

M. ZALESKI recalled that, at the last session of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, the Polish delegate had drawn the Commission's attention to the logical connection existing between disarmament in the strict sense and moral disarmament, and expressed the hope that the League would examine the possibility of discovering appropriate methods to produce a moral *détente* among the nations. That *détente* was necessary for the success of the Disarmament Conference.

Aggressive campaigns of hate, contempt for foreign countries, the publication of false and tendentiously interpreted news, without any possibility of rectification, appeals to the lowest and most selfish instincts, were the really dangerous factors, especially at a time of international crisis which unloosened passions and which rendered useless all the efforts of the Council to bring about a *détente*. That was a real danger to good understanding among the peoples.

The Swedish Government had brought this danger to the attention of the Committee appointed to draft the Convention on the means of preventing war. The Polish delegation had taken up the Swedish suggestion and submitted to the Committee a draft recommendation to be annexed to the report which had just been read.

He asked the Council to take a decision on those lines and to lay the question before the Assembly. He hoped the Assembly would recognise the importance of the problem and deal with it.

The problems raised in the Swedish proposal did not exhaust the whole question of the practical realisation of moral disarmament. He reserved his Government's right to draw the attention of the Assembly to other aspects of this question not less important for the preservation of peace.

M. LERROUX said that the Swedish proposal and the recommendation submitted by the Polish delegation were included in the report submitted by the Committee. He was sure that the Assembly would take them into account and would decide what action ought to be taken.

The draft resolution was adopted.

(The Council went into private session.)

2831. Free City of Danzig Expiration of the Term of Office of the High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig (continuation).

Mr. HENDERSON presented the following report and draft resolution. ¹

" At its meeting of September 21st, 1928,² the Council appointed Count Manfredi Gravina High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig for a period of three years as from June 22nd, 1929. The Council also decided that the question whether his term of office should be renewed should be examined by the Council a year before it expired.

" The Council, having been informed that it was Count Gravina's intention to relinquish his post at the expiration of the three years for which he had been appointed, decided, at a private meeting,³ to make a strong appeal to him to accept an appointment for a further three years. I am glad to inform the Council that Count Gravina has acceded to this request, while reserving the right to resign his position before the expiry of his term, on family or health grounds. In this case the High Commissioner will inform the Council six months in advance. I am sure that the Council will wish to express to him its sincere thanks for the readiness with which he has acceded to its request, and at the same time to express its appreciation of the manner in which he has carried out his duties since taking up his post.

" I beg to submit the following draft resolution.

" The Council appoints Count Gravina High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig for a further period of three years as from June 22nd, 1932, on the same terms as those laid down in the Council's resolution of September 21st, 1928. "

The draft resolution was adopted.

The PRESIDENT expressed the Council's thanks to Count Gravina for consenting to continue in office.

2832. Committee on the Allocation of Expenses Resignation of M. Sato and Appointment of his Successor

M. MATOS presented the following report and draft resolution. ⁴

" The Secretary-General has received a letter from M. Sato handing in his resignation as a member of the Committee on the Allocation of Expenses in consequence of his nomination to another post. I am sure that we shall all regret to lose the valuable assistance which M. Sato gave to this Committee. I venture to propose M. Setsuzo Sawada for the seat left vacant by

¹ Document G.365.1931.I.

² See *Official Journal*, October 1928, page 1657.

³ See page 1113.

⁴ Document C.261.1931.II.A.