

He wondered whether the experience obtained in connection with opium might not be utilised in connection with arms. Since the Disarmament Conference and the Council had the same Secretariat, would it not be possible for the Council to instruct the Secretariat to draw the attention of the Disarmament Conference to the results obtained in connection with the supervision of the manufacture of and traffic in opium, in so far as the information on this subject might be material for the supervision of the manufacture of and trade in arms, with which a Committee of the Bureau was at present concerned?

M. BENES and M. MASSIGLI supported M. de Madariaga's proposal.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL hoped that the Council would not for the moment pass any formal resolution on this point. He assured the Members of the Council that the Secretariat would examine the question from the point of view suggested by the Spanish representative, and if it found, as he hoped it might, that it would be useful to the Bureau and to the Disarmament Conference to call their special attention to any particular points arising out of the control of opium, it would certainly do so. For the time being, the Secretary-General would like to consider what material could be usefully put before the Conference.

M. DE MADARIAGA thanked the Czechoslovak and French representatives for their support of his proposals. He assured the Secretary-General that the Council had full confidence in him and in the Secretariat in general, and was certain that they would do all that lay in their power to assure the success of the Disarmament Conference.

The conclusions of the report were adopted.

3175. Free City of Danzig Introduction of the Zloty as a Means of Payment on the Railways in the Territory of the Free City Question of "Direct Action" (continuation).

M. Ziehm, President of the Senate of the Free City of Danzig, and M. Rosting, Acting High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig, came to the Council table.

Mr. EDEN read the following report and draft resolution.

"My colleagues have before them the High Commissioner's letter of November 26th (Annex 1415), asking that the Council should withdraw from its agenda the Danzig request to treat as direct action the Polish Decree providing for the introduction of the zloty as the sole means of payment on the Polish railways in Danzig territory. The High Commissioner's request is due to the fact that this question, together with several others, was settled in an agreement arrived at between M. Beck, Foreign Minister of Poland, and M. Ziehm, President of the Senate of the Free City which agreement was signed on Saturday last. The text of this agreement has also been circulated to the Council (Annex 1415).

"I feel sure that the Council will be gratified at this outcome of the earnest efforts at conciliation which have been made by the parties, and that my colleagues will desire, in particular, to express their deep sense of obligation to the High Commissioner, whose indefatigable industry and diplomatic skill have so largely contributed to this result.

"This agreement was reached in time to make it unnecessary for the Committee of Jurists, appointed by the President as a result of the Council's decision of Friday last, to meet to consider the legal aspects of the Danzig request. I should, I think, remind the Council that the agreement now registered replaces the proposals which were submitted by the Rapporteur at our last meeting.¹ One item of the proposals then put forward, however, still stands and retains its full significance, I refer to the paragraph providing for the appointment of a Committee of three members of the Council to examine the revision of the procedure with regard to direct action. If the Council concurs, I suggest that we ask the President to be good enough to proceed immediately to the appointment of this Committee. The parties should, I think, make arrangements to submit not later than January 10th to the High Commissioner, for communication to this Committee, any statement of their views which they may wish to make. I propose this date in order that the Committee may have sufficient time to complete its report before the next session of the Council.

"I beg, therefore, to submit the following draft resolution.

" The Council,

" (1) Notes the Agreement concluded between Poland and Danzig on November 26th, 1932

" (2) Decides to request a Committee of three of its members, to be appointed by the President, to make a detailed study of the question of direct action and, after hearing the

¹ See page 1956.

views of the parties, to present to the Council, at its January session, proposals for setting up a more satisfactory procedure ”

The draft resolution was adopted.

M. Ziehm and M. Rosting withdrew

(The Council went into private session.)

3176. Investments Committee of the Pensions and Provident Funds · Resignation of M. ter Meulen and Appointment of his Successor.

M. ANDVORD presented the following report:¹

“ M. ter Meulen, who has served since the beginning on the Investments Committee of the League's Pensions and Provident Funds, expressed the desire some time ago to resign from this function.

“ The Sub-Committee of the Financial Committee, which met recently recommends the appointment of Mr. Archibald A. JAMIESON as successor to M. ter Meulen. Mr. Jamieson, of the firm of Messrs. Robert Fleming & Co., Ltd., Merchant Bankers in London, is a director of several investment trust companies.

“ I propose to the Council to express to M. ter Meulen our thanks for the services he has rendered to the League as a member of the Investments Committee and to approve the appointment of Mr. Jamieson.”

The conclusions of the report were adopted.

3177 Appointment of M. René Charron to the Financial Section and Economic Intelligence Service of the Secretariat.

M. MATOS presented the following report and draft resolution.

“ My colleagues have before them the Secretary-General's note (Annex 1416), and I think that they will agree that the measure proposed is justified by the present situation.

“ I therefore venture to propose the adoption of the following resolution.

“ The Council,

“ Authorises the Secretary-General to charge, up to a maximum sum of 5,000 francs, part of the salary of M. René Charron, attached in an expert capacity to the Financial Section and Economic Intelligence Service, to Item 3 (b) of the 1933 Budget, “ Unforeseen Expenditure subject to Special Vote of the Council (Exceptional Financial Expenditure) ” ”

The draft resolution was adopted.

3178. Work of the Financial Committee in 1932 Expenses of Consultations of the Delegation of the Committee to be charged to Item 3(b) “ Unforeseen Financial Expenditure ” of the 1932 Budget.

M. MATOS presented the following report and draft resolution.³

“ We have before us the Secretary-General's note on this subject (Annex 1417), to which I have nothing to add.

“ If my colleagues agree, I would propose the adoption of the following resolution.

“ The Council,

“ Decides to charge the expenses involved by consultations of the delegation of the Financial Committee with the Governments of Austria, Bulgaria and Hungary to Item 3(b) of Chapter I of the 1932 budget, “ Unforeseen Expenditure subject to Special Vote of the Council (Exceptional Financial Expenditure) ” up to an amount not exceeding 10,000 Swiss francs ”

The draft resolution was adopted.

3179. Nomination of the High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig.

M. Ziehm, President of the Senate of the Free City of Danzig, came to the Council table.

¹ Document C.795.1932.X.

² Document C.776.1932.X.

³ Document C.799.1932.X.