

## 1181. Polish Minorities German Minority Schools in Polish Upper Silesia.

M. Skirmunt, representative of Poland, came to the Council table.

M. de SOUZA DANTAS read two reports, one on the primary German school of Kopalnia Boera (Annex 618) and the other on the question of the secondary and high schools for German minorities (Annex 618a).

*The Council took note of these two reports.*

M. Skirmunt withdrew.

## 1182. International Arrangements for Legal Assistance for the Poor.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL read his report (Annex 619) and submitted the following resolution

“ The Council, having considered the Assembly’s resolution of September 27th, 1923, relating to international arrangements for legal assistance for the poor, and being informed by the Secretary-General that financial assistance for the conduct of an enquiry in connection with this question may be available from a private source, authorises the Secretary-General to consult experts and to convene a meeting of experts to consider the question, with a view to preparing the report asked for by the Assembly on the understanding that no expenditure of League funds will be incurred.”

Lord PARMOOR said the question was of great importance. It was obvious that poor persons had every right to assistance. He hoped that a favourable solution of the question would be found.

*The resolution was adopted.*

## SEVENTH MEETING (PUBLIC)

*Held at Geneva on Friday, March 14th, 1924, at 11 a.m.*

Present All the representatives of the Members of the Council, and the Secretary-General.

## 1183. Free City of Danzig Question of the Harbour Board Flag.

M. Skirmunt, representative of Poland M. Sahn, representative of the Free City and Mr. MacDonnell, High Commissioner, came to the Council table.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN referred to the appeal which had been made by the Danzig Government against a decision of the High Commissioner concerning the question of the Harbour Board flag. He was happy to say that the representative of the Free City had decided to withdraw this appeal.

He would be interpreting the feeling of all his colleagues in expressing to the Government of Danzig the sincere satisfaction of the Council at the spirit of goodwill which it had shown on this occasion. The same spirit would doubtless lead to the solution of many other problems which were the subject of dispute between Danzig and Poland. The Council much preferred not to intervene in such questions.

*The Council noted the withdrawal of the Danzig appeal.*

## 1184. Free City of Danzig Deptt for Polish War Material in Transit.

At the request of M. Skirmunt, Admiral Zwierkowski took his place at the Council table.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN read his report (Annex 620).

Admiral ZWIERKOWSKI spoke as follows “ The peninsula of Westerplatte, which the Committee of Experts of the League of Nations has proposed to put at the disposal of the Polish Government for the guarding, discharge and provisional storage of Polish war material in transit, doubtless presents considerable advantages. There are, in the opinion of the Polish Government, two very serious objections, however, to accepting this solution. It is very burdensome for the finances of Poland and it cannot be immediately realised.

“ The construction of the necessary basin for unloading the vessels and extending the railway line to the basin will occasion an expenditure of about 6,000,000 gold francs, and it will be necessary to add to this sum the expenses of the necessary expropriations. Poland is at the moment making great efforts to reform her finances and the time does not seem opportune for imposing such financial charges for the development of a site situated beyond the limits of her territory, particularly as these expenses can be avoided by attributing a site to Poland on the Island of Holm.

“ According to the arguments, which are unanswerable, of the pyrotechnical member of the Committee sent to Danzig by the League of Nations, the danger arising from the presence of explosives on the Island of Holm will not be greater than that arising from the future employment of Westerplatte for this purpose. Further, the solution proposed cannot