

SIXTH MEETING (PRIVATE, THEN PUBLIC).

Held on Saturday, May 29th, 1937, at 12 noon.

President: M. QUEVEDO.

The Members of the Council were represented as follows:

<i>Bolivia:</i>	M. COSTA DU RELS.
<i>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:</i>	Mr. EDEN.
<i>Chile:</i>	M. EDWARDS.
<i>China:</i>	M. WELLINGTON KOO.
<i>Ecuador:</i>	M. QUEVEDO.
<i>France:</i>	M. DELBOS.
<i>Italy:</i>	—
<i>Latvia:</i>	M. MUNTERS.
<i>New Zealand:</i>	Mr. JORDAN.
<i>Poland:</i>	M. KOMARNICKI.
<i>Romania:</i>	M. PELLA.
<i>Spain:</i>	M. ALVAREZ DEL VAYO.
<i>Sweden:</i>	M. SANDLER.
<i>Turkey:</i>	M. SADAK; later, M. RÜSTÜ ARAS.
<i>Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:</i>	M. LITVINOFF.

Secretary-General: M. J. AVENOL.

3913. Free City of Danzig: Salary of the High Commissioner: Inclusion of the Question in the Agenda of the Session.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL invited the Council to include a question relating to the salary of the High Commissioner of the Free City of Danzig in the agenda of the present session.

The Secretary-General's proposal was adopted.

3914. Free City of Danzig: Salary of the High Commissioner.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL submitted the following note:¹

“ At its session held in January last, the Committee of Three appointed by the Council to follow the situation in Danzig expressed the view that it would be desirable in future for the salary of the High Commissioner to be charged to the League of Nations' budget, it being understood that the other expenses appertaining to the High Commissioner's office would continue to be defrayed by the Danzig and Polish Governments.

“ Accordingly, the Secretary-General, in agreement with the Supervisory Commission, has included the necessary credit for this purpose in the draft budget of the League of Nations for 1938, which will be submitted to the next Assembly.

“ At the same time, he would request the Council to take the necessary measures for the payment of the salary in question in respect of the last half of the present year by charging the sum required to item 2 (c), i: ' Unforeseen expenditure: Political expenditure '. If the Council approves this proposal, it might adopt the following resolution:

“ ‘ The Council decides, as from July 1st and until the end of the current financial year, to charge to item 2 (c), i: “ Unforeseen expenditure: Political expenditure ”, the salary of the High Commissioner of the League of Nations in Danzig, amounting to 72,000 Swiss francs per annum. ’ ”

¹ Document C.267.1937.VII.

He added that, in the absence of any representative of the Free City in Geneva, the competent authorities of Danzig had been consulted by telephone. They raised no objection to an immediate decision by the Council on the subject.

M. KOMARNICKI accepted the Secretary-General's proposal.

The resolution was adopted.

3915. Question of Alexandretta: Statement by the Secretary-General concerning Expenses.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL said he had a statement to make to the Council on the subject of the first sentence of the tenth paragraph of the report submitted to the Council by the Swedish representative on the question of Alexandretta and Antioch.¹ The point involved was the matter of the recoverable advances for expenditure in connection with the first elections for which the report provided.

He desired to remind the Council that under paragraph (2) of Article 33 of the Financial Regulations:

“ Recoverable advances required for work undertaken by the League may be made from the Working Capital Fund if the money is not required for the regular organisations. Such advances must be authorised by a special resolution of the Council, which shall keep the Members of the League fully informed with regard to all such resolutions and advances.”

Any advance out of League funds therefore presupposed that:

- (a) Formal assurance should be given to the Secretary-General as to their repayment, and
- (b) A special resolution should be adopted by the Council on the subject.

He thought there was no need to incur any expenditure for the proposed Commission before the September session of the Council. In the meantime, arrangements could no doubt be made as regards the refund of any advances to be made by the League.

As soon as any definite proposals in the matter were put forward, he would submit a resolution to the Council, as provided in the article of the Financial Regulations to which he had referred.

The Council took note of the Secretary-General's statement.

3916. Appointment of Members of Committees: Permanent Mandates Commission.

M. PELLA presented the following report and resolution:²

“ My colleagues are aware of the death of M. Manceron, member of the Permanent Mandates Commission, which took place in April.

“ I shall, I am sure, be interpreting the feeling of the Council in paying a tribute to the services which M. Manceron has rendered to the League of Nations, and in asking the Secretary-General to convey our sincere sympathy to M. Manceron's family.

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“ The Council has now to appoint a successor to M. Manceron on the Permanent Mandates Commission.

“ The constitution of the Permanent Mandates Commission defines as follows the conditions with which members of the Commission must comply:

“ ‘ The Permanent Mandates Commission provided for in paragraph 9 of Article 22 of the Covenant shall consist of ten members. The majority of the Commission shall be nationals of non-mandatory Powers.

“ ‘ All the members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Council and selected for their personal merits and competence. They shall not hold any office which puts them in a position of direct dependence on their Governments while members of the Commission.’

“ I would recommend to the Council Governor Augustin Giraud, of French nationality, as qualified to serve as a member of the Permanent Mandates Commission.

¹ See page 331.

² Document C.265.1937.VI.