

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, W.I.L., held on Monday, January 19th<sup>1934</sup> at 11 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Ward, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Zangwill, Mrs. Thoday.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Mennell, Mrs. MacGregor Ross, Dr. Williams.

NOMINATION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT. Miss Mennell nominated Miss Courtney for the post of National President, which was seconded by Lady Parmoor and supported by Miss Anderson. Miss Courtney expressed her willingness to serve if she were elected at the Council Meeting. The Committee were unanimous in putting this nomination forward.

719. MRS. SWANWICK, CH. On the suggestion of Miss Courtney it was unanimously agreed to send Mrs. Swanwick a letter expressing the delight of the Committee at the honour which had recently been conferred upon her. Dr. Clark read a letter from Mrs. Swanwick saying that in accepting the Honour she had said she would regard it as being a recognition of the Organisations in which she had worked for peace and the enfranchisement of women and that "they selected the W.I.L." in the official announcement.

Mrs. Innes proposed and Miss Chick seconded that a tea-party in Kew Gardens should be arranged for the Executive Committee in the early Spring, when it was hoped Mrs. Swanwick would be able to join them.

720. MINUTES. Having previously been circulated the Minutes of the meeting on 15th December were confirmed and signed.

721. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 717 (1) L.N.U. Conference on Wages & Employment, February 17th and 18th. Reported that Lady Layton had consented to act as our representative, though another engagement would prevent her from attending on the Tuesday afternoon.

Minute 713. Change of date for Executive Committee Meetings. It was decided to let those standing for election to the Executive Committee know that Monday is not a fixed day for the Committee and that the present members for the most part would prefer the second Tuesday in the month.

Minute 717 (3) N.C.P.W. Reported that the special meeting of the Council on February 4th would consider the Council's policy in regard to the General Disarmament Conference and Economic Nationalism and World Peace. Mr. J.A. Hobson would open the discussion on Economic Disarmament. The Committee expressed itself in favour of the N.C.P.W. taking up the question of the effect of tariffs on international relations and it agreed to leave our representatives to use their discretion in the event of voting at the meeting.

722. FINANCE. The Treasurer presented the audited statement of accounts for the year, which was considered and passed after several alterations in the headings of items were agreed to. An approximate statement from January 1st to 18th was also presented, showing a balance in hand of £561. 17. 0. In addition, the audited statement of accounts for the International House was presented showing a balance of £563. 8. 5. Both these audited Statements would be presented to the Council Meeting.

Mrs. Wilson drew attention to the fact that £10 of the ear-



marked £25 for Palestine had been sent to Geneva to replace some of the £75 which had been sent to Madame Warne Bugge. The balance of £15 would be retained for the additional expense incurred if Madame Bugge can return home via England.

Mrs. Thoday reported that the Colwyn Bay Group had sent Headquarters £6. 12. 0 as the result of a Sale, which sum Mrs. Wilson had already personally acknowledged.

It was reported that Mr. Symons, our tenant on the ground floor had given formal notice to vacate the premises on March 25th. Decided to put the letting of the rooms into the Agents' home at once and to call a House Committee at an early date.

In order to raise money Mrs. Zangwill suggested a collection at the Queen's Hall Meeting and the distribution of Promise Slips. She further suggested that people should be asked to send in cheques beforehand which could be announced at the meeting. She was prepared to send a cheque for £20.

These suggestions were approved.

### 723. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(a) Annual Report. Miss Chick presented a draft Report of the year's activities to which certain alterations and amendments were recommended. The report was then passed for presentation to the Council Meeting. The Committee expressed its warm appreciation to Miss Chick for writing this report.

(B) Resolutions, etc. Two replies had been received from the Branches in answer to our letter asking their opinion as to the proposals made by Golders Green Branch (Minute 714).

Croydon agreed that the subjects we suggested should be discussed; they made no recommendation as to the question of limitation of subjects and preferred to leave the question of time limit for openers and seconders to the Chairman at the Council Meeting.

Birmingham was of the opinion that when experts on a subject are speaking there should be no time limit to their speeches.

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It was reported that ~~Mrs. Barbara Wootton~~ <sup>no resolutions</sup> had been sent in by Executive members for consideration by the Committee. After discussion it was decided to ask the Disarmament Campaign Committee to draft a resolution on Disarmament on behalf of the Executive.

The India Committee was also to be asked to draft a resolution on India on behalf of the Executive.

Miss Rinder suggested that draft resolutions on the Gold Standard should be sent in for consideration by the Agenda Committee.

Golders Green intended to send in a resolution on O.T.Cs. Mrs. McGregor Ross would be sending one on East Africa and Forced Labour.

(C) Programme of the Council. The following decisions were reached:-

First morning: Reports and formal business and possibly some resolutions.

Afternoon, first day. Mrs. Barbara Wootton on Industry and Gold, to be followed by discussion. Resolution to be submitted if one is drafted suitable to the occasion. Other resolutions if time allows.

2nd morning. Disarmament.

Afternoon, second day. India and remaining resolutions.



(d) Ballot for Executive Committee and Officers. Reported that the Council Arrangements Committee recommended that the ballot box should be open from 10.15 to 1.15 p.m. on both days. This was agreed to.

(e) Lunch. The Arrangements Committee had considered the question of lunch and Mrs. Unwin had made inquiries re cost, etc. at several places. After discussion it was decided to abandon the idea of making arrangements for a special lunch.

(f) Reception at Livingstone Hall on Tuesday, March 3rd at 8 p.m. <sup>Westminster</sup> The Arrangements Committee recommended to the Committee that this should be an "Indian" Reception. It was agreed that Mrs. Nehru and Mrs. Rama Rau should be invited and Mrs. Lankester was asked to consider with the Arrangements Committee whether some Indian music should be arranged for and whether one or both should be asked to speak. It was suggested that individual members might ask other Indian women, paying for their tickets. Decided to make a charge of 2/6d for admission.

724. REPORT OF DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. It was reported that 72,000 signatures had been received since the last Committee, making a total of over 189,000. Many applications for forms were coming in daily. Five non-Conformist Churches had now sent special letters to their Ministers throughout the country, in addition to Canon Donaldson's letter to 2,000 Clergymen of the Church of England, the response to which had been very good. The Newcastle Presbytery (Presbyterian Church of England) had passed a resolution at its expressing expressing very warm approval of the Declaration and appreciation of the W.I.L. urging all its Ministers and members to take an active part in the Campaign. The Primitive Methodists would probably be sending to their Ministers shortly and we hoped to get a favourable reply from the Unitarians. Extracts from these letters and the resolutions were being made for further propaganda work.

Mrs. Zangwill reported a letter from Mr. Vernon Bartlett saying that he might be able to bring in a reference to the Disarmament Campaign in the first B.B.C. talk after the League of Nations Council Meeting next week, i.e. Thursday January 27th. Mrs. Zangwill was approaching a number of well known Conservative men and women.

Miss Courtney reported that Lord Cecil had undertaken to write a letter in support of the Campaign.

Mrs. Zangwill reported on the finances of the Campaign. The Statement of Accounts showed a deficit of £77. 9. 0. (This does not include any payment for regular Staff or for office accommodation). She was sending out appeal letters to personal acquaintances not connected with the W.I.L. Mrs. Wilson had sent an appeal for donations to W.I.L. members in writing to ask for their subscriptions. The Officers proposed to send an appeal to Organisations and individuals who are collecting signatures or who have not been otherwise approached.

Dr. Clark reported that the Geneva Office was arranging a special Disarmament Campaign meeting at Geneva on January 29th, to which we were invited to send a delegate. It was agreed that it was impossible for anyone to leave the work here for this purpose.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported a letter from Frau Perlen of the German Section asking us to give them particulars of how we were running our Campaign so that they may benefit by our experience. Mrs. Corbett Fisher undertook to send this information and to urge that Gertrud Baer be permitted to come over for the Queen's Hall Meeting.



Mrs. Thoday promised to write to the wife of the Professor of Botany in Belgium to see if she could come over for the meeting.

Queen's Hall Meeting. Miss Rinder reported that 468 tickets had been sold, including 200 which had been taken by the Welsh Group and 72 by the Golders Green Branch. Croydon Branch was also making up a party. Twenty thousand handbills and 1,000 window bills had been distributed. There was a steady demand for both.

Miss Courtney reported a letter from Gertrud Baer saying she could not attend the Queen's Hall Meeting on February 9th. Decided she should be written to to say how extremely sorry we are that she cannot come and that we will leave it open in case she finds she can come at the last minute.

725. CO OPERATION IN A NATIONAL DISARMAMENT- CAMPAIGN FOR DISARMAMENT.

Miss Courtney reported that she had been asked to make inquiries of the various Peace organisations in the country to ascertain if they would be willing to have some degree of co-ordination of effort and agreement in policy with regard to the action the British Government should take at the World Disarmament Conference. It was agreed that we should regard our Disarmament Declaration as contributing to such a campaign and should be ready to consider further proposals.

726. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. The February News Sheet was to be a Disarmament number, extra copies of which would be printed for sale at the Queen's Hall Meeting.

Eight Branches had replied that they would like to receive general news of W.I.L. work from Headquarters. Such news would be sent out every three months. Information had been sent to the Press re Countess Dohna's meeting, Egypt resolution, the White-chapel meeting and the messages to the Indian and All Asian Women's Conference. Miss Vera Brittain is now contributing "A Woman's Notebook" to the "Nation" and has invited the W.I.L. to send her information of its activities. A report of recent work of the British Section had been sent to "Pax" and a report of our main work for 1930 had been sent as requested to N.C.P.W. Peace Year Book, 1931.

727. REPORT OF INDIA SUB-COMMITTEE. Miss Pye reported on an emergency Committee just before Christmas at which Mr. Paul and Mr. Basu discussed the question of police violence. Miss Courtney had at the request of the Committee written to ask Miss Picton Turbervill if she would take up the matter with Mr. Wedgwood Benn and try to arrange for a deputation from the W.I.L. to wait upon him. Miss Courtney reported she had received a reply from Mr. Wedgwood Benn saying that he was unable to see anyone until after the New Year. She had also written to Sir Frederick Sykes of Bombay with regard to police violence there..

Miss Pye had been asked by the Friends' India Committee to get duplicated copies made of Statements by Eye-witnesses with regard to police violence on unarmed Indians. She had used material obtained by the W.I.L. Committee and by the Friends' Committee. Copies were available price 1/- each.

Miss Pye also reported a letter from Mrs. Cousins in which she expressed appreciation of our Statement on India.

728. PALESTINE. Mrs. Barrs Davies reported on two interesting letters which had been received from Mrs. Warne Bugge who is now in Palestine.

729. UKRAINIAN MINORITY. Dr. Clark reported that a petition had been drawn up based on evidence obtained by Miss Sheepshanks and Mr. Voigt and that Miss Woodman (U.D.C.) and she were endeavouring



to obtain signatures of well known men and women with a view to submitting the Petition to the League of Nations. Professor Gilbert Murray had already signed it.

In view of the fact that the Minority question will be of great importance this year it was decided to form a Minorities Sub-Committee, and it was agreed that the following should be invited to form it:-

Miss Cramp, Miss Leaf, Miss Woodman, Miss M. Green (when she returns from abroad) Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Innes and Dr. Clark as Convener.

Reported the receipt of a Declaration by the German and Polish Sections on the situation at present existing between the two countries. Decided that letters welcoming the Statement should be sent to the Polish and German Sections. Dr. Clark undertook to draft a resolution on the Minority question when the proceedings of the League Council are known and it was agreed that the Agenda Committee should be authorised to consider it and propose a resolution in the name of the Executive to our Council.

730. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, GENEVA, Reported that this was being held on April 9th to 11th, at Lille, and proposals for the Agenda should reach Geneva before March 1st. Decided to send a letter to Geneva urging the International Committee to concentrate on the Disarmament Campaign in all countries, since the whole work for disarmament in this country will be seriously damaged if the numbers of signatures to the Declaration suggest that only Gt. Britain wants disarmament. Miss Rinder and Miss Henderson were asked to draft a letter giving full particulars of the activities in the Campaign, copies of which were to be sent to Dorothy Detzer asking her if she could arrange to send them out to all the Branches in U.S.A. Japan and other countries were also to receive copies. Mrs. Thoday undertook to write to Miss Balch, U.S.A. urging the Section there to concentrate on the Campaign.

731. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. Reported that this would be held on April 14th to 16th at Paris. Miss Rinder said she had been asked to try to get English speakers but felt she could not do this until they had secured a good French speaker. Decided to send copies <sup>of the U.S.A. Conference Agenda</sup> to Frau Hertzka and the other members of the Economic Commission.

732. NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN. Miss Courtney reported that Miss Dorothy Evans had telephoned that the League of Nations Council was going to vote upon this question and asked if the W.I.L. would sign a cable to Mr. Henderson urging him to vote for the proposal put forward by the Women's International Organisations. Miss Courtney had agreed to do so. This action was endorsed.

733. FRAULEIN HEYMAN re UNION OF EUROPEAN STATES. Dr. Clark reported that Fraulein Heyman had sent us a request to appoint an expert who would formulate a considered opinion on this matter. Mrs. Innes suggested leaving the question over until after the Disarmament Campaign. Mrs. Innes promising to bring up the subject again in the Autumn. This was agreed to.

734. STATELESSNESS. Dr. Clark brought up the Questionnaire which had been sent to us from Geneva on this question. Decided to consult Miss G. Macmillan.

735. (1) The Open Door International. Reported second Conference for the Open Door International for the Economic Emancipation of the Woman Worker was to be held at Stockholm on August 17th to 21st. Admission tickets 5/6d to be obtained at the Conference Hall, Stockholm. Fraternal delegates were invited. No ~~action~~ action taken.



(2) League of Nations Union, Women's Advisory Council.

Miss Pye asked permission to refrain from voting on the resolution on The Night Work Convention (Washington 1919). It was agreed that Miss Pye should not vote on the grounds that the Committee was divided on the subject.

<sup>mi</sup> Nominations were asked for for Officers, etc. Decided to nominate Mrs. Wilson Fox as Chairman. Mrs. White said it was understood she would be willing to serve if appointed.

(3) Association for Moral and Social Hygiene. Miss Courtney reported that on behalf of the W.I.L. she had signed a reply to Madame Avril de Sainte Croix's questionnaire in regard to traffic in Women, drawn up by the A.M.S.H. and that an acknowledgment had been received from Madame Saint de Croix.

(4) Dame Rachel Crowdy. It was reported that Dame Rachel Crowdy had now returned from Geneva. It was suggested that a letter should be sent to her regretting her departure from Geneva and expressing our great appreciation of the work she had done there, and that this should be reported to the Council. It was further suggested that a proposal that a dinner should be arranged in her honour should be sent to the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations.

(5) Nobel Peace Prize. Reported a letter from Madame Widegren asking us to do all we can towards getting names of qualified people to propose Miss Jane Addams for the Nobel Peace Prize. Decided to reply that we should very much like to support Jane Addams' candidature but that our time is entirely taken up with the work for the International Disarmament Campaign. If, however, there is anything she can suggest we could do which would not involve too much time we should be glad to consider it.

(6) Decided to write to the Head of the University of Louvain congratulating him on his successful resistance to the wish of the architect to inscribe on the new Library building "What German hate destroyed American generosity has rebuilt."

*A.D. Courtney*  
*February 16/31*

// It was reported that Mrs. Barbara Wootton had been asked to address the Council on the Economic Situation from the international point of view and she had replied that she would be glad to speak on "Industry and Gold", on the Tuesday afternoon, March 3rd.



Copy of letter sent from Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Geneva Office, to Women's International Organisations, inviting them to attend International Congress, May, 1932.

"The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom held its second Congress at Zurich in May 1919 at the time of the Peace Conference.

It has now decided to hold its 7th Congress in May 1932 during the League of Nations Disarmament Conference, at or near the city where the latter meets.

The Disarmament Conference is indubitably of the greatest importance to the peace of the world. If it should fail, the race in armaments would be speeded up, the dangers of conflicts arising would be increased and the good name of the League of Nations would be irreparably damaged.

For this reason the W.I.L.P.F. which ever since its first Congress in ~~1915~~ 1915 has laid special stress on demands for universal disarmament, has recently organised a world disarmament campaign? AND HAS chosen this question as the subject of its next Congress.

The W.I.L.P.F. believes that it will be fulfilling the desires of a certain part of the public in different countries in devoting the last day of this international Congress to a common demonstration in favour of Disarmament, and it is inviting to this demonstration as many international organisations as can take part.

The purpose of the demonstration will be to insist on those reforms which should be the logical outcome of adherence to the Kellogg-Briand Pact. Among others:-

1. The immediate adoption of practical measures tending to bring about total and universal disarmament in as short a time as possible;
2. The adaptation of the national constitutions to meet the new obligations imposed by the Pact, in particular: suppression of the right to declare war, abolition of conscription, and until the time when these reforms are brought about, strict interdiction of the private manufacture and international traffic in arms and materials of warfare, and the abolition of penalties imposed on conscientious objectors.
3. The introduction in education of such principles as will permit the development, in the coming generations, of a state of mind favourable to mutual understanding and esteem between the peoples, conditions which are indispensable to moral disarmament.

We recognise that in demanding total and universal disarmament, the W.I.L.P.F. is in advance of a large portion of the public; nevertheless the reception given to the W.I.L.P.F. disarmament declaration and the numerous signatures which have already been collected, give reason to believe that a very large number of organisations and individuals earnestly wish to work for world disarmament.

We would ask all those organisations which are in sympathy with this action kindly to let us know, before July 1st, if we can count on their taking part in the demonstration which we are organising, and as far as possible, how large a delegation they will be able to send."

Note: With this letter was sent a copy of the Congress Resolution on Disarmament passed at the Hague Congress in 1915.



General Resolution on W.I.L.P.F. passed at International Executive, Lille, 1931.

Disarmament.

"Voted that the W.I.L.P.F. as an international organisation stands on the basis of total and universal disarmament as an obligation involved in the Kellogg-Briand Pact, but urges as a first step towards this goal and to be taken within a definite period, that the General Disarmament Conference of 1932 accept a convention for definite and drastic measures of disarmament on land, sea and air by budgetary and other means. for the abolition of air warfare; and for international control of civil aviation."



Resolution voted at the  
International Executive Committee  
Lille, April 7 - 13, 1931.

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Composition of the League of Nations  
Disarmament Conference.

"The W.I.L.P.F.

1. Believes that the principle of equality among the nations should not be simply theoretical but ought to be ensured at the sessions of the Disarmament Conference itself.
2. It believes that all members of the Disarmament Conference ought to take part in the choice of the president, and that in view of the great importance of this choice, it should certainly not be left to a single group of nations or to an organisation which does not include all the countries.
3. It believes furthermore that in no case should the president be chosen from among the representatives of countries which have taken a hostile attitude towards disarmament.
4. It believes finally that any person having any interest whatsoever in the maintenance of war should be excluded from the national delegations and that, on the other hand, these delegations should include among their numbers, representatives of peace organisations in their countries, including women."



Proposals made by Dr. Clark for carrying on the Campaign, to the International Executive Committee at Lille, 1931:-

"Dr. Clark proposed that first, in the countries where the W.I.L. has sections, to use the Disarmament Declaration as a basis for putting before the public a practical, detailed policy with a view to influencing the Governments. They should ask their own Governments to demand the insertion of such figures in the Convention as will mean as drastic a reduction of armaments as possible. The British Section is asking that the figures should mean at least as large a measure of disarmament as had been imposed on Germany.

In the countries with big navies, a demand should be made for the abolition of big ships about 10,000 tons and there should be special support for a special budgetary limitation of land, air and sea armaments and direct limitation of special land armaments, such as big guns and tanks.

Where the Section is small, help should be obtained from the Geneva Office, by writing to people in other parts of the country.

The Sections should make suggestions as to what help they need and where an international speaker would be useful. They should announce whether they have speakers who could speak in other countries and what languages they could speak.

They should say whether they need financial help with printing, postage, meetings, travel, etc.

In countries where there are no sections, the Executive should consider what suggestions it could make for the Committee which will carry on the campaign.

The Executive should decide whether to budget for two or three months work by a special organiser and find out whether it would be possible to get qualified volunteer organisers.

The W.I.L. should pick out for special work countries where probably no other organisation will do any work."



Resolution on Ukrainian Minority in Poland passed at International Executive Committee, Lille, 1931.

"This Committee

Believing that questions concerning the application of Minority Treaties are not national but international matters,

urges the Committee of three appointed by the League of Nations Council to report on petitions sent in by the Ukrainian Minority in Poland to consider not only the actual complaints made therein but the causes of friction on both sides underlying the complaints, including the question of granting to the Ukrainian Minority the autonomy which was provided by the Law passed in the Polish Sejm in September 1922, but which has not yet been put into effect."



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETIES.

PLENARY CONGRESS  
Budapest, May 1931.

D I S A R M A M E N T

Plenary Congress,

Recalling the resolutions adopted at its previous Congresses,

Considering that the Council of the League of Nations has definitely convened the first Disarmament Conference for 2nd February, 1932,

Endorses the recommendation of the French delegate, M. Aristide Briand, according to which:

"Between now and the opening of the Conference a great propaganda effort must be undertaken to enlighten the mind of the public on this important question."

Urges Societies to launch at once and to maintain without intermission until the opening of the Conference a methodical campaign with the public and their Governments; and

Adopts as the basis of it the following principles:

I

THE NECESSITY OF THE CONFERENCE CULMINATING IN A POSITIVE RESULT, VIZ. AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

In this connection should be recalled:

- 1<sup>o</sup> the definite, unconditional pledge given by Members of the League of Nations in Article 8 of the Covenant to reduce armaments within certain limits and thereafter not to exceed these without the concurrence of the Council;
- 2<sup>o</sup> the formal promise given to the States disarmed under the Treaties that the exceptional regime applied to them is only a stepping stone to a general system of universal limitation and reduction;
- 3<sup>o</sup> the opinions expressed by statesmen, economists, jurists, publicists regarding the mad race in armaments;
- 4<sup>o</sup> the pronouncements of contemporary historians upon the extent to which this race was responsible for the last war;
- 5<sup>o</sup> the disastrous effect that a failure of the Conference would have on the peace of the world.

