

Government placed in power by their own votes, charges to the effect that that Government has violated the Constitution, with the result that difficulties are created for the Government's internal and external policy alike which interfere with its constructive work for the benefit of the entire population. The organs of public safety of the State cannot wait until the indignation everywhere aroused by the agitation of the *Danziger Volkszeitung* is brought to boiling-point, and the deliberate intensification of party differences makes disturbances of public order inevitable. The organs of public safety were compelled to intervene, in order to make an end of the menace of such disturbances which already existed. The Chief of Police was accordingly only doing his duty when he issued his prohibition order.

In view of the fact that the *Danziger Volkszeitung* had to be confiscated no less than six times in the two months immediately preceding the prohibition on the ground that it contained matter liable to lead to a disturbance of public order, and in view of the fact that, in spite of these measures, it not only did not modify this attitude, an attitude involving danger to the State, but, on the contrary continually intensified it, so that there was no reason whatever to anticipate loyal conduct on its part in the future, the period of four months at which the prohibition was assessed must be regarded as proper and reasonable.

The appeal of the publisher of the *Danziger Volkszeitung* had therefore to be dismissed as unfounded.

For the Senate of the Free City of Danzig:

(Signed) HUTH. (Signed) Dr. WIERCINSKI-KEISER.

ANNEX 1585.

C.41.1936.VII.

FREE CITY OF DANZIG.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND THE SENATE OF THE FREE CITY ON THE SUBJECT OF THE POLICE ("LANDESPOLIZEI") AND THE CIVIC GUARD ("EINWOHNERWEHR") OF THE FREE CITY.

LETTER, DATED JANUARY 15TH, 1936, FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

Danzig, January 15th, 1936.

I have the honour to refer to my letter dated August 29th, 1935, which was circulated to the Council for information as document C.337.1935.VII¹ on September 6th last, concerning the *Landespolizei* and the *Einwohnerwehr* in Danzig.

I have the honour now to enclose herewith two further letters in connection with these forces, which I shall be glad if you will be good enough to communicate to the Members of the Council for their information.

(Signed) Sean LESTER.

Appendix I.

Danzig, October 26th, 1935.

To the President of the Senate
of the Free City of Danzig.

I have the honour to refer to your letter of August 6th, 1935, in which reference was made to the *Landespolizei*.

I have recently observed a newspaper announcement concerning the disbandment of this force, and I shall be glad if you will be kind enough to supply me with information regarding any action taken by the Government.

(Signed) Sean LESTER.

¹ See *Official Journal*, November 1935, page 1342.

Appendix II.

Danzig, November 18th, 1935.

To the High Commissioner
of the League of Nations.

In reply to your letter No. 12/29, of October 26th last, I have the honour to inform you that the newspaper report of the disbandment of the *Landespolizei* is correct. The *Landespolizei* is to be regarded as disbanded by order of the Senate as from November 30th of this year. As a consequence of this disbandment, it is proposed to increase the strength of the Public Safety Police (*Schutzpolizei*) by about 100 men. The Civic Guard (*Einwohnerwehr*) in its present form is also to be disbanded. No decision has as yet been taken regarding its possible reorganisation.

(Signed) GREISER.

ANNEX 1586.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
AND URUGUAY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF
SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS UNDER ARTICLE 11, PARAGRAPH 2, OF
THE COVENANT.

C.II.M.10.1936.VII.

I. LETTER, DATED DECEMBER 30TH, 1935, FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

[Translation.]

Moscow December 30th, 1935.

The plenipotentiary representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at Montevideo has received from the Government of Uruguay a communication dated December 28th, 1935, in which that Government, referring to representations said to have been made by the authorities of a third State, and indulging, in that connection, in incorrect suppositions and in various reflections—unjustified reflections—on the policy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, announces its decision to break off diplomatic relations with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In consequence of this communication, the diplomatic representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at Montevideo and of Uruguay at Moscow have been recalled from their respective posts. It is to be observed that the presentation of this communication by the Government of Uruguay was not preceded by any complaint on the latter's part against the Soviet Government, nor by any dispute between the two countries which might have borne any relation to the abruptness of the Uruguayan Government's action.

The breaking-off of diplomatic relations, instead of proceeding through the channels prescribed by paragraph 1 of Article 12 of the Covenant, constitutes, in the opinion of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, a grave breach of one of the fundamental principles of the League.

Consequently the Soviet Government regards the action which the Uruguayan Government has thought fit to take in the present case as incompatible with the due observance by Uruguay of her obligations as a Member of the League.

In these circumstances, and inasmuch as, under paragraph 2 of Article 11 of the Covenant, any Member of the League has the right "to bring to the attention of the Council any circumstance whatever affecting international relations which threatens to disturb international peace or the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends" the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics has the honour to call the attention of the Council of the League of Nations to the situation created by the Uruguayan Government's breach of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 12 of the Covenant.

I should accordingly be most grateful if you, Sir, would be good enough to place this question on the agenda of the forthcoming session of the Council.

As soon as the Soviet Government is in possession of the authentic texts of the Uruguayan Government's note above mentioned and of the reply of the plenipotentiary representative of the