

France by M. BERENGER, Germany by M. VON ROSENBERG, Norway by M. HAMBRO and then by M. ANDVORD, and Spain by M. HURTADO.

3150. Renewal of the Term of Office of the Committee on the Allocation of League Expenses.

M. MATOS presented the following report and draft resolution. ¹

“ The Council, at its meeting held on March 7th, 1929, ² in accordance with the Assembly's decision taken on September 26th, 1928, renewed the term of office of the Committee on the Allocation of League Expenses until 1932, requested the Committee to submit a revised scale of allocation to the Assembly of 1932 and invited M. REVEILAUD, Dr. Bogdan MARKOVITCH, M. DE NARVAEZ, Mr. PHILLIPS, M. SATO, M. SOLERI, Sir Henry STRAKOSCH, M. ZAHLE and M. WACHSMANN to serve on that Committee as regular members and M. P JACOBSSON and M. PARANJPYE as substitute members.

“ Since that date, the Committee has been deprived of the services of M. de Narvaez, deceased, and of M. Wachsmann, who resigned.

“ The Council, at its meeting on September 25th, 1930, ³ invited Dr. Alfonso LOPEZ and Dr. Fritz BERGER to fill the two vacant seats on the Committee.

“ The Council, at its meeting on May 21st, 1931, ⁴ took note of the resignation of M. Sato from membership of the Committee, and invited M. Setsuzo SAWADA to serve on it as a regular member.

“ The twelfth ordinary Assembly however, on September 29th, 1931, amending the decision taken on September 26th, 1928, requested the Council to ask the Committee on Allocation not to submit its draft revised scale until the 1934 Assembly

“ I think that, in view of the great importance of the task before the Committee in the next year or two, it may be well to add one member, and I would therefore suggest the name of M. Salvador Martinez de Alva, Director of the Permanent Office of Mexico.

“ In view of the above considerations, I have the honour to propose the following resolution.

“ The Council,

“ Renews the term of office of the Committee on the Allocation of League Expenses until 1934 in view of the preparation of a revised scale of allocation,

“ Invites M. REVEILAUD, Dr. H. F BERGER, Dr. Alfonso LOPEZ, Dr. Bogdan MARKOVITCH, Mr. PHILLIPS, M. Setsuzo SAWADA, M. SOLERI, Sir Henry STRAKOSCH, and M. ZAHLE to continue to serve on that Committee as regular members and M. P JACOBSSON and Dr. R. P PARANJPYE as substitute members and

“ Invites M. Salvador MARTINEZ DE ALVA to serve on the Committee as a regular member. ”

The draft resolution was adopted.

3151. Free City of Danzig Nomination of a High Commissioner

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

Mr. EDEN, speaking as Rapporteur, said it had unfortunately been impossible for him, in spite of considerable endeavours during the last few weeks, to submit to the Council, as he had hoped to be able to do, a definite proposal in regard to the appointment of a permanent holder of the post of High Commissioner in Danzig. In these conditions, therefore, it became necessary to appoint an acting High Commissioner at once, so that the office should no longer remain unfilled.

The Polish Government and the representatives of Danzig had approached the Secretary-General with the request that M. Helmer Rosting, Chief of the Administrative Commissions Bureau of the Secretariat of the League of Nations, should be appointed acting High Commissioner until December 1st, 1932. He personally could think of no better solution. M. Rosting seemed in all respects an admirable choice. He accordingly submitted the following draft resolution. ⁵

“ (1) The Council decides to postpone to its next session the appointment of the permanent holder of the post of High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig.

“ (2) At the request of the Polish and Danzig Governments, the Council appoints M. Helmer ROSTING, Chief of the Administrative Commissions Bureau of the Secretariat of the League of Nations, as acting High Commissioner at Danzig until December 1st, 1932, with all the rights and powers conferred on the High Commissioner. This appointment is

¹ Document C.727.1932.X.

² See *Official Journal*, April 1929, page 542.

³ See *Official Journal*, November 1930, page 1518.

⁴ See *Official Journal*, July 1931, page 1124.

⁵ Document C.731.1932.I.

made on the same conditions as those stipulated in connection with the appointment of the late Count Gravina, nevertheless, in view of the economic crisis, the High Commissioner's salary is reduced by 10 per cent."

M. VON ROSENBERG said that, in view of M. Rosting's admirable qualities, he accepted the proposal for a provisional solution. He regretted, however, that it had not been possible to proceed immediately to the final nomination of a new High Commissioner. As he had pointed out at the last meeting, the difficult situation at Danzig called for a prompt and final solution. He would therefore press the Rapporteur and the Secretary-General to take all the necessary action to enable a definitive appointment to be made at the Council's next session.

The draft resolution was adopted.

M. Ziehm withdrew.

3152. Prolongation of the Appointments of the Marquis Paulucci di Calboli Barone and M. Dufour-Feronce.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL wished to raise a question of an administrative character. He would be very glad if the Council would agree to the appointments of the Under-Secretaries-General, the Marquis Paulucci di Calboli Barone and M. Dufour-Feronce, being prolonged for a short period of some three or four weeks. It might not be necessary for the prolongation to be for as much as three or four weeks. It would depend on administrative necessities.

M. HAMBRO observed that it was quite clear, if the Secretary-General thought it an administrative necessity that he must have power to prolong the contracts; but he himself would expect that three or four weeks would prove too short a period. If it should be necessary to retain the Under-Secretaries-General now he supposed it would be necessary to do so until after the special session of the Assembly in November. There would be no danger in providing for a prolongation for a somewhat longer period, or in giving the Secretary-General power to grant such a prolongation.

The PRESIDENT suggested that the Secretary-General should be allowed to fix a period not exceeding a certain time.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL said that, if he were given powers to that effect, he would make arrangements accordingly

M. BERENGER asked on what date the extended contracts would expire.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL replied that, in the case of M. Dufour-Feronce, the prolongation would only be for about ten days, since he himself wished to leave. In the case of the Marquis Paulucci, it was purely a question of administration. In any case, the prolongation would obviously not last longer than the end of November. He could not give an exact date, since it depended entirely on administrative necessities.

M. HAMBRO said that, having given the Secretary-General this power, he could not help thinking that, in view of the discussions in the Fourth Committee, it would be of some interest to the special session of the Assembly if the Secretary-General would take the opportunity of ascertaining the administrative and economic results of keeping the posts of Under-Secretaries-General vacant.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL thought that was a matter for consideration.

The PRESIDENT said that the decision of the Council was, so he understood, that the question of prolonging the contracts of the Under-Secretaries-General in question should be left in the Secretary-General's hands, on condition that the prolongations should not extend beyond the end of November.

Agreed.

(The Council went into public session.)

3153. Appeal of the Chinese Government: Invitation to the Members of the Commission of Enquiry to attend at Geneva at the Time of the Submission of the Report of the Commission to the Council.

(See *Official Journal*, December 1932 (Part I).)