II

NECESSITY FOR A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN ARMAMENTS

Article 8 of the Covenant provides that the limits fixed for armaments in each country shall be the "lowest consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of international obligations".

1) This safety is increased by the mere existence of the League of Nations, which, in ten years, has gained experience, affirmed its authority and perfected its organisation.



2) Since 1924 it has been recognised by the Assembly of the League of Nations that progress in arbitration has generally implied progress in security. Moreover, since 1928 the majority of the States have adhered to the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice; an increasing number have adhered, or announce their intention of adhering, to the General Act of Arbitration; special agreements of conciliation and arbitration have been multiplied.

3) At Locarno, where special guarantees were given to certain States, it was expressly declared that the entry in vigour of the treaties and conventions there concluded would strengthen the peace and security of Europe and would effectively hasten on the Disarmament envisaged in Article 8 of the Covenant.

4) The outlawry of war was realised by the Paris Pact (Briand-Kellogg).

5) A convention for financial assistance has been signed.

The situation is such as to justify even now a considerable reduction of armaments and the Federation esteems that, apart from the reduction of personnel and material which should be effected, provided suitable proportions are laid down for the different States under the conditions mentioned in Section IV hereunder, the Conference should achieve an all-round reduction of 25 per cent. on the total amount budgeted for armaments.

### III

#### DEVELOPMENT OF THE FACTORS FOR MORE COMPLETE DISARMAMENT

In order to facilitate still further reductions in armaments, means should be sought to strengthen the mutual guarantees of security and loyal observance of the treaties, as, for instance,

- 1° the universalisation of the League of Nations;
- 2° the adherence of all States to the General Act of Arbitration, the complement of the Paris (Briand-Kellogg) Pact;
- 3° the inclusion in the Covenant of the League of Nations of the definite prohibition to resort to war, subject to the general sanctions of the Covenant;
- 4° the reinforcement of the action of the Council in preventing war and in defining aggression;
- 5° failing this general measure, the extension of the system of special guarantees by special agreements for guarantee and security;
- 6° the international organisation of aviation under the auspices of the League of Nations in order to ensure to the Council the best means of communication and of supervision.
- 7° the prohibition of all preparation for chemical and bacteriological warfare;
- 8° an advance in moral disarmament through the abandonment of bellicose or aggressive propaganda and the consideration by the League of Nations of measures appropriate to that end.



IV

ADVANCE TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL EQUALITY

The International Federation of League of Nations Societies is convinced that it is indispensable that the League of Nations should officially recognise the principle of equality in disarmament between the "vanquished" and "the victorious" powers and that the 1932 Conference must begin to effect such equality.

This equality must not be attained by increasing armaments already reduced under the treaties but by the proportionate reduction of those of other States.

In any case, the Federation considers that the principle of limitation and reduction of armaments should be the same for all States and, consequently, that:

- 1<sup>o</sup> each State should be bound to limit the amount budgeted for its navy, army and air force;
- 2<sup>o</sup> the prohibition of certain material, naval, land or air, enjoined in the treaties should apply to all States signatory to the Convention;
- 3<sup>o</sup> the observance of the obligations thus contracted by the States should be ensured by a Permanent Disarmament Commission established at the seat of the League of Nations and exercising its control equally over all nations.



Minutes of Executive Committee of W.I.L., dated Monday, February 16th, 1931 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT:

Miss Courtney in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Chick, Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Mennell, Miss Edith Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Williams, Mrs. Zangwill.

APOLOGY for absence received from Mrs. Mennell.

MINUTES of meeting held on January 19th having previously been circulated were ~~read and~~ confirmed after the following addition to Minute 727 had been made : Report of India Sub - Committee:-

"In view of the fact that the Prime Minister was to make a statement on the Round Table Conference on the evening following the Executive it was agreed that the India Sub-Committee should be authorised to take such action as it thought advisable."

736. BUSINESS ARISING:

722. Mr. Symons. Reported that notice to vacate the Ground Floor premises at the March quarter had been withdrawn.

729. Formation of Minorities Sub-Committee. Reported that owing to pressure of work no action had not been taken on this question.

737. FINANCE. Mrs. Wilson presented the attached statement of accounts which was passed.

Reported that the Appeal for Funds for the Disarmament Declaration Campaign would be sent out this week.

Mrs. Zangwill undertook to consult Sybil Thorndike as to the possibility of raising funds by a Performance of some kind.

738. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, March 3rd and 4th.

Agenda. Agreed that a rough draft for a resolution sent in by Miss Green on the subject of Reparations should be referred to the Agenda Committee for its decision as to inclusion in the Agenda. Dr. Williams undertook to draft an urgency resolution on the subject of the "Compulsory Repatriation of so-called prostitutes" for the consideration of the Agenda Committee. It was agreed by the majority of the Committee that the resolution on Poison Gas Experiments on Animals on the Preliminary Agenda should have been ruled out of order and the Agenda Committee was asked to omit it from the final Agenda.

Reception. Arrangements for this were reported and confirmed.

New nominations for Executive Committee were reported as follows:

Mrs. Chettle, Miss Agatha Harrison, Mrs. Hayman, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Mrs. Morgan, Miss Sheepshanks.

739. REPORT OF DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Mrs. Zangwill and Miss Rinder reported the Campaign generally and the Queen's Hall Meeting in particular. After the entire expenses of the meeting had been met there would be a balance of £91 in hand. Arrangements were being made to print Mr. Henderson's speech, in collaboration with the Labour Party, who had special facilities for printing it in large quantities at a very cheap rate. The L.N.U. were also considering ordering a large number. Miss Rinder was authorised to go into the question of printing it on better paper and with clearer print and to offer to pay the extra cost, if it were reasonable.



It was reported that 273,000 signatures had been obtained to date.

Mrs. Zangwill reported (1) that Miss Rinder had been asked to continue her work until the end of March for five days a week, leaving it to her discretion to work on Saturday mornings when necessary; (2) that should Mrs. Chettle be invited to visit any places a second time, the provincial Branch or Group should, in principle, be held responsible for her expenses, including salary. The Committee believed that Provincial Branches and Groups would find it easier to raise money for local work than to subscribe to Headquarter Funds. In some cases, however, where there were possibilities of breaking fresh ground in districts near where she was working for a local Group, Headquarters should be responsible for her expenses. Such work could not at present be authorised for more than five days a month; that Miss Palmer had been asked to continue work until the 7th March, with the possibility of the time being extended. Arrangements were being made for Miss Rinder to take over the Disarmament Declaration Campaign work until after the Council Meetings in order to leave Miss Horscroft free for that work.

Mrs. Zangwill also reported on a meeting which had been arranged at three days' notice in East Islington at which the Liberal and Labour Parliamentary Candidates and herself were the speakers. The Wesleyan Central Hall was lent and the Minister, Dr. Soper took the chair. In addition, he made all arrangements for stewarding, collection and posters, and refused to take any money for the use of the Hall. The collection amounted to £2. 11. 9d, and 300 signatures to the Declaration were obtained. The Committee passed a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Soper for his generous help on this occasion, and Mrs. Zangwill and Miss Rinder for undertaking the organising of the meeting at such short notice.

Dr. Clark proposed that she should approach Mr. Toynee with regard to a Broadcast of the Declaration. Agreed.

question of

The/holding of a demonstration for young people in the Spring is to be considered later.

The Committee had considered a letter from the N.C.P.W. suggesting the formation of ad hoc Committees throughout the country during 1931 in order to co-ordinate the work for disarmament before the World Disarmament Conference in February 1932. It recommended that an effort be made to form a common policy on the understanding that Societies would be free to work for a more advanced policy, and that the formation of ad hoc Committees should be left to the Groups in the localities.

740. N.C.P.W. MEMORANDUM ON DISARMAMENT. After discussion of this memorandum the Officers were asked to draft a policy embodying proposals made by the N.C.P.W. for consideration by the Council. Decided that this should be put into the form of a resolution which would replace resolution 8 on the Preliminary Agenda of the Council Meetings.
741. PUBLICITY REPORT. Miss Henderson reported that over 300 extra copies of the February News Sheet - special Disarmament number - were sold either to Branches or at the Queen's Hall Meeting.
742. INDIA SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT. Miss Pye reported that the Sub-Committee had drawn up and sent a resolution to the Prime Minister re amnesty for political prisoners and had also drawn up a message to the Women's Indian Association as authorised by Executive. Copies of the "Oxford Book of English Verse" had been presented to Mrs. Subbarayan and Begun Nawaz and flowers had been sent on board-ship as from the British Section. The



total cost was £2. 19. 0d. The following cable had been sent to Mrs. Naidu at a cost of 34/8d of which 15/- was subscribed by members so that it would go at a quicker rate than the week-end letter:-

"British Women's International League sympathising non-violent ideals and desire of Congress for achievement political and economic freedom for India believing new opportunity in awakened sympathy of British people and sincerity of British Government earnestly hopes Congress Leaders will decide to co-operate with Conference Delegates in constructive work for new Constitution which can gain for them ends they have in view."

This was approved.

Miss Rinder and Mrs. Lankester had been asked to draw up letters on the Borsad Case and the need for an impartial inquiry as asked for by the Times of India. The question of publicity was to be left to the Executive Committee.

It was also reported that in East Islington the Empire Crusade Candidate was asking for a larger army for repression in India, and the Committee had decided to distribute "Repression or Freedom" (Society of Friends publication) through the kindness of Mrs. Robertson, and a Sub-Committee of three was appointed to draw up a leaflet suitable for distribution at elections.

With regard to literature the Committee wished to recommend the use of leaflets issued by the Society of Friends containing main statements of politicians of all three Parties. Agreed that decision as to purchase should be left with the India Sub-Committee. Reported that a pamphlet by Reginald Reynolds had been published entitled "Gandhi and World Peace."

Reported also that correspondence had been received from Miss Rathbone asking why we did not concentrate on social reforms such as Child Marriage Act, etc. Reported further that extracts from a letter from Mr. S.K. Ratcliffe from U.S.A. giving an account of an interview with Mr. Brailsford who had just arrived from India, were available.

743. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE, Paris. Miss Rinder reported that names of speakers had not yet been announced on the notices of the Conference. She had written to Mr. Coles and Mr. Keynes without success. The only speaker obtained as far as she knew was Mr. William Martin of the I.L.O. Geneva. Had there been an Honorary Committee of influential people the work of getting speakers would have been much easier.

744. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, April. Dr. Clark, Mrs. Barrs Davies and Mrs. Thoday were asked to consider whether they would be able to attend as Consultative Members.

Appointment of International Secretary. It was agreed to recommend that Madame Drevet be appointed as permanent International Secretary.

Agenda. Reported the following proposals have been made for the Agenda:-

- (1) Proposal for the Disarmament Conference of 1932.
- (2) 1932 Congress.
- (3) Report on the Ukraine.
- (4) Joint Peace Council.
- (5) Joint Standing Committee.
- (6) Proposals concerning the International Office and its relations with the Sections.



It was decided (1) to send forward a proposal that, on financial grounds, "Pax" should be an Office activity under the control of the International Secretary; (2) to recommend that a special Conference dealing wholly with Disarmament should be held before the World Disarmament Conference.

With reference to the proposal already made (Minute 730) that the International Executive should make Disarmament the main subject of this Committee Meeting, it was suggested that if possible a Conference might be held in Lille during the session.

745. PALESTINE. Two letters were reported from Madame Wærne Bugge. It was hoped that she would reach England in time for the Council Meetings.

746. ECONOMIC SITUATION IN EUROPE. In view of the serious reports from Germany and other evidence the following resolution was proposed by Dr. Clark:-

"The Executive of the W.I.L. considering that the economic situation of Europe makes necessary the re-examination of the problems involved in the payments of war debts and of reparations,

respectfully urges H.M. Government to take into serious consideration the possibility of suggesting a Conference between the Heads of the Governments of the States concerned in order to explore this or other ways of relieving the international economic situation."

After discussion this resolution was passed and instructions given to send it at once to the Government.

747. OTHER INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS. Dr. Clark reported that Madame Drevet had been invited by Lord Cecil in Geneva to a meeting with other representatives of International Peace Organisations in order to discuss how best they could all co-operate in the Disarmament Campaign.

748. NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN. Mrs. White reported on a deputation which had been received in Geneva. Mrs. Barrs Davies reported that the League Secretariat had been authorised to consult the Women's International Organisations on the matter and would be inviting them to appoint two representatives to a meeting to discuss the question. It was decided to recommend to the International Executive Committee in Geneva Dr. Ethel Williams as a suitable representative from this country.

749. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

(a) Women's Advisory Council of the L.N.U. Miss Pye reported that at the meeting on January 28th resolutions had been passed on the Liquor Traffic in West Africa and the Nationality of Married Women. A letter on Mui Tsai had been drafted to be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. A Conference on "The Meaning of Security" would be held on March 24th and 25th in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, to which we were invited to send representatives.

The following agreed to attend: Miss Courtney, Dr. Clark, Miss Pye, Mrs. Barrs Davies, and other members hoped to be present.



(2) N.C.P.W. Proposed change of name. Reported that the N.C.P.W. were considering the question of reverting to its original title "The National Peace Council." After discussion it was decided to recommend that the present title remain unaltered in view of the fact that people have now become accustomed to it. Our representatives on the Council were authorised to vote on the subject according to their own discretion.

A report of the Council on February 4th was given by our representatives.

(3) Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations. Miss Courtney gave a report of the proceedings of this Committee.

750. CORRESPONDENCE.

All People's Association. Reported letter containing proposal to erect or acquire somewhere in London a building which would serve as an International Club for members, with office accommodation for Societies. We were asked whether we would be prepared to take office room and if so how much space we should require and what sum per annum we would be prepared to contribute as rent. Decided to reply that we should be prepared to consider taking Office Accommodation to the extent of rooms equivalent to the space we now possess, and mention that we are paying £150 per annum for rent.

R.P. Inuls.  
March 10/81.



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Statement of Accounts for January 1931.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
Balance	355.17. 8.	Salaries	55.18. 0.
Subscriptions	265.17. 0.	Stationery	4. 4. 7.
<u>Donations</u>		Literature	15.11.
General	15. 6. 0.	News Sheets	3.12. 9.
Disarmament	181.19. 6.	Printing	1. 9. 0.
In lieu of		Travelling Expenses	1.11. 0.
Fair 1930.	30.10. 0.	Postage & Wires	10. 0. 0.
Affiliation		Grant to Palestine	10. 0. 0.
Fees	8.18. 9.	Wages	4.18. 3.
News Sheets	10. 0.	State Insurance	1. 9. 8.
Literature	17. 7.	Telephone	6. 5. 7.
Postage Refd.	1. 2. 7.	General Office Expenses	4.12. 1½
Insurance Refd.	17. 1.	Geneva Subscriptions	4. 0. 0.
Office Expenses		<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
Refunded	3. 9.	Queen's Hall	48. 3. 6.
Queen's Hall Tks	25.18. 0.	Salaries	59. 4. 0.
Organisers'		Organisers' Expenses	10. 0. 4.
Expenses Refd.	3. 8. 0.	Postage & Wires	25. 5. 0.
Geneva Sub-		Stationery	3.15. 5.
scriptions	4. 0. 0.	Printing	11.19. 6.
	<u>539. 8. 3.</u>	Lighting & Heating	1. 5. 0.
			<u>£268. 9. 7½</u>
		On Deposit at Co-	
		operative Build-	
		ing Society	129. 3. 2.
		Cash at Bank	491. 0.10.
		Cash in hand	4.15. 9½
		Cash not banked	1.16. 6.
			<u>626.16. 3½</u>
	<u>£895. 5.11.</u>		<u>£895. 5.11.</u>

Statement of Accounts for February 1st.- 12th.  
inclusive

Balance	626.16. 3½	Salaries	19. 5. 0.
Subscriptions	23. 4. 0.	Stationery	19. 8.
Disarmament		Literature	1. 0.
Donations	22. 5. 9.	News Sheets	3.16. 3.
Affiliation		Postage	2. 0. 0.
Fees	6. 4. 8.	Wages	17. 6.
News Sheets	19. 8.	General Office Expenses	1. 5.11.
Literature	1. 7. 4.	Insurance	14.10.
Postage	1. 3.	<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
Insurance Refd.	3. 5.	Queen's Hall	
Printing Refd.	2. 1. 0.	Printing	18. 8. 6.
<u>Queen's Hall</u>		Verbatim Report	1. 0. 6.
Tickets	46. 1. 2.	Advertisements	22. 1. 6.
Collection		Speakers Travel	
(Cash &		ling Expenses	8. 0. 0.
Cheques)	163. 5. 9.	Postage & Wires	2.18. 0.
Fulfilled		Stationery	2. 0. 0.
Promises	13.12. 0.	Printing of	
Office Ex-		tickets	2. 0. 0.
penses Refd.	1.16. 0.	Floral Decora-	
	<u>281. 2. 0.</u>	tions	1.15. 0.
		Office Expenses	12. 0.
			<u>58.16. 0.</u>
		Salaries	16.15. 7½
		Stationery	7.11½
		Lighting & Heating	18. 0.
		Organisers Expenses	18. 3.
		Printing	9. 0.11.
		Office Expenses	1. 1. 0.
		Postage	2.15. 0.
			<u>119.13. 4.</u>
		Balance	788. 4.11½
	<u>£907.18. 3½</u>		<u>£907.18. 3½</u>
Due to us from Queen's	£ 15. 6. 8.	Outstanding Accounts	£ 39. 6. 6.
Hall			
Promises to be fulfilled	£47. 6. 6.		



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, 10th March, 1931  
at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Miss Chick,  
Dr. Clark, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Henderson,  
Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder,  
Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White, Mrs. Zangwill, Mrs. Chettle.  
*Mrs Lankester*

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Mrs.  
Binyon, Miss Harrison, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Ward,  
Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Williams.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMEN.

Miss Courtney was unanimously appointed Chairman. Mrs.  
Barrs Davies and Mrs. Innes Vice-Chairmen.

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday, February 16th, having  
previously been circulated were confirmed and signed.

751. BUSINESS ARISING:

Minute 743. Mrs. Robertson reported that she regretted she had  
been unable to distribute "Repression or Freedom" at the East  
Islington Election.

752. DATE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The second Tuesday in the  
month was fixed for future meetings.

753. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was presented and  
passed.

754. APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to serve on:-

(1) Opium Committee.

Officers ex-officio.

Mrs. Alcock. Mr. Horace Alexander, Mrs. Binyon,  
Professor Alfred Clark, Miss Harrison, Miss Pye,  
Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Williams, Mrs. Thoday, Mr. Wilson,  
Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Dixon Davies, Dame Katherine Furse,  
Mr. Robertson.

Agreed to ask Dame Rachel Crowdy to serve on Committee.

(2) Publicity Committee.

Officers ex officio.

Miss Anderson, Mrs. Dow, Mrs. Corbett Fisher,  
Miss Henderson, Miss Leaf, Miss Pye, Mrs. Robertson,  
Mrs. Thoday, Dr. Williams, Mrs. Kingsley Martin.

Decided to ask Publicity Committee to reconsider date and  
time of future meetings.

(3) India Committee.

Officers ex officio.

Mrs. Alcock, Miss Chick, Miss Harrison, Lady Layton,  
Mrs. Lankester, Miss Pye, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Rinder,  
Mrs. Ratcliffe, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White.

*Mrs Corbett Fisher*



(4) Backward Races.

Officers ex officio,  
Miss Anderson, Mrs. Barrs Davies (convener) Mrs. Innes,  
Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Mrs. Unwin,  
Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Robertson.

(5) House Committee.

Officers ex officio.  
Mrs. Binyon, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward.

(6) Disarmament Campaign Committee.

Officers ex officio,  
Miss Anderson, Mrs. Chettle, Mrs. Barrs Davies,  
Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Henderson,  
Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. Morgan, Miss Rinder,  
Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Thoday, Dr. Williams,  
Mrs. Zangwill.

755. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Resolutions.

Disarmament Policy. It was reported that in accordance with the wishes of the Council the wording and arrangements of this resolution had been further considered and the following final draft was approved by the Executive:-

"This Annual Council of the Women's International League

expresses its appreciation of the efforts made by His Majesty's Government to secure, at the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, a draft convention that will make possible the reduction as well as limitation of armaments in land, sea and air forces of the world, and its belief that the draft convention can be made the basis for an effective Treaty as a step towards world Disarmament;

supports His Majesty's Government's policy with regard to the proposed Permanent Disarmament Commission and for the general budgetary limitation of expenditure on all armaments;

desires that the British policy at the Disarmament Conference should be directed to securing such a definite reduction in armaments as will make clear that the Treaty is a step towards a degree of disarmament at least as great as that imposed on Germany in the Peace Treaty;-

- proposes
- (1) that budgetary limitation should take the form of a 25 per cent reduction of all expenditure on armaments;
  - (2) that the Convention should provide for the specific limitation of expenditure on air as well as on land and on naval armaments,
  - (3) that warships above 10,000 tons should be abolished,
  - (4) that direct limitation (by enumeration) of the larger weapons of land warfare (such as tanks and big guns) should be brought within the framework of the Convention."

Nationality of Married Women. Mrs. Unwin drew the Committee's attention to the fact that this had not the same meaning as the paragraph printed in the Annual Report and passed at the Council Meeting. After discussion it was decided not to use the resolution officially but to ask Mrs. Unwin to draft one for consider-



ation at the next Committee. It was considered, however, to be within the rights of any Branch or member to use the Council resolution if they wished. A report on the findings of the Executive would be sent to the Branches for their consideration.

Mrs. Robertson wished it to be placed on record that she protested against the action of the Executive Committee in over-riding the Council resolution.

Instructions were given as to the use to be made of each resolution.

Branch Secretaries' Meeting. Reported that a number of suggestions had been made for the furtherance of the work, including Conferences of Branches in London and Home Counties, in Scotland, in the North of England. The suggestion that a Conference on India should be held was referred to the India Sub-Committee.

