

He would propose that the Council should authorise him to submit proposals at the next session as to how this practice could be stopped, as it undoubtedly could be. If he had the authority of the Council, he would spend the next two months working out a scheme which would reduce the Danzig items on the agenda for the following sessions.

M. STRASBURGER said that the suggestions of the High Commissioner were entirely in accordance with the views of the Polish Government, which was endeavouring to reduce as far as possible the number of such questions. The appeals made by the Polish Government were far less in number than the appeals made by Danzig.

The Polish Government was very desirous of co-operating with the High Commissioner in endeavouring to reduce the number of appeals submitted to the Council on questions of secondary importance.

M. SAHM said that the Danzig Government also earnestly endeavoured to reduce the number of disputes and to settle them by agreement. Nevertheless, if the substance of the various questions brought before the Council were examined, it would be seen that the Free City of Danzig was nearly always in fact placed in the position of having to defend itself. It was the right and the duty of Governments to defend the rights granted to them by treaties.

M. STRASBURGER pointed out that Poland had accepted a whole series of decisions of the High Commissioner which had been in favour of Danzig rather than in favour of Poland. It had thus shown its intention of not always making an appeal to the Council on questions of secondary importance.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN said that the Council would examine the proposal which had just been made to it by the High Commissioner. It was only natural that the representatives of Danzig and Poland should wish to defend their rights, but appeals on questions of secondary importance should not be multiplied. In view of the good-will which had always been shown both by Danzig and by Poland, a satisfactory *modus videndi* should certainly be found.

M. HYMANS warmly supported the proposal which had just been made to the Council. In the interests of the administration of Danzig itself and of its relations with Poland, it was to be hoped that the disputes would not be multiplied, and that the Council would only have to deal with questions of importance.

The High Commissioner could submit practical proposals which the Council would be quite disposed to adopt.

The Council took note of the observations of the High Commissioner

1419. Free City of Danzig Question of a House for the High Commissioner

Mr. MACDONNELL said that he would like to bring before the Council the question of a house for the High Commissioner of Danzig. He was at present accommodated in a very big house which was very badly arranged and very expensive to keep up. The position of the High Commissioner being fixed in the Treaty of Versailles, he thought that it should be supposed that he would be at Danzig as long as that instrument lasted. Therefore he thought that the League of Nations really ought to construct or buy a house for itself which was more in keeping with the salary it paid its representative. He thought that the Council would find it difficult to get a man as his successor to take the post if he had to live in the present house. He suggested that the League should buy its own house, and one more in keeping with the amount they paid the gentleman who had to occupy it.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEON warmly supported the proposal of the High Commissioner.

The PRESIDENT said that the Council would examine the question and would take a decision at its session in March or at a subsequent session.

The High Commissioner for Danzig, the representative of Poland and the President of the Danzig Senate withdrew.

1420. Appointment of a Member of the Mixed Greco-Turkish Arbitral Tribunal.

M. CARAPANOS, representative of Greece, and Suad Bey representative of Turkey, came to the Council table.

M. GUANI read his report (Annex 726).

M. CARAPANOS, representative of Greece, said he was entirely in agreement with the conclusions of the report.

SUAD Bey representative of Turkey informed the Council that the Turkish Government appointed Djemil Bey member of the Mixed Greco-Turkish Arbitral Tribunal.

M. GUANI proposed that the Council should take note of the statement made by the representative of Turkey

M. CARAPANOS supported that proposal.

The Council took note of the statement made by the representative of Turkey.

[The Council then went into private session.]