

Crowdy's contract should be prolonged for one year. That arrangement would enable the Council to mark its appreciation of the work which she had done in the Secretariat. Her contract would, therefore, conclude on July 31st, 1930.

The proposal of the Secretary-General was approved.

2279. Council Rapporteurs for 1928-1929.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL submitted the following provisional list of Rapporteurs¹ for 1928-1929 for questions which regularly appear on the Agenda of the Council.

(1) Financial Questions	Cuba
(2) Economic Questions	Germany
(3) Transit Committee	Poland
(4) Health	Spain
(5) International Law	Italy
(6) Finances of the League of Nations	Persia
(7) International Bureaux	Venezuela
(8) Mandates	Finland
(9) Minorities	Japan
(10) Armaments	Roumania
(11) Saar	Italy
(12) Danzig	Chile
(13) Intellectual Co-operation	France
(14) Opium	Canada
(15) Traffic in Women and Children	Great Britain
(16) Humanitarian Questions	Venezuela
(17) Child Welfare	Canada

His Highness Mohammad Ali Khan FOROUGHI noted that the representative of Persia was entrusted with financial questions. He agreed to that arrangement, but hoped that his acceptance did not imply that he would have to report on those questions for all the three years during which Persia would be a Member of the Council.

The PRESIDENT assured the representative of Persia that the proposed arrangement was for one year only.

The list submitted by the Secretary-General was approved.

FIFTH MEETING (PUBLIC, THEN PRIVATE).

Held on Friday September 21st, 1928, at 4.30 p.m.

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

2280. Work of the Financial Committee during its Thirty-Second Session.

Dr. Sahn, President of the Senate of the Free City of Danzig, came to the Council table.

The PRESIDENT read the following report and draft resolution.²

The Council has received separate reports on certain questions dealt with by the Financial Committee at its last session, namely the settlement of refugees in Greece, the financial stabilisation of that country the settlement of Bulgarian refugees and the Bulgarian stabilisation loan.

With regard to the question dealt with in Part III of the report (Annex 1071), it has been thought advisable, after agreement between the two Governments concerned, to postpone the examination of this matter until the next session.

Of the other questions mentioned in the Financial Committee's report on the work of its last session, only one calls for action by the Council — *the Free City of Danzig Loan (1927)*.

On this point, I will quote the following passage in the report of the Financial Committee:

“ ‘The issue of the loan has produced a sum which is slightly higher than the total of the programme of expenditure which was approved by the Council. The Danzig Senate would

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like to use this relatively small surplus, amounting to £17,902 *is. id.*, for further expenditure on one of the items contained in the programme of expenditure; namely the building of houses. The Committee recommends the Council to authorise the Trustee to liberate the surplus to the Senate for this purpose, subject to the same measures of supervision as apply to the other parts of the loan.

" I propose that the Council should comply with the Committee's recommendation and adopt the following resolution.

" "The Council:

" (1) Approves the report of the Financial Committee on the work of its thirty-second session, postponing the examination of Part III until the next session of the Council;

" (2) Takes note of the annual reports of the Trustees for the Free City of Danzig and Estonian loans¹

" (3) Authorises the Trustee for the Free City of Danzig Loan (1927) to liberate the surplus of this loan, amounting to £17,902 *is. id.*, for the building of houses, subject to the same measures of supervision as apply to the other parts of the loan. "

The draft resolution was adopted.

Dr. Sahn withdrew.

2281. Draft Conventions on Bills of Exchange and Cheques Transmission of the Draft Conventions to States Non-Members of the League.

Dr. VON SCHUBERT read the following report:

" In accordance with a resolution dated March 6th, 1928³ the Secretary-General circulated to the Members of the League a report and draft conventions with a view to securing greater uniformity in legislation on bills of exchange and cheques (document C.175.M.54.1928.II).

" These draft conventions were circulated in order to ascertain what criticisms the Governments might have to make and whether they were of opinion that the drafts might serve as a basis of discussion at a Conference to be held next year.

" This is a question which affects all countries. I therefore propose that the Secretary-General should be asked to circulate the report and draft conventions to States non-Members of the League."

M. SCIALOJA requested the Secretary-General to communicate the draft conventions also to the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law at Rome.

The conclusions of the report and the proposal of M. Scialoja were adopted.

2282. Diplomatic Conference on Statistics Representation at the Conference, in an Advisory Capacity of the Organisation for Communications and Transit.

Dr. VON SCHUBERT made the following statement:⁴

You are aware, gentlemen, that a Diplomatic Conference on Statistics has been convened for November 26th next at Geneva, which is entrusted with the drafting of an international convention concerning a framework for economic statistics to be officially published in each country and the methods to be applied in the drawing-up of certain categories of these statistics.

The agenda of the Conference also includes certain questions with regard to transport, which fall within the competence of the Organisation for Communications and Transit. It would therefore seem to me advantageous to invite this Organisation to appoint a representative to follow the work of the Conference in an advisory capacity.

Dr von Schubert's proposal was adopted.

2283. Financial Assistance for States Victims of Aggression Resolution adopted by the Assembly on September 18th, 1928.

The PRESIDENT read the following report:⁵

The Assembly on September 18th, 1928, adopted the following resolution on the subject of financial assistance:

" The Assembly:

(1) Expresses its satisfaction with the work of the Committee on Arbitration and Security and the Financial Committee in connection with the scheme for financial assistance

See *Official Journal*, September 1928, pages 1379-1407.
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See *Official Journal*, April 1928, page 379.
Document C.497.1928.II.
Document C.502.1928.II.