to be:-

- Mrs Duncan Harris.
- Mrs Innes.
- Lady Parmoor.
- Mrs Ineson.

Any two of the signatures to be sufficient for withdrawal.

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 A private fund for special W.I.L. purposes in the hands of Mrs Duncan Harris and Mrs Innes was to be transferred to the W.I.L. under the two signatories above mentioned.

1612. Correspondence.

a. Enquiry from Cambridge re affiliating to UIA. It was decided to reiterate a former decision that, while individuals were free to do what they thought best, the Branch as a whole should co-operate freely in specific undertakings but should not affiliate.

b. Enquiry from Liverpool about the use of one of our Resolutions by the local branch of International Women's Day. Decided to suggest that Mrs Holmes go to the the secretary and talk the matter over.

c. Closing Down of West Derby Branch. The secretary's letter was received with great regret and it was decided to write and tell her how sorry we were that this branch could no longer carry on. It was made clear that the remaining members would join the Liverpool or Childwall Branches.

1613 Commissions. It was decided to cancel the holding of Commissions <sup>at</sup> and to begin the Executive Meetings at 10.30. *The next Exec*

The value of continuing to hold Commissions in view of the developing Parliamentary Committee and the new African Relations Council was to be discussed at a future Executive.

1614 Current Affairs.

a. Possible action to be taken in view of Mr. Attlee's visit to President Truman. A serious discussion on the prevailing international tension centred round a letter which had just been received from Miss Agatha Harrison from Lake Success. She told us that the American Section had sent a letter to the New York Times; interviewed U.N. delegates and members of the Non-Governmental organisations. She described the tense atmosphere at Lake Success and the difficulties of making friendly contacts with the Chinese delegates. The work of Sir Benegal Rau was stressed and the fact that the efforts for mediation were left almost entirely to him.

The Executive expressed their gratitude for the splendid work of conciliation that Miss Harrison was doing, and their appreciation of the fact that she had made some contact with the Chinese delegation in spite of the great difficulties.

After discussion on possible lines of action it was decided to send a cable to Mr Attlee. Mrs Duncan Harris, Lady Parmoor and Lady Mayer drafted the following cable which was approved by the Executive; "British Section, W.I.L.P.F. supports peace initiative. Urges desperate need quick end Korean war on basis of immediate negotiation and strengthening of U.N. by seating Peking Government therein leading to achievement of worldwide peace settlement. (Signed) Parmoor."

It was decided to send copies to Mr Bevin and (by cable) to the American Section. Lady Mayer kindly offered to pay for the latter cable.

b. New Parliamentary Peace Group. Lady Mayer spoke of a new Peace Group that had been formed among Labour Members of the House of Commons under the leadership of Mr Yates M.P. to "strike a party blow for peace". It was decided to write to Mr Yates to wish him well and to ask him who were the other members of the group.

c. Deputation to Mr Chuter Ede. Mrs Duncan Harris reported that she had gone with a deputation from the NPC to see Mr Chuter Ede on the question of his refusing entry to many of the Sheffield delegates. In response to a question he had stated that what had happened at Sheffield in no way altered the position of the Government vis a vis ordinary peace societies.

1615 International Affairs.

a. World Government. Miss McAra was elected as our delegate to the Peoples' World Convention to be held at Geneva from December 30th to January 3rd.

b. Branches' Comments on Proposed Changes in International Constitution. Mrs Duncan Harris said the Branches' comments had been very helpful and would supplement the report of the British Section which had been submitted in November.

c. Miss Baer's Enquiries. It was decided that the enquiries in Miss Baer's recently received Lowun Letter be referred to the Parliamentary Committee.

d. International Congress 1952. It was decided to write to Lady Margaret Hall and ask if they would accept a provisional booking for August 1952 which would be confirmed or cancelled after the International Executive Committee had met in May 1951. It was

also decided to enquire from St. Katharine's College Liverpool, and St. Hugh's College Oxford whether they could offer accommodation in August 1952.

c. German Rearmament. It was decided to discuss this question at the next Executive.

1616 Annual Council.

a. Speakers. It was decided to ask Dr. Lloyd Pritchard to speak to us on economics as related to under-developed areas.

b. Pooled Fares. This question was deferred to the next Executive.

c. Mrs Mitchell's Letter. A letter from Mrs Mitchell was read in which she gave details of the arrangements made by the Reading Branch for the Annual Council. They had secured an official welcome by the Mayor. It was decided to write and thank her very warmly for all the trouble the Reading Branch had taken.

1617 Finance. Mrs Stapledon presented the monthly balance sheet and pointed out that the receipts had been £2 more than the expenses but this left the overall position almost in the same state as it had been at the last Executive.

It was decided to issue a 35th Birthday Appeal and to ask each member for 35 coins of any denomination they cared to give, in order to wipe out the 1950 deficit. This suggestion was made by Miss M. Dickinson and it was decided to incorporate it with the proposed Appeal Letter to be written by Mrs Stapledon. The Executive took up the idea enthusiastically and the Birthday Appeal was started straight away by donations & gifts from the President, Ex-President, Chairman, Miss Dickinson and Miss McAra.

1618. News Sheet.

a. Cost of Printing. Miss Haughton said that the cost of printing the News Sheet had gone up by 10% at the beginning of December and that a wider circulation was vital if it were to pay its way. She urged each member to get one new subscriber.

b. Advertisements. It was decided to make further enquiries as to the possibility of inserting suitable advertisements in the News Sheet.

c. Correspondence Column. Miss Haughton said she had received nothing for this column. She would put a paragraph on the subject in the next number of the News Sheet.

1619. Publicity. Mrs Warner's draft of a new leaflet was warmly approved. It was decided that she be asked to show it to the January Executive in its finished state so that it might be printed in time for distribution at the next Annual Council.

Mrs Mitchiner's suggestion of a poster was discussed. It was decided to find out what would be the cost of printing a poster in double crown size with Pax Block and letter heading in blue.

1620 Future Meetings. The details of a January Rally were referred to the Officers' Meeting. It was suggested that this Rally be held at Friends' International Centre on January 8th, the day before the Executive, so that Branch Representatives might have a chance to be present.

THE NEXT MEETING to be held on Tuesday, January 9th at the offices of the National Peace Council, Flat 16, 144 Southampton Row, W.C.1. at 10.30 prompt.

Mary Kuttall  
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