

had not always been checked by the police. The French Government therefore considered this particular question as solved. The High Commissioner had pointed out that further expenditure for the maintenance of police would create a disastrous economic situation, which was more to be feared than incidents which he hoped would not be renewed.

General HAKING said that the action taken by the French Government had done a great deal of good. He knew that the Danzig authorities were taking special care to improve the police service, especially as regards dealing with foreigners of all countries.

M. SAHM assured the Council in the name of the Government of the Free City that that Government would do its utmost to ensure that its police should behave in the most correct manner possible, both to the inhabitants and to foreigners.

The PRESIDENT said that the Council would take note of M. Sahn's declaration.

M. ASKENAZY noted on behalf of the Polish Government the statements of M. Sahn and the High Commissioner.

The Council noted M. Adatci's report.

836. Resignation of General Haking, High Commissioner of the League at Danzig.

M. ADATCI read a report (Annex 448).

M. SAHM warmly thanked the High Commissioner for the work which he had done. Now that General Haking was about to leave Danzig, the President of the Senate of the Free City desired to thank him most warmly for the benefits which had accrued to Danzig during his term of office. These had been the result of the strong spirit of impartiality and the great experience displayed by General Haking. Decisions which he had taken as arbiter between the Polish Republic and the Free City of Danzig were of considerable importance, from the point of view of international law and of the good relations between the two States. General Haking enjoyed a well-deserved popularity among the citizens of the Free City.

M. ASKENAZY said that it was his duty in the name of his Government to pay a tribute to the untiring care with which General Haking had fulfilled his important duties. These had been both difficult and delicate. For two years General Haking, as High Commissioner, had carefully preserved the principle of Poland's free access to the sea, guaranteed to her by the Treaty of Versailles. Though there had been differences of opinion between the Polish Government and the High Commissioner, his Government had always appreciated the eminent qualities of General Haking as an impartial arbiter who put forth every effort to co-ordinate the points of view of Poland and the Free City.

The PRESIDENT said that the League of Nations might be well-satisfied if it could find in the future men of the same stamp as General Haking, who combined the qualities of a man of action with that of a diplomat. The President extended to him the congratulations of the Council. He proposed that they should be noted in the Minutes as a permanent record of the gratitude of the Council towards General Haking.

The Council adopted the President's proposal.

General HAKING thanked the Council for its congratulations. The Danzig and Polish Governments had always acted in a most loyal manner towards him, and the Council and the Secretariat of the League had invariably helped him in every way. He desired to call the Council's attention to the excellent services of his clerk, Mr. Ryan.

The Council adopted the following resolutions

"(1) General Haking's, term of office as High Commissioner of the League of Nations in Danzig is hereby extended from January 19th, 1923, to the end of the present session of the Council.

"(2) The Secretary-General is requested to convey to General Haking the thanks of the Council for the services which he rendered to the League of Nations during his period in office."

FOURTH MEETING (PRIVATE)

held at Paris on Tuesday, January 30th, 1923, at 3.30 p.m.

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

837 The work of the Economic Committee during its Session held in January 1923.

The PRESIDENT read a report (Annex 449) and presented the following resolutions