Mrs. Chettle agreed to send in proposals for Conferences for the consideration of the next Executive Committee.

#### 756. REPORT OF DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

Reported that the accounts showed a balance in hand of £74.6.8d. Signatures received to date were 311,922.

It was recommended that Miss Rinder should be asked to continue work until April 18th, Mrs. Chettle to continue on the present arrangement, and Miss Palmer until Easter when if funds permit a further period should be considered. These arrangements were approved.

Mrs. Zangwill reported (1) that she had written to Mr. Lloyd George and that he had thanked her for bringing the Declaration to his notice and had said he would bring the question before the Organisation Committee of the Liberal Party and also of the National Liberal Federation with a view to their giving it their support; (2) that she had been invited to address the Rotary Club of London at which representatives of a number of Clubs would be present, and that she had also been asked to address the Soroptomists.

Mrs. Chettle reported that a General Committee and a Working Committee had been formed in Birmingham. They intended to have a Disarmament Month in May culminating in a big Town Hall meeting. She hoped that other places, particularly Bristol, would develop on the same lines as Birmingham.

Miss Rinder reported the possibility of getting new members in for the W.I.L. in Guernsey as a result of the Disarmament Campaign. The Committee members were asked to bear in mind the need of speakers there if they knew of anyone visiting the Channel Islands at any time.

Miss Henderson reported that Lord Beauchamp had signed the Declaration and arranged for it to be displayed for further signatures at the National Liberal Club.

#### 757. FORMATION OF CENTRAL DISARMAMENT BUREAU.

Dr. Clark reported the formation of the Central Disarmament Bureau of which Miss Courtney was the Hon. Secretary, and Lt. Col. J.V. Delahaye, Secretary. It was felt that such a Bureau would co-ordinate the work for disarmament done by the L.N.U. and other organisations. The W.I.L. was to be invited to co-operate and the Officers were left to decide what form our answer to this invitation should take.



758. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL, L.N.U.

Reported a meeting on Thursday, March 26th at 11.45 of the League of Nations Union for the purpose of discussing the question of the co-operation of the Women's Organisations in a "Disarmament Campaign". Miss Pye said she would be unable to attend. Dr. Clark and Mrs. Robertson were asked to attend on behalf of the W.I.L. Failing Mrs. Robertson, Miss Rinder was asked if she would be able to go.

759. NO MORE WAR MOVEMENT.

Reported a suggestion of the adoption of a ribbon badge to be worn by people throughout the country who support disarmament, especially between now and the Disarmament Conference next February. Agreed that as we had our Box Badge it was not necessary to adopt another.

760. INDIA.

Miss Pye reported that Sister Monica was returning to India shortly. It was agreed to send her a message of greetings and good will.

The following resolution was considered and passed:

"The Executive Committee expresses its appreciation of the support given by the Government to the substitution of co-operation for conflict in India which has been achieved through patient negotiation, and rejoices that the peace now established has resulted in the withdrawal of the special ordinances and in the release of political prisoners.

It is thankful for the support given by prominent members of all political parties to the resumption of meetings of the Round Table Conference which are to include representatives of the Congress Party, and earnestly hopes that no effort will be spared to avoid a party conflict on this question.

It demands that full attention shall now be given by all who are responsible for the personnel of any further Conferences to securing adequate representation of women whose part is essential in the constructive work of Constitution building for India."

761. MINORITIES.

The following resolution, which had been placed on the Agenda of the Annual Council Meeting was passed:-

"This Executive Committee of the Women's International League, while expressing its satisfaction that His Majesty's Government encouraged a frank discussion at the Eleventh Assembly of the League of Nations on the general question of the protection of Minorities under the Minorities Treaties, and that the League Council in January, under the Presidency of the British Foreign Secretary, secured from the Polish Government an undertaking to make redress for infractions of their obligations to the German Minority,

Believes that the treatment by the Polish Government of the Ukrainian Minority of which this Committee has received evidence, is equally an infraction by that Government of the Minority Treaty and cannot be excused as reprisals against rebellious acts;



"Trusts that the proceedings of the Committee of Three appointed to consider petitions presented on behalf of the Ukrainian Minority will be reported fully to the Council, in order that public opinion may be reassured that all possible reparation will be accorded by the Polish Government for proved cases of ill treatment and for other infractions of the Minority Treaty;

Urges the British representative on the Council of the League to do his utmost to ensure that in this investigation the causes of friction between the Poles and Ukrainians be studied, and so far as possible remedied."

It was agreed it should be sent at once to the Foreign Secretary.

#### 762. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE.

Consultative Members. Dr. Clark was appointed Consultative Member. Decided to ascertain if Mrs. Thoday would be able to go as the other Consultative member and to make a grant towards her expenses from money earmarked for special purposes if necessary, in view of the fact that it would be specially desirable for her to report on the organisation of the Disarmament Declaration Campaign in North Wales.

International Economic Conference. Miss Rinder reported on the difficulties over the organisation of this. She had been asked to approach speakers without knowing for which session they were to be asked or whether any French speakers had been secured. She could not yet give information as to the exact programme or the price of tickets. It was agreed that the pressure of work for Disarmament and the delay in obtaining this information made it impossible for this Committee to assist in any way.

#### 763. RUSSIA.

Miss Anderson reported that the International Executive Committee at Amsterdam had appointed a Committee to discuss the question of a visit to Russia from W.I.L. Members. She found that the Workers' Travel Association were organising tours to Russia for £25 and thought the Branch Secretaries might be asked if any of their members would be able to go to Russia with a party organised by the W.T.A. as this would give some opportunity for getting into touch with people of that country. Agreed to send particulars to Secretaries.

#### 764. CORRESPONDENCE.

Reported a letter from Mr. John Eppstein, Assistant Secretary of the League of Nations Union with reference to a War and Peace Exhibition organised in Germany by Frau Freund-Hoppe and asking if we, with other peace organisations, would consider bringing this Exhibition to London and making use of it this year. Decided to ask Mr. Eppstein what it would cost, whether he had in mind that the cost should be borne by the peace organisations co-operating, and whether the League of Nations Union would make the arrangements for it.

No More War Movement. Reported a letter suggesting that the abolition of conscription should be put into the Disarmament policy drafted by the N.C.P.W. Decided to reply that the Committee consider it best to concentrate on the four points already outlined as a practical policy, and to explain that we stand and have always



stood for the abolition of conscription.

Mrs. Shaxby. Reported a letter offering the loan of a house at Honfleur for the month of May for any international purpose. It was decided to thank Mrs. Shaxby for her very kind offer and to make enquiries as to whether we could avail ourselves of it.

Mr. Frank Macaulay on South Nigeria. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported an interview she had had with Mr. Macaulay, an African Press correspondent from S. Nigeria. He very much wished the women's organisations, founded by Lady Thomson the wife of the Governor, to become affiliated to the W.I.L. Mrs. McGregor Ross was asked to consult Lady Thomson on the matter and report to the next Executive Committee.

*K.D. Courtney  
April 14/31*



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for February 1931.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance	626.16. 1½	Salaries	38.10. 0.
Subscriptions	55.13. 6.	Press Cuttings	2. 2. 0.
<u>Donations</u>		Stationery	2.11. 0½
General	5.10. 0.	News Sheets	3.16. 3.
Disarmament	59.18. 0.	Printing	9. 7. 6.
Affiliation		Badges	1. 4.11.
Fees	7.10. 2.	Literature purchased	1. 0.
News Sheets	1. 2. 5.	Travelling Expenses	4.15. 1.
Literature	2. 6. 9.	Postage & Wires	5. 0. 0.
Postage Refd.	6. 9½	Wages	3.10. 0.
Insurance Refd.	10. 3.	State Insurance	1.17. 1.
Office Expenses		General Office Expenses	3.11. 1½
Refunded	2. 0.11.	<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
"Pax"	2. 0.	Queen's Hall Meeting	74. 6. 0.
Disarmament		Salaries	38. 1. 1½
Printing Refd.	2. 1. 0.	Organisers Expenses	2.11. 2.
Queen's Hall		Stationery	4.19. 5½
(Tickets &		Printing	35.16. 5.
Collection)		Office Expenses	2. 2. 6.
	289.17. 4.	Postage	11. 5. 0.
Islington Mtg.		Lighting & Heating	1. 8. 0.
Collection	1.11. 8.	Travelling Expenses	1. 3.
Reception,			<u>£246.16.11.</u>
March 3rd.	7. 2. 6.	On deposit at Co-	
	<u>435.13. 3½</u>	operative Permanent	
		Building Society	129. 3. 2.
		Cash at Bank	682. 4. 6½
		Cash in hand	4. 4. 9½
			<u>£1,062. 9. 8.</u>
	<u>£1,062. 9. 5.</u>		



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday,  
April 14th, 1931.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Mrs. Chettle, Miss Chick, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Agatha Harrison, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Miss Mennell, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward, Mrs. White, Dr. Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Zangwill.

MINUTES of meeting held on 10th March were confirmed and signed, having previously been circulated.

765. BUSINESS ARISING:

Minute 755. Acknowledgments of resolutions passed at the Council Meetings were reported.

Minute 764. War and Peace Exhibition. Mr. Eppstein of the League of Nations Union wrote to say that Frau Freund-Hoppe would expect payment of transport both ways from Breslau, the Exhibits to be insured and a certain hiring fee. He felt it would not be practical to bring it to London unless a good many organisations co-operated both in the expense and in getting people to visit the exhibition. The L.N.U. has no money to embark on new schemes but Mr. Eppstein will talk over the matter with Lord Cecil. Decided to take no further action for the present.

Minute 764. Mr. Frank Macaulay of South Nigeria. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported that Lady Graeme Thomson had recently left Ceylon so that she could not consult her on the question of women's organisations in Nigeria becoming affiliated to the W.I.L. She had, however, been in correspondence with Mrs. Wakeman of the C.S.S. Mission, who had recently returned from Nigeria, and she hoped to get into touch with Lady Cameron, the new Governor's wife who is going to Nigeria.

766. RESOLUTION ON GENERAL ACT.

The action of the Officers in sending a letter to the Government expressing the appreciation of the Executive Committee of H.H. Government's accession to the General Act was endorsed. An acknowledgment signed by Mr. Arthur Henderson was read.

767. FINANCE.

The attached statement of accounts was passed. It was reported that the Reception during the Council Meetings had been a financial success.

On the recommendation of the Officers it was decided to increase Miss Violet Cooke's salary from 32/6d. to 35/- per week, and to ask Miss Palmer to continue her work at least until the 2nd of May.

A report on the reponse from Trusts was read. Miss Mennell suggested that the ~~Alice~~<sup>Helen</sup> Stewart Trust should be approached by Mrs. Wilson.

Reported that the Co-operative Permanent Building Society had reduced their rate of Interest from 5 per cent to 4½ as from 1st April, 1931.



768. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE.

Reported that Mr. Symons of the Individual Psychological Society had given three months' notice to terminate his lease on the ground floor rooms. An application for the rooms was received from Mr. Mairet, the tenant in the basement rooms. Decided to ask Mr. Mairet if he would take the rooms on a three and a quarter year lease at a rental of £150 per annum. This would terminate at the same time as our own lease, i.e. September 1934.

769. ACTION INTERNATIONALE DEMOCRATIQUE POUR LA PAIX.

Reported a letter from the Hon. Secretary (Mrs. Kingsley Martin) asking if this Society could have the use of a corner of 55 Gower Street and the Address. Later when their finances were on a sounder basis they hoped to be able to pay rent.

Miss Pye in a letter to the Executive urged that this request should be granted.

It was agreed to allow this and to say that arrangements must be made beforehand if a room is required for Committee Meetings.

770. DISARMAMENT DECLARATION CAMPAIGN.

A written report from Mrs. Zangwill was read. Miss Rinder and Mrs. Chettle each reported on activities. (These reports are filed for reference.)

Arising out of the information that the Declaration was being made known at the Albert Hall Meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, Dr. Williams suggested that a message should be sent to County Federations. Mrs. Innes suggested getting an article in "Home and Country". Other suggestions were made and instructions given for them to be passed on to Mrs. Zangwill.

Dr. Williams reported that the Archbishop of York, while in sympathy with our Declaration, had decided not to sign it.

Miss Courtney reported on a telegram she had received from America suggesting that Sunday, May 17th, should be adopted for a Broadcast speech from as many countries as possible. America was trying to get Mr. Hoover to make a speech. Miss Courtney said she was taking up the matter in this country and would report results later.

771. REPORT OF THE N.C.P.W. COMMITTEE ON MARCH 19TH.

Mrs. Unwin reported that at the meeting held on March 19th the following resolution had been passed by a majority:-

"The National Council for Prevention of War

CONVINCED that the maintenance of peace, the fulfilment of pledges and the lightening of economic burdens require the drastic and progressive reduction of armaments of all nations, at least to the level equivalent to that imposed on Germany with other Powers in 1919, and that the failure of the World Disarmament Conference of 1932 to achieve reductions substantially contributed to that end would imperil both the stability of the League of Nations and the Peace of the world;



"WELCOMES the completion of a draft Disarmament Convention as the basis of the International Conference, and

URGES His Majesty's Government to press for

- (1) the addition to the Draft Convention of such provisions as may be necessary to secure the most effective measure of disarmament and in particular
  - (a) the direct limitation and reduction by numbers of the larger land armaments;
  - (b) the separate limitation and reduction of expenditure on material of air warfare.
  - (c) an agreement to prohibit the manufacture of arms for private profit.
- (2) the insertion of figures involving reductions in all classes of armaments, and in particular
  - (a) the abolition of all warships over 10,000 tons (7,000 tons).
  - (b) the reduction of the total effective expenditure on armaments of each nation by at least one quarter.
- (3) an agreement for the total abolition of conscription."

The W.I.L. and representatives of several other organisations voted against it mainly on account of paragraph three (3) which they did not believe to be practical politics in relation to the Disarmament Conference.

A difference of opinion upon policy having thus been disclosed, Mr. Bailey, Secretary of the N.C.P.W. was calling another meeting for April 23rd, and had drafted a statement which he had submitted to Miss Courtney the previous day, and which came before the Committee.

The statement contained paragraphs pressing the Government to urge for the abolition of conscription, or at least for the reduction of the annual contingent, at the Disarmament Conference, and also urging Disarmament by example. The Committee considered the statement very carefully, and resolved to reply to Mr. Bailey that in their view the situation called for a policy which should deal with possibilities at the Disarmament Conference and not be directed to the expression of our ultimate ideals. This being so, they could not support any statement which should press the British Government to urge the abolition of conscription.

In regard to the reduction of the annual contingent, they were of opinion that the British representatives at the Conference should support any suggestion to this end, but not themselves initiate it, in view of continental opinion on this subject.

They were not in favour of demanding Disarmament by example; for what we have before us at present is a proposal for disarmament by international agreement, and our aim should be to achieve the best results possible along that line.

The Committee recognised that some organisations, members of the N.C.P.W., might wish to take the line of upholding



certain ultimate ideals in regard to disarmament. They entirely respected that point of view, while feeling that the usefulness of the W.I.L. lay along other channels. The Committee suggested that it was a mistake to attempt to get an agreed resolution on policy from an association of Societies like the N.C.P.W. It recommended that if a policy resolution must be adopted, it should be voted on point by point, and only those points accepted upon which there was unanimity. A resolution thus arrived at would represent the greatest common measure of agreement between the different Societies. Other lines of policy which the Societies might wish to adopt, they would adopt on their own responsibility.

The W.I.L. representatives to the meeting on April 23rd were instructed to vote in accordance with the policy resolution passed by the W.I.L. Council in March. It was noted that the Chairman and Secretary were invited to attend the meeting as well as the ordinary representatives.

772. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE.

It was reported that the Women's Peace Crusade had decided to enter into an active educational campaign by collecting signatures to the International Disarmament Declaration.

773. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher and Mrs. Thoday reported on the International Executive Meeting at Lille.

The formation of a new group at Bourgas in Bulgaria had been reported. In Poland two groups had been temporarily recognised for facilitating the work of the Disarmament Declaration. The Jugo-Slavian group which had applied for recognition as a Section at the Amsterdam Executive had withdrawn its application, and in view of the personalities concerned the Executive considered it wise to take no further action in the matter for the moment.

The French Section had suggested that a British Expert on Forced Labour should be sent over to speak at a meeting during the Course of the Official Colonial Exhibition, to be opened in Paris in May. It was agreed to send one if expenses and hospitality were provided.

It had been decided that the 1932 Congress should be <sup>mainly</sup> on Disarmament, and should be held near the Disarmament Conference, and that the last day or days should be used for a Joint Conference on Disarmament Policy of as many international women's organisations as possible.

There had been considerable difficulty in producing an agreed basis upon which an invitation to these organisations could be sent. ~~This had eventually been overcome and a suitable~~ <sup>wording had</sup> been voted ~~unanimously~~ <sup>unanimously</sup> ~~new~~ <sup>new</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup>.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher had been appointed the International representative on the Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations in place of Miss Marshall.

It had been agreed that Pax should be continued in its present form until November, and until February in some form, and that its future should be decided by the September Executive.



The Summer School near Breslau had been fixed for the last week in August and the first in September.

774. REPORT OF INDIA SUB.COMMITTEE.

In the absence of Mrs.Lankester Miss Harrison reported that a cordial acknowledgment of our letter to Lord Willingdon had been received from his Secretary; that a letter signed by Miss Courtney to Mr.Gandhi had been sent asking him to sign the Disarmament Declaration, forms had been sent to the Women's Indian Association and that a letter with a Declaration was being sent to 290 Missionaries who signed the manifesto on the Indian situation last Autumn; on the suggestion of Miss Pye Mr.Percy Bartlett is making inquiries as to the advisability of organising a mass meeting to welcome Lord Irwin and possibly Mr.Gandhi. Mr.Bartlett felt that a separate meeting for Mr. Gandhi would be better than a combined one; the W.I.L. had been asked to send two delegates and as many visitors as possible to the Women's Indian Conference on April 20th. After consideration the Executive appointed Mrs.Lankester and Miss Agatha Harrison as delegates. The following expressed their intention of being present:-

Miss Mennell, Dr.Williams, Mrs.White, Mrs.McGregor Ross,  
Mrs.Chettle, Mrs.Unwin, Miss Rinder.

The letter sent to Mr.Baldwin on his attitude to India had been acknowledged by his Secretary; a letter had been received from the Women's Indian Association (Madras) asking the W.I.L. to press for more women representatives at the renewed Round Table Conference and hoping we would use our influence to secure the inclusion of the women whose names their Committee is putting forward. Decided to ask the India Sub.Committee to consider and report further on this question.

775. PUBLICITY<sup>Committee</sup> REPORT.

Miss Henderson reported:-

- (1) that the Chemical Warfare Report was now being sold at 1/-;
- (2) that a request to subscribe to the International Peace Press Bureau had been received. Subscription £4 per annum. Decided to leave the decision to the Publicity Committee.

776. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

- (1) Reports of Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations and Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations. Miss Courtney and Miss Agatha Harrison reported on these Committees. At the latter Committee the question of the W.I.L. Declaration had been considered and the Societies agreed that they would support it if the wording was the English wording but they could not support the French and German wording. Miss Harrison felt it would be advisable to suggest the translation of the English version.
- (2) National Council for Prevention of War. The following were re-appointed to act as our representatives on the Council of the N.C.P.W.:- Mrs.Robertson, Mrs.White and Mrs.Unwin.



- (3) Six Point Group Meeting on Equal Rights Treaty. Mrs. White reported on a meeting she had attended on 18th March. (filed in Office for reference.)

777. NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

Mrs. Unwin presented a draft resolution for consideration as follows:-

"This Committee is of opinion that a complete reversal of the present law whereby a woman who marries an alien automatically acquires the nationality of her husband would place fresh barriers in the way of the friendly intercourse between nations and would be against the interests of the large majority of such women. The Committee urges that when a woman marrying an alien prefers to retain her own nationality she should be allowed to do so on making a declaration to that effect. It urges further that when widowhood or other misfortune makes it desirable for a woman who has accepted foreign nationality to resume her own she shall be given special facilities to do so."

~~Owing to a difference of opinion on the Committee~~ It was decided to send to the Branches the pros. and cons. of the subject drawn up by Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. White and ask them to call a meeting to discuss the matter and to send us their considered views on the question.

778. SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

The following holidays were sanctioned:-

Miss Horscroft	-	June 27th	-	July 18th. <i>one week later.</i>
Miss Stroud	-	August 1st	-	August 15th.
Frances Humberstone	-	" "	-	" "
Miss Violet Cooke	-	August 15th	-	August 29th.

779. CORRESPONDENCE.

- (a) The Anti-Slavery & Aborigines Protection Society. Reported their Annual Council Meeting and Conference will be held on April 20th at 3.30 p.m. to which we were invited to send delegates. Mrs. McGregor Ross said she hoped to attend part of the Conference if possible.
- (b) National Union of Women Teachers. Reported an Educational Conference on May 9th. Decided to send for handbills to distribute as opportunity occurred.
- (c) St. Joan Quincentenary Celebrations Appeal. Reported an appeal for a donation for England's Memorial Chapel in Rouen to St. Joan of Arc. A contribution of 5/- will entitle the name of the W.I.L. to be inscribed on the Golden Book which will be laid on the Foundation Stone on May 30th and afterwards kept in perpetuity in her Church. Decided to send 5/- as a gesture of goodwill and to say that we felt that individual members would be contributing separately.

*H.D. Conway.*  
*May 12. 31.*



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for  
March 1931

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance	815.12. 6.	Salaries	38.10. 0.
Subscriptions	27. 7. 1.	Auditor	7.17. 6.
News Sheets	14. 3.	Stationery	2.17. 4.
Reception Tkts.	7. 7. 6.	News Sheet	3.19. 6.
Office Expenses		Literature	4. 3. 2.
Refunded	10. 8.	Printing	2.13. 0.
Insurance Refd.	17. 1.	Rent	30.16.10.
Geneva Subscrip-		Wages	3.10. 0.
tions	20. 2. 0.	Postage & Wires	6.15. 0.
Pax	2. 0.	State Insurance	1. 9. 8.
<u>Disarmament</u>		Affiliation Fees	2.10. 0.
<u>  Campaign</u>		Miss Rinder's Paris Expenses	2.11. 2.
Donations	175. 4. 8.	Travelling Expenses	1. 2.
Literature	8. 2. 9½	Office Expenses	2.16. 3½
Organisers Ex-		Grant for Lille Executive	
penses Refd.	5. 0. 0.	Travelling Expenses	5. 0. 0.
Printing & Post-		Flowers & Books for	
age Refd.	1.13. 7½	Indian Delegates	2.19. 0.
<u>Queen's Hall</u>		Council Meeting	8.12. 0½
Tickets	2.19. 4.	Reception	7.18. 0.
Fulfilled		Geneva Subscriptions	18. 2. 0.
Promises	6. 3. 0.	Pax	4.11. 2.
	<u>256. 4. 0.</u>	<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
		Queen's Hall Adverts.	3. 2. 6.
		Salaries	42. 1. 0.
		Organisers' Expenses	5.14. 1.
		Stationery	4.14.10.
		Printing	22. 9. 3.
		Office Expenses	3. 2. 0.
		Postage	12. 0. 0.
			<u>250.16. 6.</u>
		<u>Balance at</u>	
		Co-operative	
		Bldg. Society.	429. 3. 2.
		Bank	387.15.10.
		Cash in hand	4. 1. 0.
			<u>821. 0. 0.</u>
	<u>£1,071.16. 6.</u>		<u>£1,071.16. 6.</u>

Statement of Accounts - April 1 - 13th.  
inclusive

Balance	820.19. 0.	Expenditure	44.15. 0.
Receipts	91. 0.11.	Balance	867. 5.11.
	<u>£912. 0.11.</u>		<u>912. 0.11.</u>

Balance of money  
Earmarked for special purposes from £100 donation £51. 4. 0.  
Earmarked for Disarmament Campaign £235. 3.10½



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE  
FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM  
(German and polish sections)

INTERNATIONAL  
SUMMER SCHOOL 1931

Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 1931



*"The Boberhaus"*

In the Boberhaus, Löwenberg (Silesia)  
(institute for adult education)

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SUBJECT:

*The German and Polish problems  
and the International Peace*



## INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

This year the Summer School of the W.I.L.P.F. is taking place in the Boberhaus (institute for adult education) at Löwenberg in Silesia.

Löwenberg is a small mediaeval town, well situated near the "Riesengebirge". Woods, vales, castles and weirs as well as the neighbouring mountains offer good opportunities for short and long walks and excursions. The "Boberhaus" itself with its lofty and clear rooms, its park, its terraces, and its sunbath is a splendid resort.

The W.I.L.P.F. has purposely chosen this place not far from the frontiers of Silesia and Poland for its Summer School. There, special attention will be given to the German-Polish question and its relation to international peace.

The Summer School will begin at Breslau, the capital of Silesia, a town of more than 600000 inhabitants, the industrial and commercial centre of the East of Germany. It is an old intellectual town, abounding in beautiful old and new buildings. All those who attend the Summer School will have the opportunity of visiting the sights of Breslau.



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

*Saturday, August the 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5 p. m.*

Reception and tea given by the town at the fine Palace, built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, restored by Frederick the Great.

*Saturday, August the 22<sup>nd</sup>, morning*

Drive in motor-car through the sights of Breslau (invitation of the town).

*Sunday, August the 23<sup>rd</sup>, midday*

Lunch on the terrace of the Restaurant of the "Jahrhunderthalle". Then departure for a trip in steamboat on the Oder, through beautiful forests, one of the most renowned landscapes in Germany (invitation of the town).  
Departure for the "Boberhaus".

*Monday, August the 24<sup>th</sup>*

Beginning of the Summer School in Löwenberg.  
Opening of the Summer School by the Oberpräsident of Lower-Silesia. Speeches from several speakers, representatives from Poland, Germany, England and France.

*From Tuesday, August the 25<sup>th</sup> till Saturday, September the 5<sup>th</sup>*

at appointed times the subject of the "German-Polish problem and international peace" will be treated from political, economical and social points of view. Lectures will alternate with group-study and general discussion. As much as possible the lectures will take place in the open air, in the fine and spacious garden of the "Boberhaus".

**We hope to hear the following speakers:**

*On the Polish side:*

Dr. Lypacewicz, lawyer, Warsaw; Mrs. Dr. Josepha Kodis, Warsaw; Mrs. Ehrenkreutz, professor.

*On the German side:*

M. Immanuel Birnbaum, Warsaw; Dr. Hans Raupach, Löwenberg; Mrs. Auguste Kirchhoff, Bremen; Gertrud Baer, Berlin.

*On the English side:*

Mr. Voigt, correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" Berlin; Dr. Hilda Clark, London; Mary Sheepshanks, London.

*On the French side:*

Mrs. Camille Drevet, Geneva, international secretary.

## NOTES:

1. An excursion in the "Riesengebirge" is planned for Sunday August the 30<sup>th</sup>. On week days there will be opportunities for games, sports, walks and drives.
2. Friendly evenings will be spent together and devoted to the music and arts of our different countries. There will also be a garden-party.
3. People are requested to fill and send as soon as possible the application form on the back (please to write distinctly).



## FEES:

Room and board at the Boberhaus (room with 5-6 beds): 3.50 RM per day  
(5 meals).

Single or double room in an hotel or a lodging house: 2-3 RM.

Boarding in the Boberhaus (without bed): 2.50 RM per day.

Booking fee: 5 RM.

Fee for the whole school: 20 RM.

Fee for on week: 12 RM.

In Breslau the attendants of the school will find accomodations at our members' (those are a small number) in the home for women-students (2 RM per bed) or in hotels of different classes.

All further particulars can be obtained from:

Mrs. Kläre Marck, Breslau 18, Kurfürstenstraße 29 (Germany).

Dr. Josepha Kodis, Warsaw, Filtrowa 30 m, 26 (Poland).



I wish to attend the International Summer School at Löwenberg

Name: .....

Profession: .....

Address: .....

I shall attend the whole school — only one week.

I am vegetarian — not vegetarian.

I want my boarding in the Boberhaus — hotel — Private house.

I want a single bedroom — a double bedroom.

In Breslau I want accomodations at a member's — hotel — home for women students.

*(Please strike out what is not convenient.)*

Tear off the sheet and send it with the booking fee to the League office:  
Fr. Kläre Marck, Breslau 18, Kurfürstenstraße 29 (Germany).



Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 12th,  
1931 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Chettle, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Harrison, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Mennell, Miss Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White, Dr. Williams, Mrs. Zangwill.  
*Mrs. Mc Gregor Ross, Mrs. Kinder.*

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Miss Ward.

MINUTES of meeting on April 14th were read and signed after the following corrections were made:-

p. 4. Under Report of International Executive Committee, par. 5 last sentence should read "Eventually a wording had been voted nem. con."

p. 6. Nationality of Married Women, last par, delete the words "Owing to a difference of opinion on the Committee."

FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was passed.

Dr. Williams asked if free copies of the Annual Report could be given to Branch members. Decided that those paying a subscription of 2/6d should have it, the Branch Secretaries to be consulted first as to the number they could use.

Decided to increase Miss Stroud's salary from £2.10.0 to £2. 15. 0 per week.

780. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 773. Dr. Clark reported that the Minutes of the International Executive Committee had not yet been received. Agreed to point out to the General Office that it is important for the work of the National Sections to have the Minutes as soon as possible and to ask if it could be arranged to circulate them within a month of the meeting.

As a result of a letter from Madame Drevet to Miss Pye Dr. Clark supplemented the report in the May News Sheet of the Public Meeting at Lille.

781. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Reported that Mr. Mairet had not seen his way to taking over the rooms on the ground floor and first half landing for a period of 3½ years. On instructions from Miss Courtney and Miss Chick he was offered them on the same terms as the previous tenant, i.e. for one year and thereafter from quarter to quarter. This offer had been accepted.

782. REPORT OF DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Mrs. Zangwill reported that 427,233 signatures had been received to date. A report of an interview with Miss Courtney was published in "The Observer" on May 3rd. An article, prefaced by a message from the Foreign Secretary (Mr. Henderson) appeared in "The Daily Herald" of May 7th. Another article had just been sent to the Glasgow Herald. Reported also (1) that the Chief Rabbi is sending the Declaration with a covering letter to all the Rabbis in the British Empire; (2) that Miss Rees, one of the Welsh workers had been engaged for one month at a salary of



£2.10.0d per week, plus expenses; (3) that efforts were being made to organise a sample "drive" of at least four decorated motor cars which would go to some town or village near London.

Mrs. Zangwill suggested holding a meeting in Trafalgar Square, from the four plinths of which speeches from well known members of each political party could be made. After discussion it was agreed in principle to arrange a "Declaration" procession to the Albert Hall on July 11th, the details of which were referred to the Disarmament Campaign Committee.

Mrs. Thoday reported on the interview between Dr. Clark, Miss Dixon and herself with Mr. Bogomoloff, Counsellor at the Russian Embassy in London, when he was asked whether he considered it possible to get the Declaration translated and circulated in Russia. He was very sympathetic and interested and promised to send the Forms and our literature to Moscow and do his best to get it taken up.

Miss Rinder reported on the position in Scotland regarding the possibility of a second Petition being used by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. As our Declaration has been signed by a considerable number in Scotland it is feared this will cause confusion and it is hoped that the Assembly will agree to recommend our Declaration.

Mrs. Chettle reported on the excellent progress of the campaign in Birmingham.

Miss Henderson asked members of the Committee to let her know at once of any articles or letters on Disarmament in their papers which could be followed up.

Mrs. Thoday suggested calling in forms issued some months ago by means of a printed reminder, enclosing at the same time another form. This was agreed to.

Dr. Clark moved and it was agreed that the Disarmament Committee should be authorised to consider all questions connected with the Disarmament Campaign.

783. CENTRAL DISARMAMENT BUREAU. Miss Courtney reported that the Central Disarmament Bureau was coming to an end at the end of the month and that the League of Nations Union had agreed to set up a special Disarmament Campaign Committee.

Suggestions for a National Disarmament Campaign issued by the Central Disarmament Bureau were referred to the Disarmament Campaign Committee.

Proposals for a Disarmament Campaign made by the National Council for Prevention of War were also referred to the Disarmament Campaign Committee.

Letters from the C.D.B. were reported as follows:-

(1) suggesting that the C.D.B. should be a clearing hour for literature connected with the Disarmament Conference published by several Societies and that a meeting of representatives of such Societies should be held to discuss the question and to inspect existing matter. Decided to agree to this suggestion and to ask that the proposed meeting be called as soon as possible.

(2) that Towns Meetings would be held all over the country, representative it was hoped, of all Societies interested in Disarmament; that the N.C.P.W. was undertaking the formation of Joint Disarmament Committees in 18 towns. Decided to write to the C.D.B. to say that it is incorrect to report that the



N.C.P.W. has formed Committees in all the towns mentioned in their letter as in certain of these Joint Committees have been called by the W.I.L.

(3) that at the Albert Hall Meeting on July 11th the speakers would be the Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay Macdonald, Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Mr. Lloyd George, with possibly Viscount Grey of Fallodon in the Chair. Blocks of tickets could be booked at 1/- each seat. Individual tickets were 2/6d, 5/- and 10/6d. Decided to ask for 500 seats and that Miss Rinder should endeavour to get as many as possible in a good position. Decided to let the Branches and the London Welsh Group of the Welsh Branch know if we can have a block of 500 seats and if we are unable to secure so many to suggest to them that they should each apply for a block of at least 12 seats.

784. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PREVENTION OF WAR. Reported request to nominate up to sixteen members from enclosed list for Executive Committee. Decided to nominate Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. Robertson.

Reports were given of the meeting of the N.C.P.W. on 23rd April at which a statement of policy was adopted and a resolution passed.

Decided to consider the question of our affiliation to the N.C.P.W. at the next Executive.

785. REPORT OF BACKWARD RACES COMMITTEE. Mrs. Barrs Davies reported that an emergency meeting had been called at the request of Mrs. McGregor Ross to consider sending a memorandum to the Joint Select Committee of Both Houses on the closer union in East Africa. They proposed to refer to our interest in racial problems as a factor in the general peace problem and our interest in the development of women. The suggested headings for the Memorandum are:-

- (1) the need for increased facilities for all round education of girls;
- (2) the need for increased grants for maternity services;
- (3) the need for the abolition of direct taxation of African women, especially widows in Kenya;
- (4) the need for the inclusion of women at each stage in the general constitutional advance;
- (5) the need for the payment and reorganisation of the forced communal services of men at present called out in Kenya for work on the reserves, e.g. roads, since this compulsion involves a burden on the woman who has to maintain the family by her single-handed labour in the absence of her man;
- (6) the need for more women in colonial administration - a really crying need for trained and sympathetic women able to win the confidence of the African women and to help them to develop their own civilisation on right lines.

Agreed to entrust the drafting of this memorandum to the Committee.



786. NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that at the invitation of the League of Nations a special Committee had been set up to consider the question of the Nationality of Married Women, which will meet at the Secretariat on July 2nd when the report must be finally adopted. A draft report is being drawn up for the consideration of the Committee at a preliminary meeting in Paris on May 20th. The W.I.L.P.F. have appointed Mrs. Mellor of Hungary and Miss Doty as its representatives on this Committee with Miss Sheepshanks, Miss Balch and Madame Drevet as proxies, if needed. The W.I.L.P.F. ~~was~~ <sup>might be</sup> faced with the difficulty of being asked to pass a draft ~~statement~~ which it had never seen. Decided to ask the Geneva Office to have the draft duplicated and sent round to the Sections immediately for their consideration, and to ask also if Miss Doty is going to the Paris meeting and if not what arrangements are being made for one of the proxies to attend. Request that the answer re Miss Doty be called.

The Statements written by Mrs. White and Mrs Unwin had been sent to the Branches asking them to call a meeting to consider the subject, copies had also been sent to the Executive. Decided to ask the Branches to send in their replies in time for the June Committee.

787. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations. Miss Harrison reported that this Committee at its last meeting had considered the question of co-operation with women in the East and it had been agreed that members be asked to send the Secretary names of women or groups of women in different parts of the East to whom they could apply for information, or who might be coming to London and could be invited to attend meetings of the Committee.

British Commonwealth League Conference. Reported this would be on June 24th and 25th at the Institute of Journalists: Title: Union and Unity. Affiliated Societies were invited to send four delegates. Non-affiliated Societies ~~were~~ two, affiliation fee 3/6d each delegate. Visitors or proxies 1/- each Session. Decided to obtain particulars of affiliation.

The ~~are~~ following were appointed:-

Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Harrison, Dr. Clark and Mrs. Zangwill.

The question of arranging a Reception for the Colonial Delegates was considered. Mrs. Barrs Davies said Golders Green Branch were having a Garden Party for Colonial Women at the end of June, to which the Branch would doubtless be glad to extend an invitation to the B.C.L. delegates from overseas. Mrs. Lankester said she would consult the Croydon Branch on the matter.

Women's Advisory Council. Mrs. Unwin reported on the meeting of April 22nd. She said that representatives had given good reports of their activities in connection with the Disarmament Campaign.

788. REPORT OF INDIA SUB COMMITTEE. Mrs. Lankester reported that the Committee had found nothing definite was being done to arrange a meeting for Lord Irwin. Miss Harrison consulted Mr. Bartlett of the F.O.R. who discussed the matter with Mr. Carl Heath. Their view was that it was impossible to have such a



meeting, particularly as Lord Irwin needed a complete rest.

A discussion following on the Women's Conference on India had led them to think that the most useful line of work would be press work, with the co-operation of some Indian women in this country. A Press Committee assisted by the Publicity Committee is therefore arranging to meet regularly for this purpose. Letters had recently been received from the Women's Indian Association in Madras and in London asking the W.I.L. to support their nominations for the Round Table Conference. The Committee felt, however, it was not <sup>desirable</sup> ~~necessary~~ to do this.

A letter was reported from the N.U.S.E.C. saying that the following resolution had been passed by their Executive Committee, which is being sent to all members of the Cabinet, the British Delegates to the R.T.C. and to all Political Party Leaders:-

"That the Executive Committee of the N.U.S.E. C. urges the Government to secure adequate representation of women on all bodies engaged in framing and working the new constitution of India and especially, as a first step, on the re-continued Federal Structure Committee of the Round Table Conference."

The W.I.L. was asked to pass a similar resolution and send it to the persons most directly concerned.

Decided to send a letter to the people mentioned in the N.U.S.E.C. letter saying that we cordially support the resolution passed by the N.U.S.E.C. and also to the N.U.S.E.C. informing them of our action and enclosing a copy of the original resolution which we sent to the Government.

#### 789. CORRESPONDENCE.

British Commonwealth Education Conference. Reported an invitation to send a delegate to this Conference at Bedford College on July 24-30th. Decided to make this known to teacher members of the W.I.L.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, London League of Nations. Reported a request to make reference where possible to an appeal for Funds for the Nansen International Office for Refugees. Agreed to mention this if possible in the News Sheet.

790. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mrs. Unwin reported that a Public Dinner to Dame Rachel Crowdy was being arranged by the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations on June 25th.

*R. P. Jones,  
June 9/31.*







Minutes of Women's International League Executive Committee,  
Tuesday, June 9th, 1931.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair at morning session, Mrs. Innes in the Chair at afternoon session, Miss Anderson, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Agatha Harrison, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Pye, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Zangwill, Miss Balch and Miss Zueblin attended as visitors.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Chettle, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Mennell, Dr. Williams, Mrs. Wilson.

MINUTES OF meeting held on 12th May having been circulated were signed after the following alterations were made:-

Minute 786. "The W.I.L. might be faced" instead of "would be faced."

Minute 788. Insert "desirable" instead of "necessary."

Miss Courtney welcomed to the Committee Miss Balch, member of the International Executive Committee and Miss Ann Zueblin of the Geneva Office.

790. BUSINESS ARISING:

Finance: Annual Report. Owing to large numbers of reports having been ordered by some of the Branches it ~~had been~~ found impossible to meet the demand this year. Decided to send a proportion to those applying this year and to increase the number of copies printed next year.

Minute 787 British Commonwealth League. Reported on the Constitution of the B.C.L.

As a non-affiliated Society we are only entitled to send two voting delegates to Conferences. To the Conference on June 24th and 25th proxies may attend at a charge of 1/- for each session, but if a proxy attends in place of the delegate ~~an~~ extra charge is made. The following delegates were appointed:-

1st day. Mrs. Zangwill and Mrs. Unwin.

2nd day. Mrs. Lankester.

Proxies. Miss Harrison, Dr. Clark and Mrs. Zangwill.

791. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was passed. Donations were reported from Cambridge Branch (£10), the Society of the Olive Branch, Weston super Mare (£5) and the Women's Peace Crusade (£25). Mrs. Binyon in the absence of Mrs. Wilson was asked to send letters of thanks.

792. DELEGATES TO SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN CHILDREN. Letters were reported from Edinburgh nominating Miss Agnes Brown as delegate to this Conference from the W.I.L. Letters were also read in support of the nomination. Decided to adhere to the appointment of Mrs. McGregor Ross as our sole delegate.

793. DISARMAMENT. (1) Agreed to send a letter to Mr. Henderson expressing our satisfaction at his appointment as President of the Disarmament Conference.

(2) Report of Disarmament Campaign Committee, June 8th. Mrs. Zangwill reported (1) number of signatures 828,881, including News Chronicle figures; (2) arrangements for Procession on July 11th; (3) that it had been agreed not



to take part in arrangements for an overflow Albert Hall Meeting; (4) The News Chronicle and the L.N.U. copies of our Declaration in future will state that the same Declaration is being issued by the W.I.L. and the L.N.U. (or News Chronicle) respectively, in order to avoid duplication of signatures. The W.I.L. Declaration will also state that it is being signed by the L.N.U. and the News Chronicle. On all forms the words will be printed "Sign this if you have not signed one of these forms. No one may sign twice;" (5) a letter from Mr. Lloyd George warmly commending the Declaration; (6) correspondence with other countries, especially with Miss Dorothy Detzer of U.S.A., and with Mrs. Rowntree and Madame Epaiche Youssuf at Istanbul re a visit to Turkey.

Mrs. Zangwill further reported that Miss Rinder was giving up work on June 26th; that Miss Stopford had been engaged to take her place at a salary of £5 per week from June 8th to July 18th, especially to work in connection with the Procession; that Miss Rees had been asked to continue her work until July 18th in order to complete her work in Shropshire, that Miss Griffiths had taken the place of Miss Palmer at £2.2.0 per week; Miss Souter Robinson had been appointed to supervise the work of preparing Decorations for the Procession, for which she was to receive an honorarium of £15; sub-Committees for the Procession and for the Decorations had been appointed, with power to co-opt.

Reports of work from Miss Rees and Mrs. Chettle were also read.

(3) Business arising from International Executive Committee.

Resolutions:

(a) A general resolution on the position of W.I.L.P.F. (attached) was read and accepted;

(b) Composition of the League of Nations Disarmament Conference. Reported that the International Executive suggested this resolution should be sent by Sections to their Governments, but that the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs might be omitted as referring to choice of President which has now been made. The remaining paragraphs (1 and 4) are as follows:-

"Believing that the principle of equality among the nations should not be simply theoretical but ought to be ensured at the sessions of the Disarmament Conference itself"

"It believes finally that any person having any interest whatsoever in the maintenance of war should be excluded from the national delegations and that, on the other hand, these delegations should include among their numbers, representatives of peace organisations in their countries, including women.

Agreed that it would not be useful to send first paragraph to British Government.

After discussion of the fourth paragraph and consideration of a proposal made by Dr. Clark that we should urge our Government to appoint as advisors to the Delegation representatives competent to advise as to public opinion in this country, it was agreed to refer the matter to the officers to inquire into action proposed by other Societies with a view to framing a resolution for the July Executive.

W.I.L.P.F. Congress 1932. Reported this is to be held near Geneva during the Disarmament Conference and probably in May, selection of place and time having been left to the three Chairmen and the Secretary. Part of the Congress is



to be devoted to Disarmament and other International Organisations are to be invited to join. Letter of invitation (attached) read. Agreed to ask Geneva Office to send us a list of organisations which are being invited. Agreed to recommend to International Executive that the items on the Agenda for the Congress be strictly limited and not added to beyond what can be dealt with in the time.

#### International Disarmament Campaign.

Reported that proposals for winter work and work during the Conference would be considered at the September International Executive: that the Committee on Scientific Warfare with the addition of the three Chairmen would concern itself with the whole programme of the campaign; that if Mrs. Corbett Fisher should be unable to attend the Committee on Scientific Warfare she might send another British Member as proxy; that it had been agreed that proposals made by Dr. Clark for the Campaign should be recommended to the Sections; that £400 should be allocated from International funds (Lauterbach legacy now invested in bonds, some of which would be sold for the purpose) for the expenses of the Disarmament Campaign and used to further the work, and that Madame Drevet should undertake as much organising work as possible in countries where help is needed; that the notice of Governments should be drawn to the various resolutions passed by the W.I.L.P.F. Congresses.

Text of International Disarmament Declaration. The following Minute was read:-

"Gertrud Baer proposed and it was AGREED that in countries where the W.I.L. has sections no change can be made; the texts already in circulation must continue to circulate; if other organisations wish to cooperate in collecting signatures they can do so in the name of the W.I.L., only if they use the texts being used by the National Section in the country concerned. They are of course at entire liberty to use any other text if they do not do so in the name of the W.I.L."

#### Ad Hoc Disarmament Committee of Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations.

Reported that the following were appointed as W.I.L.P.F. members:- Madame Drevet, Madame Ramondt, Frau Ragaz, Miss Courtney, two of these to attend according to the place of the Committee.

Military Education of Youth. Reported that the International Executive Committee had appointed Madame Duchene and Paula Moudra as the nucleus of a Committee to study the subject of military education of young in other countries. Sections were invited to appoint a correspondent to this Committee. Decided to consult Mrs. Marris.

#### 794. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE MINUTES.

(1) Finance. Reported that ordinary expenses of International Headquarters are approximately £840 per annum and estimated income £592. To meet this deficit the International Executive is considering raising affiliation of Sections from £2 to £4. Agreed that we should be willing to do this but thought it advisable that an assessment should be made of what proportion of the deficit each Section might be expected to contribute. Reported that a fresh campaign for International members was to be made and that M. Doty, B. Bradfield and Emily Balch were asked to serve on a Committee to undertake

13 Enclosed Proposals.



this. Agreed to consider at next Executive how we can best increase financial support of International Headquarters.

(2) Pax. A summary of Report of the Pax Sub-Committee was given.

(3) Summer School at Boberhaus, Lowenberg(Silesia) Miss Balch urged the importance of a responsible representative from the British Section attending this. Agreed to make a grant towards the expenses of two British representatives and to take steps to ascertain who will be able to go.

(4) Polish Ukrainian question. International Executive Resolution reported (attached). Dr. Clark reported on the visit of Madame Rudnicka (a Ukrainian member of W.I.L. and of Polish Sejm) and Miss Sheepshanks to London and a statement made by the former was circulated to members. After discussion the ~~attached~~ following resolution was passed:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League has considered:-

(1) the evidence brought by Madame Rudnicka, a Ukrainian member of the Polish Sejm, that no redress has been given by the Polish Government to the Ukrainians who suffered in the wholesale measures of so-called "pacification" last September and that negotiations between the Poles and the Ukrainians are impossible while the Government insists as a condition that the Ukrainian petitions to the League are withdrawn;

(2) the grounds of justification of the Polish action given by supporters of the Government;

(3) reports by British observers in Poland that many Poles, especially the Socialist Party, admit and deplore the excesses committed by Government agents;

(4) the reports from the Polish Press that the communique issued by the League Council Committee is interpreted as meaning that the Council will not interfere in this matter;

believes that for a solution of the difficulty to be reached and for the guarantee of minority rights to be upheld it is necessary for the Council of the League to take further steps,

and urges

(1) that the Committee of Three should propose that negotiations between the Polish Government and the Ukrainians be carried on with the assistance of an impartial person appointed by the Committee, and make clear that if it is not satisfied that justifiable complaints by the Ukrainians have been met the question will be brought before the next meeting of the Council of the League,

(2) that the British Government should at once put on the Agenda of the next Session of the Council of the League the non-fulfilment by Poland of her undertaking in March 1923 to grant self-Government to the Ukrainians."



795. PRIVATE MANUFACTURE OF ARMS. A letter from Madame Warn Bugge to the Sections asking for information on this subject was read. Dr. Clark undertook to obtain as much as possible.

796. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR.

(a) The question was raised as to whether it is desirable to continue our affiliation to this organisation on account of the difficulty in keeping our position clear with regard to policy and therefore of raising funds unless our separate identity is clear. Agreed unanimously that our affiliation should be continued.

(b) Congress of the Federation of League of Nations Societies, Budapest. Reported that the resolution on Disarmament which Mr. Arnold Forster as representative of the N.C.P.W. had been authorised to support had been accepted with certain strengthening amendments supported by him. It was pointed out that this resolution is of great importance and must be further studied after hearing Mr. Arnold Forster's report to the N.C.P.W. Decided to send the resolution as passed to the Executive. (attached)

(c) W.I.L. Resolution for Annual Meeting of N.C.P.W. June 27th. Reported the following had been taken from the Minutes of the Executive Committee on 14th April, 1931, and sent to Mr. Bailey, at his request:-

"The Women's International League urges that a Policy Resolution if proposed, be voted on point by point and only those points accepted upon which there is unanimity."

Mrs. White undertook to propose this resolution.



(d) Visit to England of Dr. Alexander Rossman, Germany and Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, U.S.A. Reported Dr. Rossman would be free for meetings in 1st half of July and Mrs. Mead from June 6th to July 8th.

797. Visitors from China. Miss Pye reported that Miss Kao and three other Chinese ladies would be in England from June 25th. Agreed to ask Miss Kao if she could speak at a meeting if one could be arranged for her after July 11th.

798. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Henderson reported

- (1) the issue of two new leaflets since the last Executive;
- (2) preparation of simple and cheap leaflet for use in procession;
- (3) "Notes for speakers" by Dr. Clark is being printed in leaflet form;
- (4) "Time and Tide" have reproduced Disarmament Declaration. Other papers are being asked to print the Declaration.

799. REPORT OF INDIA SUB-COMMITTEE. Mrs. Lankester reported that at the meeting on May 28th the following cable had been sent to the Viceroy at the weekend:-

"British Section W.I.L. again urges that representatives of organised women of India be appointed to R.T.C. Their views and experience ought to be heard." Other Organisations had been asked to pass urgency resolutions to the same effect.

Recommended to Executive that a letter should be sent to Lord Irwin of welcome and appreciation of his work for peace in India as from the Executive Committee. This was agreed to.

800. NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

(a) Reported that the Drafting Committee which met on May 20th is composed of Madame Verone, Miss Macmillan, Mrs. Bakker Nort and Miss Paul. The meeting on July 2nd will be attended by Miss Doty and probably Mrs. Meller.

(b) Reports on Statements were received from 10 Branches, four were in favour of Mrs. Unwin's statement, three in favour of Mrs. White's and three had not voted. Mrs. Thoday reported that the feeling in North Wales was in support of Mrs. Unwin.

Agreed that the Branches are divided on the subject. Decided to take no further action. Branches were free to use the Council resolution if they wished.

801. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

(1) National Union of Women Teachers. Mrs. Innes reported that at a Protest Meeting on Friday, May 15th, the following resolution was passed:-

"This Meeting draws attention to the fact that although approximately 70% of teachers are women, the Standing Joint Committee on Teachers' Salaries consists of 46 men and only 4 women. It asserts that any joint committee dealing with the professional interests of women teachers should contain a fair proportion of women among its members; and emphatically protests against:-

- (a) the exclusion of any representative of the National Union of Women Teachers from the Standing Joint Committee on Teachers' Salaries;



- (b) the unsatisfactory attitude adopted by the Board of Education and the Standing Joint Committee, each of which disclaims responsibility for the constitution of the Committee."

We were asked to adopt this resolution or pass a similar one and send it to the Prime Minister, the President of the Board of Education and the Joint Hon. Secretaries, Standing Joint Committee on Teachers' Salaries.

Decided to send resolution as requested and inform the N.U.W.T. of our decision.

802. CORRESPONDENCE. Mrs. Swanwick. Reported a request from Mrs. Swanwick to be relieved of the responsibility of being a Trustee for International House. Agreed to send a letter of thanks and appreciation of her work for so many years in connection with the house. Miss Chick agreed to become one of the three Trustees (with Mrs. Binyon and Miss Ashton).

Free Church Movement. Agreed to send letter of sympathy to Mrs. Walsh in the loss of Dr. Walter Walsh.

Women Peers Committee. Reported that Miss Courtney on behalf of the Women's International League had added her signature to a letter to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald re the creation of Women Peers with the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords. This action was endorsed.

Bournville Works Mens and Women's Councils Conference, August 15th to 22nd. Reported invitation to send NOMINATIONS TO THIS Conference. Decided to leave nominations to the Officers.

803. OTHER BUSINESS. Mrs. Innes gave a short account of the International Suffrage Alliance Meeting in Belgrade last month at which she spoke on the work of the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament.

Decided to leave the question of holding an Executive Committee Meeting at Kew Gardens for an indefinite period.

Reported a letter from Mrs. Brinckmann of Germany asking the W.I.L. to interest itself in a film to draw attention to child life. Decided to send this to the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare and say that we would help to make it know if it were used.

Burge Memorial Lecture. Reported that tickets had been sent for members of the Executive for this lecture which was given by Mr. Arthur Henderson and entitled "Consolidating World Peace," and that it is published at 2/-. Decided to ask if we could have 50 copies at a reduced price in order to send them to the W.I.L.P.F. Sections.

Agreed to put the question of appointing Consultative Members to International Executive Committee at Geneva on September 4th on the Agenda for the July Executive.

Reported a Conference and Public Meetings on Disarmament of The Action Internationale Democratique pour la Paix to be held at Constance, Colmar and Mulhouse in the second week of August. Agreed to bring this to the notice of Branches.

*A. D. Courtney*  
July 14, /31



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for May 1931

Receipts		775. 4. 9½	Expenditure	
Balance			Salaries	49.10. 0.
Subscriptions	8.15. 6.		Stationery	1.16. 0½
Donations	10. 0. 0.		Printing	30.14. 0.
News Sheets	4. 0. 0.		News Sheets	4. 2. 6.
Literature	1.13. 6.		Literature	2.13.10.
Postage refd.	3. 8½		Press Cuttings	2. 2. 0.
Office Expenses			Delegates Fees	1. 5. 0.
Refd.	3. 8.		Affiliation Fees	2. 2. 0.
Insurance Refd.	13. 8.		Palestine Grant	13. 0. 0.
Council "Pool"	5. 4.11.		Travelling Expenses	2.13. 2.
Delegates' Fees			Council "Pool"	11. 0. 0.
Refd. (India Con-			Wages	4. 7. 6.
ference)	7. 6.		Postage & Wires	3. 0. 0.
Affiliation Fees	14. 0.		State Insurance	1.17. 1.
Albert Hall, July			Office Expenses	1.13. 6.
11th. Tickets	2. 0.		<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
<u>Disarmament</u>			Salaries	46. 9. 5.
<u>Campaign</u>			Organisers' Expenses	12.15. 5.
Donations	83.19. 0.		Literature	4. 4.10.
Literature	9.12. 9.		Stationery	6. 4. 8.
	<u>121.14.2½</u>		Printing	26. 9. 6.
			Postage & Wires	15.19. 3½
			Albert Hall, Women's	
			Institute Meetings	14. 7.
			Office & Travelling	
			expenses	1. 9. 8.
				<u>246. 4. 0.</u>
			Balance at	
			Co-operative	
			Bldg. Soc:429. 3. 2.	
			Bank	217. 0.11½
			Cash in	
			hand	4.10.10½
				<u>650.15. 0.</u>
				<u>£896.19. 0.</u>

Statement of Accounts for June 1st - 5th.  
inclusive

Receipts		650.15. 0.	Expenditure	
Balance			Expenditure	30.18. 7.
Receipts			Balance	633.11. 7.
				<u>£664.10. 2.</u>
				<u>£664.10. 2.</u>

Earmarked from £100 Donation £38. 4. 0.  
Earmarked for Disarmament Campaign £162. 2. 5.

Outstanding Accounts

General £3.19.0.  
Disarmament Campaign £9.5.6.



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

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on July 14th.1931.

Present: Miss Courtney (in the chair), Miss Anderson, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward, Mrs. White, Mrs. Zangwill, and Miss Sheepshanks as visitor.

Apologies for absence received from Mrs. Chettle, Miss Harrison, Dr. Williams.

Minutes of last meeting, having been circulated, were signed after the following alterations had been made:-

Minute 793: Miss Balch's name added to those appointed to Ad Hoc Disarmament Committee.

Minute 798: to be headed "Report of Literature and Publicity for Disarmament Declaration"; section (3) to read "Dr. Clark's Notes for Speakers had been printed in leaflet form"; section (4) to read "Promise from 'Time & Tide' and 'Woman's Leader' to reproduce the Disarmament Declaration, a number of other papers having also been asked"; and the addition of the following: "(5) That Miss Megan Lloyd George hoped to be able to speak at the October meeting. Agreed that copies of the Reports of Progress here and abroad be offered to Mr. Bailey of the N.C.P.W. for distribution by him."

804. RESIGNATIONS.

Reported that Dr. Williams wished to resign from the Executive owing to have been recently made a J.P. and to pressure of other work. Agreed to accept her resignation with great regret and to remind her that she can at any time attend the meetings as a Branch representative.

Reported that Mrs. Wilson wished to resign from the position of Hon. Treasurer owing to continued bad health. Agreed to accept her resignation with great regret, to thank her for her work and to give her the same reminder as to Dr. Williams. Mrs. Binyon's offer to take her ~~place~~ <sup>work</sup> was gratefully accepted.

Agreed that the co-option of another member on the Executive be considered at the next meeting and that in the meantime members of the Committee be asked to send in nominations.

805. BUSINESS ARISING.

Acknowledgments were reported from the Prime Minister and President of Board of Education of N.U.W.T. resolution; from Mr. Henderson of resolution on Polish-Ukrainian situation; from Mr. Henderson of letter congratulating him on appointment as chairman of World Disarmament Conference; from Lord Irwin of letter of appreciation; from Lord Stanley of statement on aspects of situation in East Africa; from Mrs. Walter Walsh for letter of sympathy.

Nationality of Married Women. Reported that the Newcastle Branch unanimously supported Mrs. Unwin's statement.

Resolution on Composition of Delegation to World Disarmament Conference. After full consideration of the question of asking the British Government to include representatives of the peace organisations and of women in the British Delegation to the Disarmament Conference the Committee came to the conclusion that it would not be advisable to make this request. There is no satis-



factory method by which the Peace Movement could appoint a representative. We believe that any representative from the Peace Movement appointed by the Government to serve on the Delegation might find him or herself in an unsatisfactory position of compromise and that we should be less free to exert influence on the Government policy through the intermediary of such a representative.

Boeke Conference. Reported that no nominations were sent in this year from the British Section, and that assurance had been received from the organisers of the Conference that earlier notice would be given in future and nominations not accepted would be notified in good time.

Visitors from China. Reported that Miss Koo and her friends could not stay in England long enough to address any meetings, and that they had proceeded to Germany.

Military Education of Youth. Reported that it was unlikely that Mrs. Marris would serve on this Committee and agreed to ask (1) Mrs. Hayman, (2) Mrs. David Pye.

806. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was presented and passed. Reported that Lord Cecil had promised £100 for the Disarmament Campaign and had asked to be kept informed of our financial position.

807. DISARMAMENT DECLARATION CAMPAIGN. Mrs. Zangwill reported on the progress of the campaign. The total of signatures to date was 1,076,809; nearly 3,000 had been obtained at the Albert Hall and in Hyde Park on July 11th; an average of 4,000 a day had reached the office since the last meeting; the campaign to date had cost approximately £1,164, i.e. just over 1d per signature.

The totals collected to date in other countries were reported (v. letter from Mme. Drevet).

Miss Stopford reported on the Procession: about 6,000 had marched in it; there were about 400 items of decoration provided by the W.I.L. and distributed among contingents. The Procession was about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile long at the start and increased to about 1 mile as many joined on the route.

Miss Henderson reported on Literature and Publicity.

Agreed to send to the speakers at the Albert Hall our congratulations on the success of the meeting and to enclose copies of the resolutions on Disarmament which have been passed by the W.I.L.P.F. Congresses.

Agreed that Miss Courtney write letters of thanks on behalf of the Executive to those who gave special help with the Procession (v. list in Disarmament Cttee minutes).

Russia. Mrs. Zangwill expressed her readiness to go to Russia in November on behalf of the Declaration, if the Committee considered such a visit useful. The offer was accepted with gratitude and appreciation, a definite decision being left with Mrs. Zangwill which would depend partly on hearing from M. Bogoroloff whether co-operation would be forthcoming from Moscow. Agreed that it would be necessary for Mrs. Zangwill to use the form of wording of the Declaration used by other sections and not the British wording.

808. DISARMAMENT POLICY. Agreed that a further resolution on the Disarmament policy of the W.I.L. was not needed at present, but that the advisability of one be again considered at the September meeting.

Agreed to reply to letter from leaders of Peace Movement in Germany to the effect that we would continue our opposition to conscription, though we could not concentrate particularly on that, and that we were not in favour of opposing a Disarmament Convention which



had been received from the Chinese Anti-Opium Association giving an account of their work; that arrangements had been made for a question to be asked in the House of Commons on opium smoking in the Far East.

815. REPORT OF BACKWARD RACES COMMITTEE. Reported that the letter and statement sent to Lord Stanley, as chairman of the Joint Committee on East Africa, had apparently not been circulated to members of the Committee by him. Agreed that if this is found to be so we shall ourselves circulate it.
816. MEETING WITH WOMEN DELEGATES TO LEAGUE ASSEMBLY. Mrs. MacGregor Ross and Miss Pye were appointed W.I.L. representatives to this meeting on July 20th. Agreed to ask if others could attend in addition.  
Agreed to ask for the following subjects to be put on the agenda: Disarmament (Miss Courtney), Opium (Miss Pye), Slavery (Mrs. Ross), Statelessness & Minorities (Dr. Clark).
817. REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.  
N.C.P.W. Council, June 27th. Mrs. White reported that the W.I.L. resolution had met with general opposition and that she had therefore not pressed it to a vote.  
British Commonwealth League Conference. Reports were given by Mrs. Zangwill and Mrs. Lankester. Mrs. Zangwill called special attention to the account given of the condition of natives in South Africa and it was agreed to refer the question to the consideration of the Backward Races Cttee with the suggestion that they ask for the help of the Dutch Section. (Minutes of Conference in office).  
Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported on meeting on June 30th. (Minutes in office.)  
Ad Hoc Committee on Disarmament Conference. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported on meeting on June 30th. Miss Sheepshanks was acting as hon. secretary. (Minutes in office.)  
Conference on African Children, Geneva. Reported by Mrs. Ross that over 200 delegates attended, including Roman Catholics & Protestants, and missionaries, Government officials and anthropologists. A statement had been drawn up regarding future work, dealing particularly with infant mortality, education and labour conditions. There had been general agreement as to the necessity for more African nurses and doctors and for increased co-operation over education between Europeans and Africans. A Permanent Committee is being set up in Geneva to follow up the work. A report of the Conference is to be published in the autumn written by Evelyn Sharp.
818. CORRESPONDENCE.  
(a) National Council of Girls' Clubs. Reported that permission had been asked and given for envelopes to be addressed in the office to W.I.L. headquarter members in connection with appeal for money.  
(b) Central Disarmament Bureau. Reported letter saying that the work of the Bureau would be in future undertaken by the Committee of the League of Nations Union.  
(c) Reported receipt of first number of "Disarmament Review". Agreed to subscribe to first 6 numbers at a cost of 2/6d.  
(d) Equal Rights International. Agreed not to affiliate.



secured other reductions on the ground that it did not include the abolition of conscription.

Reported receipt of telegram from Austrian Peace Group wishing success to July 11th Demonstration and urging work for abolition of conscription.

Reported letter from Mrs. Albright on importance of making a popular campaign for the prohibition of poison gas and bombs from aircraft. Agreed to reply that we were working for this as for the prohibition of other armaments and that we did not think it wise to concentrate on this one aspect alone.

809. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE, Sept. 4th. Geneva.  
The following were appointed consultative members: Miss Anderson and Miss Courtney; with Dr. Clark as proxy as she would be there as Minorities referent.  
Agreed that the consultative members bring before the Committee the increasing importance of Disarmament work in France, in preference to work in Constantinople, and that they should support Mme. Drevet's proposals re "Pax" and accommodation of girls from Eastern Europe and the Balkans at the Maison Internationale.
810. SUMMER SCHOOL. Reported that Miss Trotter would consider going if a sufficient grant were made towards her expenses. Agreed to offer her a grant of £8.
811. PUBLIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT. Reported that a ~~fix~~ proposal had been received for a Disarmament Conference in Paris on November 24th and that representatives of national and international organisations were being invited by the Rotary International to attend a meeting in Paris on July 25th to make arrangements for this Conference. Reported that the officers had guaranteed a sum up to £5 towards the expenses of the Conference and that Miss Courtney was attending the preliminary meeting on July 25th.
812. REPORT OF NEWS SHEET COMMITTEE. Reported that the October issue would appear in the middle of the month in order that it might contain a full report of the League Assembly.
813. REPORT OF INDIA COMMITTEE. A proposal for the formation of a Women's Council on Indian Questions, to consist of the women's organisations who have already co-operated with us on peace and disarmament and individuals specially interested, was submitted and agreed to, subject to sufficiently widespread support being received. A draft letter embodying this proposal was also submitted and agreed to.  
Reported letter from "Friends of India" asking the help of the W.I.L. in securing signatures to a petition to be presented to the Government. Agreed to reply to the effect that we did not believe the petition would obtain sufficient signatures to give it any weight and that we believed that our most valuable contribution to the success of the Round Table Conference would be on the lines which we are now following.
814. REPORT OF OPIUM COMMITTEE. Reported that the W.I.L.P.F. memorandum had been presented to the Opium Conference; that a letter and telegram had been sent to the Conference on Limitation of Drugs; that a letter of thanks had been sent to Dame Rachel Crowdy for her work; that a letter



(e) Women's Freedom League. Reported holding of Conference on October 15th on Women and the International Labour Organisation. Agreed to arrange for W.I.L. delegates at the September meeting.

819. Agreed, on the recommendation of Miss Mcnneil on behalf of the House Committee, that the downstairs lavatories be re-decorated and that the boiler be repaired.

820. Agreed that the next meeting be on August 18th at 2 p.m. and the following one on September 29th at the usual time.

This was all the business.

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K. B. Davis

18th August 1931



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Account for June 1931

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance	650.15. 0.	Salaries	55. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	2.10. 6.	New Sheets	3. 8. 9.
Donations	2. 6.	Literature	1.12.11.
News Sheets	10. 1. 3.	Telephone	19.11.
Literature	2.18. 0.	Travelling Expenses	2.11. 4.
Office Expenses	1.10. 2.	Pax	4. 7. 2.
Insurance Refd.	1. 0. 6.	Geneva Subscriptions	1. 0. 0.
Council "Pool"	3. 1.11½	Postage & Telegrams	7. 8. 3.
Council Expenses		Wages	3.10. 0.
Refunded	8. 0.	State Insurance	1.17. 3.
Reception Ticket		Office Expenses	3. 8. 6.
(March 4th.)	2. 6.	Rent	27.19. 6.
Delegates Fees		Greek & French Histories	8. 9.
Refunded	16. 0.	<u>DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN</u>	
Postage Refunded	3.15. 4.	Salaries	73. 1. 0.
Greek & French		Organisers' Expenses	7.15. 4.
Histories	8. 9.	Printing	94. 1. 3.
<u>DISARMAMENT</u>		Stationery	4. 3.10½
<u>CAMPAIGN</u>		Literature	3.11. 3.
Donations	57.19. 0.	Postage & Telegrams	18. 1. 4.
Literature	20. 7. 6.	Office & Travelling	
Albert Hall		Expenses	1. 5.10.
Meeting Tkts.	5. 3. 6.	Procession Decorations	17.10. 0.
	<u>110. 5. 5½</u>	Overtime	1.12. 8½
		Albert Hall Ticket	
		Money Refunded	7. 6.
			<u>335. 2. 5.</u>
		<u>Balance</u>	
		Co-operative	
		Permanent Bldg.	
		Society.....	429.3.2.
		Cash in hand	5.4.4½
			<u>434.7.6½</u>
		Less deficit	
		at Bank	<u>8.9.0.</u>
			<u>425.18. 0½</u>
	<u>£761. 0. 5½</u>		<u>£761. 0. 5½</u>

Statement of Accounts for July 1st. -  
11th. inclusive.

Balance	425.18. 0½	Expenditure	101.15.11.
Income	54. 8. 0.	Balance	378.10. 1½
	<u>£480. 6. 0½</u>		<u>£480. 6. 0½</u>

Earmarked from £100 Donation   £38. 4. 0.  
Outstanding Accounts  
 Disarmament Campaign   £32. 2.10.  
 General                   £ 2. 7. 8.  
£34.10. 6.

Balance £343.19. 7.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Meeting of Executive Committee, Tuesday, August 18th, 1931, at 2 p.m.

PRESENT. Mrs. Barrs Davies in the Chair, Mrs. Chettle, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Mennell, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Zangwill, Miss Pye, Mrs. White and Miss Sheepshanks as visitor. Mrs. Davies was asked to write a letter of sympathy to Miss Chick, expressing the Ctt's. wish for a speedy recovery.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday.

MINUTES of meeting on July 14th were confirmed after the following correction had been made in Minute 804. Resignations, second paragraph. Instead of "Mrs. Binyon's offer to take her place" insert "Mrs. Binyon's offer to undertake the work."

821. BUSINESS ARISING:

(1) Backward Races Committee. Reported acknowledgments of our memorandum from members of the Joint Select Committee on East Africa.

(2) House Decorations. On the recommendation of Miss Mennell the estimate of Messrs. Townshend, Ltd. for £4. 16. 0 for re-decorating the Ground floor lavatory and W.C. was accepted. Agreed also to accept the estimate of 35/- for overhauling boiler and stove in the basement, and to ask the tenant, Mr. Mairet, to keep them in good condition in future.

822. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was presented and passed.

823. REPORT OF INDIA SUB-COMMITTEE. Miss Pye reported a recommendation that a Conference of representatives of women's organisations be held in the afternoon of September 25th with the object of forming a Council to study the situation during the Round Table Conference. Lady Irwin had been asked to be the speaker but had replied that she was engaged on that day. Miss Courtney had consented to take the Chair. The Hall at University of London Club had been booked provisionally.

The Committee requested Miss Pye to ask Lady Irwin if a date near the 25th would be convenient to her. Failing her acceptance, various suggestions were made and Miss Pye promised to consult Mrs. Lankester and other members of the Committee on the question of a speaker.

Miss Pye also reported that she, Mrs. Lankester and Miss Harrison were serving on a Committee convened to make arrangements for welcoming Mr. Gandhi on his arrival in England should he come.

Reported a request for publicity of a letter which the Women's Freedom League had sent to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for India expressing regret that no British women have been included amongst the members of the Round Table Conference. Agreed to ask Miss Henderson if she could get publicity for the letter.

824. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. Mrs. Zangwill reported on the progress of the Campaign (see attached report and Minutes).

825. OCTOBER 28th YOUTH MEETING. Reported that permission had been granted to hold the meeting in the Memorial Hall, University College at a charge of £4.4.0. The question of having young people from other countries on the platform was considered by the Executive and referred to Miss Henderson, who was making herself responsible for finding the speakers.



826. NO MORE WAR MOVEMENT. Reported that the No More War Movement were organising a great Disarmament Demonstration in the Albert Hall on November 10th and had asked us if we would avoid arranging any meetings on that day.

827. NATIONALITY. Reported letter from Miss Evans urging us as a National Section of a Co-operating Society of the Women's Consultative Committee on Nationality to ask our Government to support at Geneva the Statement on Nationality recently issued by the Women's Consultative Committee.

After consideration, and in view of the divided opinion of Committee members and Branches it was agreed to take no action.

828. DECLARATION FROM THE AUSTRIAN UNION OF PEACE SOCIETIES AGAINST PROPAGANDA FOR THE EQUALITY OF ARMAMENTS.

Reported correspondence between Dr. Clark and Olga Misar on British propaganda for "equality" of armaments. From a further letter from Olga Misar it was apparent that she had misunderstood Dr. Clark's letter and still feared that "equality" would mean an increase of armament and possibly conscription for Germany and Austria, and it was agreed to write to her again underlining the fact that by "equality" we mean a "levelling downwards."

829. CONGRESS OF ACTION INTERNATIONALE DEMOCRATIQUE POUR LA PAIX. Miss Pye reported on the great success of this meeting and of the unity of French and Germans present. Miss Pye also reported on the Youth Peace Crusade following the Congress, at meetings of which the W.I.L. Disarmament Declaration was distributed and many signatures collected.

830. CORRESPONDENCE. Reported (1) Particulars of London Regional Federation L.N.U. Week-end Conference for Speakers, October 23-26th.

(2) The formation of a new Society called "The New Political Fellowship."

(3) A Conference organised by the Women's Advisory Council of the L.N.U. of representatives of women's organisations for the purpose of hearing addresses from some of the delegates of the 12th session of the League Assembly, in the afternoon of October 21st at Livingstone Hall, Westminster. Miss Pye's application for ten tickets (5/- the ten) was endorsed by the Committee.

(4) An invitation from the Women's Freedom League to send four delegates (tickets 2/6d each) to a Conference at Caxton Hall on October 15th to discuss the policy of the International Labour Organisation in regard to women in industry. Agreed to reply that as we had no policy on this question it had been decided not to send delegates, but some members hoped to be present in their individual capacity. If notices were sent we would forward them to our Executive and London Branches.

831. HOSPITALITY OF FRENCH CHILDREN. It was reported that arrangements had been made between Madame Wanner and Mr. Allan of The Academy, Kilsyth, Near Glasgow, for eleven French children to spend a month's holiday near Glasgow and that on their return to France, the W.I.L. had been asked to arrange to have them met at King's Cross Station on August 10th, & to provide hospitality for two days and one night. This had been done



and several members of the Executive and friends had very kindly given hospitality, while the Friends' Service Council had arranged a tea party at Friends House on the 11th. The fact that four of the seniors had deliberately slipped away from the party at King's Cross and had spent the time untraced in London (with a scant knowledge of English) had caused considerable anxiety to the Office and Miss Pye undertook to report the matter to Madame Wanner.

832. MILITARIST EDUCATION OF YOUTH. Reported a letter from Headquarters (Madame Maria Rossetti) asking that information on the above subject be sent from as many countries AS POSSIBLE to Madame Duchene of the French Section. A Questionnaire was enclosed. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that Mrs. Hayman and Mrs. Marris had not been able to act as our representative on the International Committee studying the question. She undertook to approach Mrs. Mennell.

833. VISIT TO OFFICE OF MRS. PUFFER MORGAN ON August 10th. Reported that Mrs. Morgan had spent a considerable time in the Office exchanging information on the Disarmament Campaign in the U.S.A. and this country.

834. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

. Eighth International Conference of the World Alliance for promoting International Friendship through the Churches, September 1 - 5th, at Cambridge.

Reported a request to send a delegate from the Executive. Mrs. Zangwill said she would consider attending if an opportunity were given to her to speak about the Disarmament Declaration.

The Cambridge Branch had also consented to send a delegate on behalf of the Executive.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. September 29th, 11 a.m.

*H. D. Courtney*  
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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for July 1931

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance	425.18. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries	41.10. 0.
Subscriptions	4. 6. 0.	Telephone	6.11.10.
News Sheets	4. 0. 4.	Printing	3. 2. 6.
Literature	2. 1. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Literature Purchased	7. 0.
Postage	16. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Stationery	4.12.11.
Rent (W.P.C.)	1. 1. 0.	News Sheets	3.19. 3.
Insurance Refd.	1. 2. 6.	Travelling Expenses	2.11. 3.
Office Expenses		Lighting & Heating	3.10. 9.
Refunded	7. 6.	Delegates Tickets	2. 0.
Albert Hall Tkts.	7.17. 0.	Office Expenses	1.17. 7.
<u>Disarmament</u>		Greek & French Histories	4. 1.
<u>Campaign</u>		Postage & Wires	15. 0.
*Donations	212.13. 0.	Wages	4. 7. 6.
Literature Sold	14.13.10.	State Insurance	2. 4. 8.
Organiser's		Albert Hall Tickets	12. 5. 0.
Salary Refd.	2. 0. 0.	<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
	<u>250.19. 9.</u>	Salaries	53.10. 0.
		Organisers Expenses	11.18. 6.
		Literature purchased	1.15. 0.
		Stationery	8.11. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Printing	35.14. 8.
		Office & Travelling	
		Expenses	2.10. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Press Cuttings	2. 2. 0.
		Postage & Wires	17.11. 6.
		Decorations	18. 1.
		Honorarium (Miss Souter	
		Robertson)	15. 0. 0.
		Bands	31.10. 0.
		Hire of Van	1.10. 0.
			<u>270.13. 3.</u>
		Balance at	
		Co-operative	
		Permanent Bldg	
		Society	229. 3. 2.
		Bank	171.17. 8.
		Cash in hand	5. 3. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
			<u>406. 4. 6<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
	<u>£676.17. 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>£676.17. 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Statement of Accounts for August 1st. - 14th.  
inclusive.

Balance	406. 4. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenses	37.10. 0.
Receipts	23. 7. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Balance	392. 2. 0.
	<u>£ 429.12. 0.</u>		<u>£ 429.12. 0.</u>

Outstanding Accounts

General	£5. 3. 7.
Disarmament	
Campaign	£26. 0. 6.
	<u>£31. 3. 7.</u>

Balance     £360.17.11.

Earmarked from £100 Donation £30. 4. 0.

\*Earmarked for work in France £50. 0. 0.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 29th. 1931 at 11 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT Miss K. D. Courtney in the chair, Miss Henderson, Miss Harrison, Miss Ward, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Lankester Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Pye, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Zangwill, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Chick, Dr. Hilda Clark, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Chettle, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Miss Rinder.

MINUTES of meeting held on August 18th. were confirmed, having previously been circulated.

835. FINANCE The attached statement of accounts was passed. After discussion of the present situation and the necessity for keeping expenses as low as possible, the following Committee was appointed to go into the question and advise as to how the work could be carried on with the least possible expense.--

Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Courtney, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Zangwill.

It was agreed to write to the Branches pointing out that the need for our work is as great as ever, and asking them if possible to contribute to Headquarters funds; agreed also to send an appeal to individuals on the same lines.

836. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE TRUSTEES. A letter was read from Miss Margaret Ashton asking the Committee to appoint a Trustee in her place. It was agreed to have the lease assigned to Mrs. Binyon, Miss Chick and Dr. Hilda Clark, subject to her consent.

837. REPORT OF DISARMAMENT DECLARATION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE  
Mrs. Zangwill reported on (1) number of signatures to date; (2) the Conference of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches; (3) work done in connection with War Films at Cinemas; (4) October Youth Meeting; (5) work done by Mrs. Mallard chiefly at local hospitals and schools; (6) prospective work in Colleges and Settlements.

Mrs. Zangwill further reported that the Committee recommended to the Executive that Miss Rees should be asked to continue her work for another month, i.e. up to the 9th. November. It was decided to refer this matter to the Economy Committee, but as this committee would not meet until after the termination of Miss Rees' present engagement, Mrs. Zangwill very kindly offered one week's further expenses pending the Committee's decision. Agreed to let Miss Rees know this and to say that we would let her know as soon as possible what arrangements can be made for the future.

Visit to Russia. Mrs. Zangwill reported that in regard to the proposed visit to Russia the International W.I.L. Executive had supported the suggestion and agreed that the Declaration could be put forward as a resolution at meetings in the Soviet Union provided that an assurance were given that the exact wording of the Declaration was used. She had, therefore, approached Monsieur Bogomoloff, Councillor to the Embassy who has written and wired several times to Moscow, but has received no reply. If Moscow does not give the assurance required Mrs. Zangwill will not go to Russia.



Visit to Munich. Mrs. Zangwill also reported that she was going to Munich and that she had been invited, while there, to address a meeting on Disarmament, arranged by the Gräfin von Helmstall.

Mrs. Zangwill reported on an account which she had received from her sister, Mrs. Ayrton Gould of the attitude of the Women's International Labour Conference held in Vienna towards the Women's International League. Decided to send a copy of Mrs. Ayrton Gould's statement to W.I.L. International Secretary, and to suggest to her that it might be sent to the various National Sections concerned, as well as to the groups in these sections in order that the matter may be taken up with the various National Women's Labour groups. Much gratitude was expressed to Mrs. Ayrton Gould for her action and for her report of the situation.

838. DISARMAMENT AND GENERAL ELECTION. Miss Courtney raised the question of the policy to be adopted by the W.I.L. in view of a General Election. She reported that she had had some conversation with Mr. G. Bailey of the N.C.P.W. on the subject, and that he had shown her a draft questionnaire which had been accepted by the N.C.P.W. and by them submitted to the L.N.U.

The Committee agreed that the questionnaire was too detailed to be put before the candidates in its present form; they were of opinion that it was desirable that the Societies standing for Peace and Disarmament should if possible adopt a common policy and a common questionnaire to be put before candidates. It was, however, agreed that a leaflet showing the connection between the world's present situation and the lack of confidence caused by armaments and the fear of war was required, and should be used at the election. Mrs. Thoday was asked to send a draft leaflet suitable for use in the present situation.

Further reported that the N.C.P.W. and the L.N.U. might be issuing posters at a subsidised price of 1d. each and had consulted Miss Courtney as to views of the W.I.L. She had replied that the W.I.L. could give no guarantee that, if posters were available at a low price, they would be bought by the W.I.L. and its branches.

839. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR DISARMAMENT IN PARIS, 26th. & 27th. NOVEMBER. Miss Courtney reported that following on the preliminary meeting in Paris on 25th. July, at which 40 Societies were represented, arrangements had been made for a two day Conference in Paris on November 26th. and 27th. As a Society with a membership between 1 to 5 thousand we were entitled to send one delegate. A donation towards the expenses was requested. Agreed to ask Dr. Clark to represent the British Section. At the July Executive a sum up to £5. towards the expenses of the Conference had been guaranteed

840. REPORT ON INDIA SUB-COMMITTEE & CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL  
Mrs. Lankester reported that the proposed Women's Council on Indian questions had been formed at the very successful Conference on Friday September 25th. when the following resolution was passed:-

"That a Consultative Council on Indian Questions be formed by women's organisations, British & Indian.

The objects of the Council shall be:-

To promote amongst British women's organisations interest in and knowledge of Indian affairs especially as these affect women and their position in public life and to provide for co-operation between organised women of both countries and the women delegates to the Round Table Conference.

The Council shall consist of representatives of women's



organisations in Great Britain and where these exist of women's committees of mixed organisations. Individuals, nominated by the member organisations shall also be eligible."

Offers of accommodation were asked for and the British Commonwealth League's representative kindly offered the temporary use of their address. The arrangements were left in the hands of Miss Agatha Harrison who was willing to act temporarily as Hon. Secretary and undertook to call the Council together and to ask for nominations for the officers and committee. It was agreed to send forward nominations as follows:-

Chairman, Dr. Maude Royden, if she can be persuaded to agree  
Vice Chairmen, Lady Layton, Miss Pye.  
Hon. Secretary, Miss Mary Sheepshanks.  
Members of an Executive Committee, Miss Pye, Mrs. Lankester  
Miss Harrison, Mrs. Nehru.

It was decided to send forward a draft constitution to be framed by the W.I.L. India Sub-Committee and to ask Miss Courtney, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Harrison and Miss Pye to represent us at the next meeting of the Council. It was also agreed to cover the cost of postage and paper involved in summoning the first meeting of the Council, the actual work being generously contributed by Miss Harrison and Miss Todhunter of the British Commonwealth League.

Reception to ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Mrs. Donaldson's most kind offer to have a reception again at her house was gratefully accepted as was Mrs. Unwin's offer to invite the Executive to meet Miss Slade, Mahatma Gandhi's helper if it can be arranged.

841. W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:- Dr. Clark and Miss Mosa Anderson both being absent owing to illness, Miss Pye and Miss Courtney briefly reported on the most important items, leaving other matters over for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee

1932 Congress This is to be held at Grenoble, May 13 to 17th. It is to be one on a modest scale, expenses being kept as low as possible. The subject matter is to be Disarmament, but other questions, such as the economic situation as it relates to Disarmament will not be excluded.

W.I.L.P.F. action in connection with Disarmament Conference

The organisation of the presentation of petitions will be in the hands of the Liaison Committee (see below). The International Executive is proposing a conference mainly on questions connected with modern forms of warfare. This is to take place on the 28th. January, between the meeting of the League Council and the Disarmament Conference. The British Section was asked to suggest some British experts on the subject. Miss Courtney undertook to consult Mr. Noel Baker on the matter.

PAX. Miss Pye reported that owing to illness Miss Doty had resigned the editorship of Pax. It would in future be edited from the Office, Madame Drevet being entirely responsible for the French edition, while it was hoped that Miss Bradfield would help with the English version. The whole question is to come before the next Congress.

842. THE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY.- A discussion on the League Assembly was adjourned until the next meeting of the Executive Committee in view of the absence of Dr. Clark and Miss Anderson. One or two of the most urgent matters were touched upon.



843. ARMAMENTS TRUCE .- That morning the Newspapers reported that a resolution agreeing to an Armaments Truce had been unanimously accepted by the Third Commission. It was agreed to write to the Government expressing our support and our hope that British acceptance would be signified before November 1st. the date named in the resolution.

844. SINO-JAPANESE SITUATION Miss Pye gave a summary of the events which have led to the Appeal to the League of Nations, under Article 11, by the representative of the Chinese Government on its behalf, and the subsequent action of the Council which appeared to have averted an outbreak of war in Manchuri

On behalf of the Executive the Officers had sent the following cable to the Secretary of the Women's Peace Society in Japan:-

"British Section Women's International League dismayed Manchurian events. Your efforts for peace will have world wide sympathy and support."  
This action was endorsed by the Committee.

A letter had been received from Miss Balch stating that a cable had been sent to Tano Jodai, Japan, urging action in Jane Addams' spirit and to Ting Shu Ching in China sending sympathy and stating that W.I.L. was cabling the Japanese Section. A letter had also been sent to every woman delegate to the Assembly from headquarters.

It was agreed to send a letter to the British Government urging that the Manchurian question should be kept before the Council until agreement had been reached. It was also agreed that a letter be sent from the Executive to such Chinese women as we are in touch with, conveying our deep sympathy in the many tragedies China is experiencing at this time.

845. CHINA FLOODS. Agreed to send W.I.L. friends in China our deep sympathy in the great calamity which has befallen them and to tell them that as a political organisation we cannot organise relief but that a British Fund has been opened to which members are contributing.

846. WESTERN SAMOA.- Miss Courtney reported a letter from an American member of the W.I.L. as to the situation in Samoa, and an interview on the subject which she and Dr. Clark had had with Mr. Weaver of the I.L.O. in Geneva. It was agreed that Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Barrs Davies and Mrs. Innes should consult on the subject, and should, later on, endeavour to get an interview with Sir Thomas Wilford, the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London.

847. REPORT OF LIAISON COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS  
Miss Courtney reported that this Committee had authorised the acceptance of four different Petitions for Disarmament, i.e. the International W.I.L. text, the British W.I.L. text, the Cause and Cure of War Text, and that of the Suffrage Alliance. The World Y.W.C.A. had offered office accommodation and secretarial help. Miss Dingman was appointed Chairman, Miss Rose Manus Hon. Secretary, an administrative Committee consisting of representatives of international organisations in Geneva had been appointed to carry out the work; Miss Courtney and Mrs. Dryfus Barney appointed Vice Chairmen; Madame d'Arcis was Treasurer.

The various organisations have agreed to pay £40. each towards the expenses before Christmas, including the W.I.L.P.F. The Committee will organise the presenting of the Petition in Geneva.



848. REPORT OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. Miss Courtney also reported on this committee which had met in Geneva.

849. REPORT OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

N.C.P.W. Mrs. White reported that the Council had agreed to change its name to "The National Peace Council" as from 1st. November. Resolutions were passed urging the Government (1) to take the lead in calling a Conference to consider the whole organisation of the monetary system of the world; (2) to give its unconditional support to the Italian proposal for a truce in new armament construction for one year.

National Council of Women (Moral Welfare Sectional Committee). It was reported that Dr. Williams would be unable to continue to serve on this Committee as she was not coming to London so frequently now. Agreed to ask Dr. Franklin if she would act as the W.I.L. representative.

N.U.S.E.C. Reported a letter expressing appreciation of the part played by the W.I.L. in arousing public interest in disarmament at the time of the Albert Hall Meeting on July 11th.

850. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. In the event of a General Election being held in October it was decided to call an urgency Executive on Monday, October 5th.

K. D. Courtney  
Oct. 13. / 31



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST 1931.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance	406. 4. 6½	Salaries	33.10. 0.
Subscriptions	17. 3. 0.	Stationery	19.11.
Donations	18. 0.	Literature	7. 6.
News Sheets	1. 0.	Postage & Telegrams	4.16. 0.
Insurance Refd.	11. 8.	Wages	5. 0. 0.
Office Expenses	16. 1.	State Insurance	1.10. 6.
Postage	6.	Office Expenses	1. 6.11.
Geneva Subscriptions	15. 4. 0.	Travelling Expenses	8. 8.
<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>		Grant to Summer School Student	8. 0. 0.
Donations	14. 3. 5½	Geneva Subscriptions	15. 4. 0.
Literature	<u>8.13. 1½</u>	<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
	57.10.10.	Salaries	5. 0. 0.
		Printing	20.15. 0.
		Stationery	1. 6.
		Literature	6.
		Postage & Telegrams	5. 0. 0.
		Office & Travelling Expenses	3. 2. 3.
		Hospitality to French Children	<u>1.12. 5.</u>
			106.15. 2.
		Balance at	
		Co-operative Building Society	229. 3. 2.
		Bank	126. 0. 8.
		Cash in hand	<u>1.16. 4½</u>
			357. 0. 2½
			<u>£463.15. 4½</u>

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1st - 24th.  
1931

Balance	357. 0. 2½	Salaries	40. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	19. 9. 0.	News Sheets (2 months)	7. 6. 3.
Donations	2. 6.	Literature	7. 6.
News Sheets	4. 4.	Stationery	10. 0.
Literature	3.11.	Lighting & heating (coal)	5. 3. 7.
Insurance Refd.	10. 3.	Telegram	1. 0.
Postage Refd.	3. 0.	State Insurance	1. 2. 3.
Geneva Subscriptions	1. 0. 0.	Wages	2.12. 6.
<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>		Office & Travelling Expenses	2. 3. 5½
Donations	1. 1. 0.	Geneva Subscriptions	1. 0. 0.
Literature	12.16.10.	Pax (2 months)	4. 7. 2.
Decorations	<u>2. 6.</u>	<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
	35.13. 4.	Salaries	10. 0. 0.
		Stationery	1. 8. 9.
		Printing	21.18. 0.
		Travelling Expenses	16. 0.
		Literature	10.
		Postage & Telegrams	8. 0. 3.
		Donation for French work	25. 0. 0.
			<u>£131.17. 6½</u>
		Balance at	
		Co-operative Building Society	229. 3. 2.
		Bank	25. 5. 9.
		Cash in hand	<u>6. 7. 1.260.16. 0.</u>
			£392.13. 6½

F earmarked from £100. Donation £30. 4. 0.  
 " for Disarmament Work in France £25.0.0.  
 " for Rent £25. 0.0.

<u>Outstanding Accounts</u>	Sun Insurance Co.	£1.16.3.	Hodgson	£1. 2. 0.
	John Scullard	3. 0. 0.	Guest	2.11. 3.
	Underwood	1. 7. 6.		
Accounts not rendered by Mrs. Chettle & Miss Rees				
<u>BALANCE</u>		<u>£170. 15. 0.</u>		



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At the Women's International Labour Conference held at Vienna at the end of July, 1931, considerable hostility was shown on the part of a number of delegates towards the Women's International League. This was especially the case among the delegates from Poland, Hungary and Germany.

At the Executive Committee Meeting which was held prior to the Conference, Poland proposed that a resolution on behalf of the Executive should be put to the Conference, forbidding all Social Democrats to co-operate or take any part in connexion with the Disarmament Declaration with the W.I.L. in the various countries. Mrs. Ayrton Gould pointed out that this attitude was entirely contrary to that of the British Labour Party towards the British Section of the W.I.L., and that indeed they had just co-operated in a very fine demonstration for Disarmament, in which the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had officially taken part. She was able to prevent the resolution being brought up at all, chiefly by pointing out that Great Britain would certainly speak and vote against it; but she felt that if it had not been for the very strong opinion expressed by Great Britain, the resolution would certainly have been put to the Conference, and carried.

I consider that the London Executive of the W.I.L. should bring this very serious state of affairs to the notice of the International Headquarters, in order that they may take steps to counteract such misrepresentation.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.  
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An Emergency Meeting of the Executive Committee was held on October 8th, 1931 at 3.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward.

The following Election Policy on Disarmament was adopted:-

"Dear Sir,

"This Election is being fought as a result of a financial and economic crisis.

A large number of your constituents are convinced "that the crisis which is creating such profound disturbance among the Nations of the World is due to a number of economic and political causes originating principally in the lack of mutual confidence between the Nations, and that a renewal of the competition in armaments would necessarily lead to an international and social catastrophe," (Resolution passed by League Assembly, Geneva, September 29th, 1931.)

We believe therefore that the financial crisis cannot be resolved unless confidence is restored by some sense of world stability. We believe that nothing would serve to restore this confidence so much as a large measure of world disarmament and we therefore feel it essential to ascertain your opinion on the following points:-

- (1) // Will you support the British Government in bringing forward for adoption at the World Disarmament Conference measures that will achieve a real reduction in the armies, navies, and air forces of the world?
- (2) XX. Will you support the inclusion in the Convention to be adopted at the World Disarmament Conference of the general abolition of those national armaments prohibited in the Peace Treaties to Germany, Hungary, etc., namely:- warships over 10,000 tons, submarines, heavy artillery, tanks, naval and military aviation;



also all preparation for chemical warfare - these being recognised as mainly for purposes of aggressive war and therefore rendered obsolete by the Kellogg Pact.

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Yours faithfully,

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XX. This policy was adopted at a council of the League of Nations Societies held in Budapest last May and representing 25 countries, including France, Germany and the U.S.A."

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Decided to send this with a covering letter immediately to the Branch Secretaries, to be followed up with a further letter embodying additional suggestions for election work after the Executive Committee on October 13th.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, October 13th 1931, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White, (Mrs. Morgan and Miss Dickinson, visitors.)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Zangwill, Miss Harrison, Miss Anderson.

MINUTES of meeting on <sup>Sept. 29<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~October 8th~~ were signed, having been previously circulated.

851. BUSINESS ARISING:-

Minute 837. Mrs. Zangwill's visit to Russia. Reported a letter from the Soviet Embassy saying "we are very sorry we cannot agree to your proposal. The point is that according to our customs and traditions there would be difficulties in passing identical resolutions at every meeting as any meeting may change the proposed resolution according to its own understanding and wishes. As the Soviet Government has itself proposed complete disarmament the only thing that can be promised is support for the essential purposes of which your League is aiming, i.e. full disarmament."

Minute 839. International Conference for Disarmament, Paris. Reported that in reply to our nomination of Dr. Hilda Clark as delegate and the donation of £1 we had received a communication saying that any number of delegates would be welcomed. Members were urged to go to this important Conference if at all possible.

Minute 843. Sino-Japanese Dispute. The following telegram was reported in reply to ours:-

"Your moral support spurs us on for peace.  
Japan Section."

Miss Courtney reported an interesting series of telegrams sent to Japan, China and to the League of Nations by the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations.

Miss Henderson was asked to get publicity for these efforts of the women's organisations.

Minute 846. Western Samoa. Mrs. Barrs Davies reported that the British Commonwealth League was unable to supply any information about present conditions in Samoa. It was felt that no immediate steps could be taken on this subject until we had further information which Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Innes and Mrs. Barrs Davies agreed to try to secure.

Minute 849. Reported that Dr. Franklin consented to act as the W.I.L. representative on the Moral Welfare Sectional Committee of the National Council of Women.

852. FINANCE.

The attached statement of accounts was passed.



853. REPORT OF ECONOMY COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Innes presented a scheme of economy, including some reduction in staff and this was accepted by the Executive. After considerable discussion a tentative plan for further reductions was agreed and the Economy Committee were instructed to proceed in the matter. It was reported that Dr. Clark had announced that she would not be able to retain the services of Miss Henderson which meant the W.I.L. would also lose her help as Hon. Press Secretary. Mrs. Barrs Davies was asked to write a letter to Dr. Clark expressing the Executive's deep appreciation of Dr. Clark's great generosity and at the same time their admiration of Miss Henderson's gifts.

854. REPORT OF INDIA COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Lankester reported that six delegates had been appointed to the Conference arranged by the Women's Committee of the Commonwealth of India League and the Indian Women's Association on October 15th. After discussion these delegates were instructed not to vote for the resolution which was being officially proposed by the Conference.

The Sub. Committee further recommended to the Executive that a resolution should be passed urging the Government to appoint women representatives on the forthcoming Round Table Conference on Burma and suggesting the name of Miss May Oung. This was agreed to and the following resolution was passed:-

"This Committee urges the Government to take steps to secure that representative women should be appointed to the Round Table Conference on Burma, and begs to put forward the name of Miss May Oung as a suitable candidate."

It was reported that the Reception to women delegates to the Round Table Conference at Mrs. Donaldson's house, by kind invitation, was fixed for October 30th. Further arrangements were left in the hands of Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. Lankester.

Reported that Mrs. Polak and Miss Sheepshanks had been co-opted on to the <sup>India</sup> Sub. Committee.

A successful first meeting of the Women's Council for Indian Affairs was reported when at least ten organisations were represented and much interest was evinced and many offers of help received. It was decided that our donation to this Council should not at the moment exceed £1 as we had already spent a considerable sum on hiring of rooms, postage, stationery, etc.

Several members of the Executive expressed their appreciation of the work of the India Sub. Committee in securing the formation of this Council.

855. GENERAL ELECTION POLICY.

Reported an emergency meeting of the Executive on Thursday, October 8th which adopted the attached circular to Branches with draft questions to Candidates. Decided also to send the latter to Headquarter members and anyone likely to make use of it. Decided also to enclose in our next communication to Branches a copy of the N.C.P.W. questionnaire and manifesto. Decided to send in the covering letters to



Headquarter members and to Branches other suggestions for election work, including a possible question to be asked at meetings on India, e.g. What are the Candidates' views on the policy to be pursued with regard to India?

856. W.I.L.P.F. EXECUTIVE.

Miss Courtney reported a letter from Geneva Headquarters dated September 29th, dealing with the business arising from the last Executive Committee. Urgency work is being undertaken in connection with the Sino-Japanese situation; a telegram was sent to the Chairman of the 3rd Commission of the League of Nations on the subject of the Armamanets Truce. Geneva Headquarters ask that the signatures to the Disarmament Declaration should be in Geneva not later than January 15th, 1932.

It was agreed that in Great Britain we must call in our forms by the end of 1931 and completed forms as soon as possible. It was further decided to ask Mrs. Zangwill on her return to undertake the final arrangements for the collection and despatch of the forms.

Congress. In connection with the next Congress to be held at Grenoble Madame Drevet is asking for suggestions as how to improve the organisation of the Congress. Decided to discuss this matter at our next Executive.

857. LIAISON COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS.

Miss Courtney reported discussions following the Spanish Resolution at the Assembly on the representation of women at the World Disarmament Conference. These discussions are still proceeding between the Women's Organisations and the League.

858. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN.

It was reported that:-

- (1) to date 1,371,746 signatures had been received or reported;
- (2) from five cinemas 2,655 signatures had already been obtained since the end of September; 21 others had consented to allow signatures to be taken, while about 30 individuals and Committees of other organisations are giving the matter consideration;
- (3) owing to the generosity of Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. Zangwill Miss Rees would be able to continue her excellent organising work until the 30th October. Mrs. Binyon was asked to appeal for funds in order to enable Miss Rees to continue her work. Several members of the Committee promised to send in names of people to whom appeals might be made. Miss Courtney offered to pay her salary and expenses for another week;
- (4) a leaflet on the General Election produced by Miss Henderson and published by the Women's Peace Crusade was now available at 5/- per 1,000, 3/- per 500 and 9d. per 100. Decided to order 2,000;
- (5) the London Regional Federation had been in communication with Miss Henderson re posters. Agreed not to order any but to urge people to apply direct to Mr. Innes for them;



- (6) the Youth Demonstration on October 28th had been cancelled in view of the pending General Election. Decided to discuss a suitable January date.

Mrs. Robertson reported that without the permission of the L.C.C. no petitions could be circulated in the City Literary Institute. If, however, we applied to the Secretary of the Junior Branch of the L.N.U. he might possibly undertake to bring the Declaration to the notice of the students. Mrs. Robertson further reported that Miss Fawcett is the authority on the L.C.C. should we wish to apply for permission or facilities to collect signatures.

859. CORRESPONDENCE.

Reported a letter from Miss Dorothy Evans, asking if the W.I.L. could make a special point of the Nationality of Women in its election activities. Agreed to take no action.

Reported a letter from the Women's Advisory Council of the L.N.U. announcing the postponement of their Conference on October 21st.

Reported a letter from the N.U.S.E.C. announcing a Reception to Dame Edith Lyttleton had been arranged for Tuesday, 20th October, but was transferred to November 4th. Tickets 2/6d. each.

860. DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE.

Agreed to hold the next meeting at Gowerdene House, 102 Gower Street, subject to Mrs. Binyon's consent. The cost of the room would be 8/6d.

861. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Weltfriedensbund der Mutter und Erzieherinnen, German Section. Mrs. Innes reported a letter from Frau. Schwarz asking for British sympathy and support for their work in Germany amongst parents and teachers. Agreed to send a letter of greeting and support; and to make inquiry as to whether such Societies as the Wives Fellowship, or Mothers' Union might interest themselves in this branch of work in this country.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.  
statement of Accounts for October 1st.- 12th.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance	251.18. 9.	Salaries	20. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	2.10. 0.	Rent	25. 0. 0.
Donations	5. 0. 0.	Conference Tkts.	5. 0. 0.
News Sheets	3. 8.	Fares	4.
Literature	1. 6.	Office Expenses	1. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Conference Tkts.	4. 0.	State Insurance	16. 1.
Insurance Refd.	7. 7.	Postage & Telegrams	3. 0. 0.
Rent Refd. by		Literature	5. 0.
W.P.C.	1. 8. 6.	Grant to Paris Dis-	
Postage	1.10.	armament Conference	1. 0. 0.
Donation to		<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
Geneva	10. 0. 0.	Salaries	7.10. 0.
<u>Disarmament</u>		Stationery	3.10.
<u>Campaign</u>		Postage & Telegrams	4. 0. 0.
Donations	25.16. 0.	<u>63.17. 0<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>.</u>	
Literature	1. 3. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Balance at	
	<u>47. 4. 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	Co-operative Permanent	
		Bldg. Soc: 129. 3. 2.	
		Bank 105. 6. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		Cash in hand 16. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		<u>235. 5.11.</u>	
	<u>£299. 2.11<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	<u>£299. 2.11<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	

<u>Earmarked</u> from £100 Donation	£30. 4. 0.
for Disarmament Work	
in France	25. 0. 0.
Donation to Geneva	10. 0. 0.
	<u>£65. 4. 0.</u>

Outstanding Accounts

for Disarmament Campaign	£5.18. 0.
" General account	2. 1. 4.



Suggested form of letter and questions to be presented by their constituents to candidates for Parliament.

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 10th, 1931, at 11 and 2 p.m. at 102 Gower Street, London, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Anderson, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Rinder, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Zangwill, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Pye, Mrs. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Miss Chick, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Miss Agatha Harrison.

Mrs. Innes said that Miss Sheepshanks had very kindly consented to help in the Office from 10 to 1 p.m. each day, and the Committee expressed their warm appreciation of Miss Sheepshanks' co-operation in the work.

MINUTES of meeting on October 13th having been previously circulated were signed, with one correction.

862. BUSINESS ARISING.

General Election Policy. A list was presented of Constituencies from which favourable answers had been received to the Questionnaire.

It was agreed to send Miss Megan Lloyd George, who was a very keen member of the W.I.L. a message of congratulation on her return to Parliament.

863. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was passed. Mrs. Binyon explained that the item of £75 on the expenses side for rent was due to the delay in payment of rent by Mr. Mairet and that the W.I.L. had had to advance the sum of £50. Subscriptions were down £40 this year. Mrs. Binyon said that the response to her appeal had been as expected. A donation of £20 from the Noel Buxton Trust for the Disarmament Campaign had been received. The affiliation fees from Branches and Affiliated Societies were due next month. It was reported that the Golders Green Sale had realised £12 this year as against £30 last, and it was reported also that Croydon and Birmingham were having money-raising efforts.

It was also reported that an anonymous donation of £100 would shortly be received.

864. REPORT OF THE ECONOMY COMMITTEE. A letter was read from the Women's Indian Council asking for the use of the address and for four hours' secretarial work and use of office equipment in return for a payment of 10/- per week. A provisional answer had been sent by Miss Courtney agreeing to these terms for one month to see how it worked, but pointing out that this would be tantamount to a considerable contribution from the W.I.L. Miss Sheepshanks reported that careful note was being made of the amount of India Council work done in the Office and Miss Cooke was being paid for extra time by the India Council over and above the four hours suggested. It did not appear likely that there would be a very great call upon the Office time and space for this work.

It was reported that Miss Stroud would be leaving on Wednesday, November 10th. The Committee expressed its great regret at this being necessary. It was further reported that Miss Sheepshanks had agreed to the Committee's request to work in the Office, in an honorary capacity, with a sum for expenses. The Committee expressed its keen appreciation of this generous offer. Miss Cooke was staying on until the end of the month, her salary being paid partly by the India Council in return for work done for them.



Miss Pye moved and Mrs. Robertson seconded that Miss Cooke should be kept on until the end of the year in view of the work involved in getting in the Disarmament Declaration. Agreed.

Mrs. Barrs Davies reported that she had informed Mrs. Chettle that it would not be possible for her to do any more organising work on account of the lack of funds.

Miss Rees' work was also to end on November 14th. It was agreed to ask Miss Rees to follow up her work by sending a letter and our appeal for membership to the people she had come in contact with. The letters would be duplicated in the Office and sent back to her to sign and send. The postage was to be defrayed by the Office.

865. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE: ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE. It was reported that the Licence had been received to assign the lease to Miss Chick, Mrs. Binyon and Dr. Clark. The Committee instructed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Barrs Davies for giving us his opinion that the licence was in order, at the same time asking him whether the last paragraph imposed fresh restrictions on under-letting.

866. REPORT OF DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN IN GREAT BRITAIN. Mrs. Zangwill reported that 1,433,295 signatures had been received to date, showing an increase of 86,880 since the last report, that is about 2,000 a day, but during the last five days the numbers had been 3,650 per day. Notices were now being printed and would be immediately sent out giving 31st December as the date by which all Declarations must be returned, and at the same time an appeal for membership and subscriptions. The Disarmament Campaign now shows for the first time a deficit, viz: £72. It was hoped that a donation would be received from Lord Cecil's Fund.

Mrs. Zangwill said that many of the Women's Institutes had not yet taken part in the Campaign and she undertook to write to Lady Denman asking her to use her influence to get them to take up the Declaration.

Mrs. Zangwill further reported that she had spoken at two meetings in Munich on Disarmament.

As the sending out of the letter and appeal to about 6,000 people would involve addressing envelopes to that number it was suggested that a postcard should be sent to local Branches inviting voluntary workers. Mrs. Zangwill reported that a contribution of £10 had been promised for these appeals.

Mrs. Thoday urged that a French speaker should be secured to address a number of disarmament meetings in order to convince British audiences of pacifist activity in France. The North Wales Branch had already got promises of support for five meetings and Birmingham, Warrington and Manchester might also be willing to arrange meetings. She thought that if ten meetings could be secured each paying 30/- that would cover the expense of the speaker. Hospitality would be provided. The speaker would have to speak in English.

Dr. Clark said that in view of the very urgent need of organised pacifist and disarmament movement in France it might be difficult for the French to spare a speaker. It was agreed that Dr. Clark and Miss Pye while on their visit to Paris should discuss possibilities. It was left open to them to secure a speaker or not as might be found advisable. In the meantime Mrs. Thoday would make tentative inquiries about meetings.

Mrs. Innes reported that the London Regional Federation of the L.N.U. was getting out shortly some splendid posters showing pictures of the military equipment now forbidden to Germany.



The price of these was 4 for 1/6d. Several members agreed to take a supply. It was urged that pressure for the abolition of specific weapons was the best propaganda during the coming months.

Attention was drawn to the recent speeches made by Sir Herbert Samuel and Lord Londonderry and the unfortunate effect they would ~~xxxx~~ be likely to have. It was agreed that a friendly letter should be written to Sir Herbert Samuel pointing out that by opposing the 25% cut in armaments for Great Britain he was not in accordance with the policy urged by Lord Cecil in Geneva and that he should be reminded of the immense public support being given to the Disarmament Declaration. It was also agreed that a letter be sent to Lord Londonderry.

It was agreed to send a deputation to Sir John Simon to put the W.I.L. Disarmament policy before him. It was left to the officers to appoint a suitable time.

Dr. Clark reported on the Convention for improving the means to prevent war and the following resolution was passed:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League expresses its satisfaction at the support given by the British Government to the Convention for improving the means to prevent war which was approved by the 12th Assembly of the League of Nations and in view of the evidence given by recent events of the need for strengthening the power of the Council under Article 11,

urges H.M. Government to sign and ratify this Convention without delay."

867. REPORT OF W.I.L.P.F. DISARMAMENT MEETING IN GENEVA. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported a meeting arranged by the Young People's Group and the Geneva Group on October 30th at Geneva, at which there had been an audience of about 1,000, most of whom signed the Disarmament Declaration.

868. REPORT OF HON. SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

X (a) Sino-Japanese Dispute. Miss Pye reported on the situation and proposed a resolution. After full discussion, particularly with regard to whether a request in more specific terms for action by the Council should be made, the following resolution was adopted, to be sent to the Government, Chinese and Japanese Ambassadors, President of the League Council and Sir Eric Drummond:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League  
Believes that as long as it is possible for one nation to impose upon another the settlement of a dispute by means of military pressure, world disarmament leading to world peace cannot be attained.

It therefore views with the gravest concern the present situation in Manchuria and requests the British Government to urge the Council of the League of Nations to maintain firmly and continuously its defence of the principles of the Covenant and of the Briand-Kellogg Pact, involving the responsibilities of all signatories to refrain from aggressive measures and the use of force in the settlement of disputes.

And since the U.S.S.R. stands in such close economic relationship to China and Japan, it is of opinion that the Council of the League should invite the U.S.S.R. to assist the League in its efforts for world peace in the Far East.



resolution continued.

It notes with satisfaction that the National Government of China through its representative at Geneva gave loyal acceptance to the principles involved in its signature of the Covenant and the Briand-Kellogg Pact.

It deplores the attitude of the Government of Japan in refusing to withdraw its troops within the boundaries of the railway zone as agreed upon by its representative on September 30th, and urges the Japanese people to insist on a peaceful settlement with China under conditions honourable to both nations."

The following amendment was moved by Mrs. Thoday and seconded:-

"It further suggests to H.M. Government to urge that the Council of the League should continue in session until the crisis between China and Japan ceases to be acute."

This was brought forward *at the morning session & voted on but at the afternoon session it was raised again* but not pressed, and no vote was taken upon it. *then*

It was reported that Miss Balch would be visiting London for a few days to discuss possible action by the W.I.L.P.F. Executive.

(b) Cyprus. With regard to Cyprus, it was agreed that it would be useful to have a question put in Parliament with regard to the Convention of 1920 with France (on the boundaries of Syria and Palestine) asking whether the French Government has been approached with a view to their consent to the British ceding Cyprus to Greece. Mrs. Thoday suggested that Miss Megan Lloyd George as being a member of the League and keenly interested in peace questions, should be asked to put the question.

(c) Spanish resolution re co-operation of women in the work of the League of Nations. Dr. Clark reported that part of the above resolution asking for further co-operation is left for the next Assembly for consideration but the part dealing with women helping in the Disarmament Conference is coming up at the Council Meeting in January. The ad hoc Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations is preparing a memorandum on the views of the women's organisations as to what form their co-operation can take at the Disarmament Conference.

(d) Nationality of Married Women. Dr. Clark reported the resolution adopted by the Assembly. 11

(e) International Conference on Modern Methods of Warfare. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that the International Conference of Experts on Modern Methods of Warfare would meet in Geneva on January 28th and asked that Mrs. Zangwill should be authorised to take her place on the Committee of Modern Methods of Warfare. She also urged that efforts should be made to find British experts to take part in the Conference. Mrs. Zangwill agreed to take Mrs. Corbett Fisher's place on the Committee temporarily.

869. BACKWARD RACES: Western Samoa. It was reported that the Mandates Commission had recently considered Sir Thomas Wilford's report on Western Samoa. It was agreed that efforts should now be made to prepare material for next year when Samoa will again come before the Mandates Commission. Letters and articles of Mrs. Grace Wills (a New Zealander now married in America who has recently visited Samoa) threw valuable light on the situation and it was agreed that efforts should be made to get her article



on the Women's Mau published. Agreed also that the Geneva files containing information on Samoa should if possible be obtained from Madame Drevet and when adequate material is collected an interview should be asked from Sir Thomas Wilford.

870. REPORT OF THE INDIA SUB COMMITTEE. Miss Pye drew attention to the recent letter signed by Mr. Gandhi and about 25 representatives of the Round Table Conference on the subject of control at the centre. There had been no statements so far on which to base any new statement of W.I.L. policy, but in view of this letter and of the expectation of a statement by the Prime Minister this week, it would be advisable for the sub-Committee to meet. It was provisionally agreed that there should be a meeting of the India Sub-Committee on Monday at 2.30 to which all members of the Executive were invited.

Reported that Canon and Mrs. Donaldson gave a very charming Reception on behalf of the W.I.L. to the women delegates to the R.T.C. on Thursday, November 5th. It was agreed to send them a warm letter of thanks.

871. REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL ON INDIAN QUESTIONS. Miss Sheepshanks, Hon. Secretary of the Council, reported that there had been several meetings of the Council, the last one taking the form of a Conference with Mrs. Naidu and the Begum Shah Nawaz. There would be a further Conference with Mrs. Subarayan on the 13th. A Farewell dinner was contemplated in order to send messages from women's organisations to India.

872. PAX. Miss Henderson drew attention to the one-sided statement of the British crisis in the October number of Pax. It was agreed to write a letter to Madame Drevet pointing out that the Executive of the British Section considered such a partisan presentation of the case was regrettable in an international paper of a non-Party organisation.

873. CORRESPONDENCE.

Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. Mrs. Unwin undertook, as our representative on the Council, to attend the Annual Council Meeting on December 1st. Agreed not to send forward nominations for the Honorary Officers and Executive Committee, or resolutions for the Agenda.

874. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Mrs. Binyon offered the use of a room at her home for the Executive meetings and the Committee thanked her very warmly for this generous offer and agreed to accept it for the next meeting on Tuesday, December 8th.

*M. J. Smith*  
*Dec 19/31*



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts for October 1931.

Balance		251.18. 9.	Salaries	50. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	2.10. 0.		Rent	75. 0. 0.
Donations	48.14. 6.		Grants	2. 0. 0.
News Sheets	4. 4. 0.		Telephone	5. 7.10.
Literature	4. 9.11.		Pax Badges	5.15. 5.
Office Expenses	9. 6.		Travelling Expenses	1. 9. 8.
Stationery Refd.	9. 8.		Stationery	1.14. 5.
Insurance Refd.	14. 8.		Lighting & Heating	1. 2. 9.
Rent (W.P.C.)	1. 8. 6.		Office Expenses	1. 4. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Conference Tks.	4. 0.		Literature	8. 0.
Postage Refd.	19. 3.		Postage	9.10. 0.
Affiliation Fees	1.10. 0.		Wages	4. 7. 6.
Geneva Subscrip- tions & Dons.	15. 2. 0.		State Insurance	1.16.11.
Pax	2. 6.		Meetings	2. 4. 0.
<u>Disarmament</u>			Conference Tickets	5. 0.
<u>Campaign</u>			<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
Donations	26.13.10.		Salaries	16. 5. 0.
Literature	4.17. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$		Organisers' Expenses	19. 9. 0.
Hire of			Stationery	2. 3. 5.
Decorations	1. 0. 0.		Literature	2.11. 0.
		113. 9. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Printing	7.12. 0.
			Office Expenses	1. 1. 0.
			Postage	11. 0. 0.
			Heating	1. 0.
			Geneva Subscriptions & Donations	16. 2. 0.
			Pax	2. 6. 1.
				<u>240.16. 8<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
			Balance at Co- operative Bldg. Society	129. 3. 2.
			Cash in hand	2. 0.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
				<u>131. 4. 1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
			Less deficit at Midland Bank.....	6.12. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
			Balance	<u>124.11. 9.</u>
		<u>£365. 8. 5<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>£365. 8. 5<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Statement of Accounts for November 1 - 5th.  
inclusive.

Balance	124.11. 9.	Balance	187.19. 7.
Rent Refunded	50. 0. 0.		
Receipts	13. 7.10.		
	<u>£187.19. 7.</u>		<u>£187.19. 7.</u>

Outstanding Accounts for Printing	£32.10. 0.
Earmarked from £100 Donation	£30. 4. 0.
" for Disarmament Work in France	25. 0. 0.
	<u>£87.14. 0.</u>

Balance     £100. 5. 7.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, Tuesday, December 8th, 1931 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Mrs. Binyon's house, British Museum, W.C. 1.

*Mrs Binyon*  
PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Zangwill, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward, Miss Chick, Miss Rinder, Miss Pye, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Henderson, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Agatha Harrison, Mrs. Kingsley Martin.

Before commencing business the Chairman said she was sure that the whole Executive would like to express their deep sympathy with Miss Courtney in her family bereavement. Miss Sheepshanks undertook to write to Miss Courtney on behalf of the Executive.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting on November 10th were confirmed, after a correction had been made at the request of Mrs. Thoday.

874. BUSINESS ARISING.

Acknowledgments of resolutions were reported from the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, and a letter of thanks and appreciation from the Chinese Minister. No reply had been received from the Japanese Embassy.

Dr. Clark reported that Miss Henderson was continuing her work until the end of December in order to hand over the press and publicity work to Miss Karleen Baker, who had kindly offered to give regular help in the Office.

Minute 865. International House: Assignment of Lease. A letter from Mr. Barrs Davies was read stating that the new licences contained no fresh restrictions but emphasised the existing ones.

Minute 866. (p.3) Miss Courtney's letter to Sir Herbert Samuel was read, with his reply. It was agreed to make extracts of Miss Courtney's letter, not mentioning Sir Herbert Samuel's name, for use of speakers.

Minute 868 (b). A letter was read from Mr. Mander saying that he did not think it advisable to ask a question on Cyprus. It was agreed that, if possible, an informal and private Conference should be arranged on the subject and that Professor Toynbee should be asked to speak.

Minute 869. Western Samoa. It was reported that it had not been found possible to get the article on "The Women's Mau" accepted by any of the papers approached. It was suggested that the "Contemporary Review" and "Pax International" should be approached. Miss Sheepshanks reported that the dossier on Samoa had been received from Geneva and that she would like to consult the Backward Races Committee as to preparing a case to put before the New Zealand Commissioner.

875. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was presented and passed. It was suggested that Branches might be willing to take packets of Appeal-Circulars for distribution. Mrs. Binyon reported that an anonymous donation of £100 had been received; that the appeal in lieu of the Fair had brought in about £60, including £15 from the Golders Green Branch. Mrs. Mennell reported that the Croydon Branch was having an entertainment and was hoping to send about £20.



876. STAFF. It was left to the Officers to make the necessary arrangements with regard to the Staff in January keeping in view the financial situation.

877. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE. Miss Ward asked for urgency in bringing forward a proposal for a popular campaign to demand an International Economic Conference. This suggestion emanated from the Guildhouse where Sir George Paish had made an appeal for such a movement. Sympathy was expressed in principle with this proposal but it was agreed that other leading economists should be consulted and that an appeal should only be issued after sufficient influential names were secured. Points were suggested to be embodied in a leaflet. It was agreed that if the preliminary conditions were considered satisfactory a resolution should be sent to the Government and to the Branches urging the importance of the immediate calling of a Conference, with wide terms of reference, convened if possible by the League of Nations and including/an equal footing States Non-Members of the League. A small Committee was appointed to deal with the matter and to consult with Dr. Royden as a further procedure, namely:- Dr. Clark, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Unwin and Miss Rinder (as correspondent). It was agreed that the W.I.L. should give access to our files for envelope directing and all possible help.

878. REPORT OF INDIA SUB COMMITTEE. Mrs. Lankester reported a letter sent by the India Sub-Committee to the Prime Minister. She further reported that the India Committee had been considering with great concern the recent Bengal Ordinance and Miss Rinder had kindly undertaken to make a brief precis of the more important terms of the Ordinance and this was read to the Executive Committee. Mrs. Lankester proposed the following resolution, which was agreed to:-

"The Executive Committee of the British Section of the Women's International League, while appreciating the attitude shown by the Prime Minister in his speech in the House of Commons on December 2nd, views with alarm the promulgation of the Bengal Ordinance which it fears may negative the effect of the Government's conciliatory proposals.

Meanwhile it urges the Government to withdraw the Ordinance and to appoint a Committee of Inquiry to explore other means of dealing with terrorism more in keeping with the highest traditions of British justice."

In view of the great complexity of the Ordinance it was agreed that it would be advisable to get a precis made by a lawyer.

879. WOMEN'S CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ON INDIAN QUESTIONS. Miss Sheepshanks reported that the Council had held a meeting with Mrs. Subarayan and had a large and successful meeting for Mr. Gandhi.

880. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. Mrs. Zangwill reported that 1,549,674 signatures had been received to date. Fifty five new members had been enrolled and about £48 donations received as a result of the Appeal circular which had been sent out. Mrs. Zangwill further reported on her visit to Derby and the successful formation of a Disarmament Committee there. Arrangements with a Shipping Firm for the sending off of the signatures were also reported. It was urged that advantage should be taken of this occasion to have a demonstration which could be filmed. Arrangements for this were left to Mrs. Zangwill and the Officers.

Mrs. Thoday reported that Jean Train had been secured to speak at meetings in North Wales and some towns in the North of England.

Miss Pye reported an offer from France to lend a small motor with a series of war pictures for exhibition in small towns



and villages together with the services of a driver and another helper. The Committee felt that such a tour would be very useful if an English person could take part in it and Miss Pye was asked to make inquiries and report at the next Committee in detail on the expenses and practical possibilities of the arrangements.

Reported that Miss Dorothy Detzer would be in this country from about January 8th. It was agreed that she should be asked to attend the afternoon session of the Executive Committee on the 12th, that if possible it should be arranged for her to speak at the Friends' Lunch Hour Meeting on the 12th. Various suggestions were made including a London evening meeting on the 11th, possibly in the form of a meeting in a private house and of meetings near London on the 13th and 14th.

881. YOUTH MEETING. It was reported that this was fixed for February 1st at the Memorial Hall, University College at 8 p.m. and the following speakers had been secured:- Miss Cazalet, Miss Ishbel MacDonald and Mr. Maurice Webb.

882. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, Paris. Miss Pye and Dr. Clark reported on this Conference.

883. MANCHURIAN SITUATION. Mrs. Barrs Davies reported on the meeting organised by the Women's Peace Crusade at Friends' House on Friday, December 4th which was addressed by Prof. Noel Baker and Mr. Kingsley Martin, with Lady Horsley in the Chair.

A letter was read from Madame Ramondt suggesting that according to opinions expressed to her the Manchurian conflict had been stirred up and was being made use of for the purpose of preventing the Disarmament Conference, or causing its postponement. The Armament firms were said to be concerned in this activity. She suggested in her letter that some leading Journalists should be asked to investigate and expose this. Miss Pye undertook to approach Mr. Kingsley Martin on the subject. Other names proposed were Mr. W. Newbolt and Mr. Tom Johnson as likely to be interested.

The following resolution was proposed and carried. Decided to send it to Sir Eric Drummond, Chinese Minister, Japanese Ambassador, Branches of the W.I.L. Sir John Simon, Lord Cecil, Prime Minister and Foreign Secretaries in Nanking and Tokyo:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, British Section,

Considers that Japan having failed to seek a settlement of her grievances against China by the methods laid down in the Covenant of the League and having used military force to obtain this settlement has thereby broken her obligations in the Covenant and in the Pact of Paris.

It therefore urges the Council of the League to bring the fullest moral pressure of public opinion upon Japan by:- (1) following the procedure of Article 15 in which provision is made for full and independent investigation of facts and exercising the right to make recommendations independent of the votes of the parties concerned;

(2) holding its Sessions in public;

(3) making clear that if Japan continues military measures in disregard of her covenants under Article 15 the Council will call upon all Members of the League to sever diplomatic, fin-



ancial and economic relations.

It further asks His Majesty's Government at once to refuse licences for the export from this country to Japan and China of arms, ammunition and other materials of war."

The following short resolution was also agreed to for alternative use at meetings. It was decided to ask the Branches to call their Committees even though meetings could not be arranged, in order to pass resolutions:-

"This meeting deploras the use by Japan of military measures in Manchuria and her refusal to comply with the unanimous request of the other members of the Council of the League to withdraw her troops from Chinese territory, and supports H.M. Government in the policy at the Council of maintaining firmly and continuously its defence of the principles of the Covenant and of the Briand-Kellogg Pact."

Miss Pye reported that Miss Emily Balch had written urging that active steps should be taken about Manchuria.

Decided to send a letter to the Japanese Section expressing appreciation of their letter which had appeared in Pax.

884. W.I.L.P.F. Dr. Clark reported that the League of Nations would be considering the Ukrainian question in January and therefore it would be useful to send a resolution. She presented the following draft resolution which was accepted and was to be accompanied by a covering letter setting forth the present situation a little more fully:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League has learned with regret that there has been no improvement during the past year in the situation in East Galicia and that the influence of the constitutional movement among the Ukrainians is undermined by the long delay in settling their legitimate grievances.

It urges His Majesty's Government, in the interests of both parties to the dispute and of the peace of Europe, to do its utmost at the January Council to secure without further delay a just settlement of the complaints made by the Ukrainians of infractions of the Minority Treaties and to ask for a further inquiry into the causes of friction between the Poles and the Ukrainians."

Reported that the W.I.L.P.F. Conference on Scientific Warfare was fixed for January 28th and 29th at Geneva. Speakers include Professor Langevin, Major Lefebure. Decided to let the Geneva Office know that Mr. Arnold Forster will be in Geneva about that time. Mrs. Zangwill undertook to write at once for programmes.

Miss Addams. Agreed to send a letter to Miss Addams regretting that she could not go to Geneva and hoping to see her at the Congress.

It was urged that the W.I.L.P.F. should study the questions of Sanctions and an International Police Force. It was agreed to find a special occasion at the next Annual Council Meeting for a discussion on these subjects, possibly under the heading "In what form can we meet the demand for the maintenance of international order."



885. DATE OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING. The dates provisionally suggested were 7th and 8th March provided no other Organisations were holding important meetings on those days. It was left to the Officers to change the date in the week, if necessary.

886. CORRESPONDENCE.

All People's Association. A letter was reported from International Apa saying that the proposal to erect and equip an International APA House as an international friendship centre in London has been deferred for the time being.

887. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Miss Sheepshanks reported that she had attended this Council Meeting and had voted against the resolution of the St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance that the Government should be urged to send a woman as a delegate to the Disarmament Conference. Also that she had proposed as an amendment to the resolution of the Open Door Council, as to the sending of women Government delegates to the I.L.O. Conference Lady Hall's resolution, which had been accepted.

888. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. Left to the Officers.

889. DATE OF NEXT MEETING January 12th, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Mrs. Binyon's House. The Committee expressed their sincere thanks to Mrs. Binyon for her kind invitation to hold the Executive Committee Meetings at her house until Easter, which was accepted.

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P.S. TO MINUTES.

1. In view of the news from Manchuria and the intimation that the Council was having its last Session, Dr. Clark thought it advisable to send the following telegrams to:-  
Monsieur Briand: "Public Opinion here greatly perturbed failure of League to secure peaceful settlement Manchuria. Urge League Council employ Procedure Article 15. Women's International League, British Section."

Lord Cecil: "Conciliation having failed Women's International League urges British Government press for procedure under Article 15. CLARK."

2. With regard to the proposed ~~xxxx~~ popular campaign for an international economic conference the proceedings in Parliament appearing in the press the following day showed that the Government was trying to arrange for such a Conference. After consultation with Dr. Royden it therefore seemed unnecessary to take further steps for the moment, but the Sub-Committee is watching the situation.

K. D. Covert  
Jan 12. 32.



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Statement of Accounts for November, 1931.

RECEIPTS.

EXPENSES.

Balance.....		124. 11. 9
Subs.....	13. 13. 0	
Dons.....	129. 5. 0	
News Sheets..	2. 9. 2	
Literature...	2. 12. 7	
Postage refd.	13. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Office Exps..	1. 19. 11	
Lighting, etc..	3. --. --	
Rent Refd.....	51. 7. 6	
Geneva Subs...	1. --. --	
Affils. Fees...	2. 6	
<u>Disarmament Campaign.</u>		
Dons.....	34. 6. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Literature	2. 17. 7	
Trailer.....	7. 6	
		249. 15. 2

Salaries.....	33. 2. 6
Travelling Expenses.....	4. 1. 0
Office Expenses.....	1. 6. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Meetings.....	11. 3. --
Postage.....	4. 9. 2
Wages.....	3. 10. 0
State Insurances.....	1. --. 6
Stationery.....	4. 6

Disarmament Campaign

Literature.....	6. 2
Stationery.....	11. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Postage.....	20. 9. 9
Organisers' Salary....	5. 0. 0
Unpaid cheque.....	7. 6
(post-dated)	

75. 0. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$

Cash in hand $\frac{1}{2}$ .....	3. 1. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$
" C.P.B. Soc.....	129. 3. 2
" Bank.....	167. 2. 1
	<u>£374. 6. 11.</u>

£374. 6. 11

Statement from December 1st to 7th, 1931.

Balance.....	299. 6. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Receipts.....	56. 8. 1

Expenses.....	27. 3. 9
Balance.....	328. 17. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$

£355. 14. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$

£355. 14. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$

Outstanding Accounts (approximate) £36.

Ear-marked for French Disarmament Work £25.