

## FIRST MEETING (PRIVATE)

*Held at Geneva on Wednesday, June 11th, 1924, at 11 a.m.*

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

1205. **Message of Sympathy to the Austrian Chancellor.**

On the proposal of the PRESIDENT, it was decided to despatch the following message to Monsignor Seipel, Austrian Chancellor

“ The Council of the League of Nations has learned with deep regret of the attempt upon the life of the Austrian Chancellor, and desires to convey to him its sympathy and its earnest hope for his complete and speedy recovery ”

1206. **Adoption of the Agenda.**

M. CLAUZEL informed the Council that M. Léon Bourgeois, whose duties as a member of the Senate kept him in Paris for the moment, would be unable to arrive before Saturday, June 14th. He asked, in consequence, that the questions relating to the Saar Basin should not be discussed before Monday June 16th.

The PRESIDENT informed the Council that he had received a telegram in this sense from M. Léon Bourgeois. He had also received a telegram from M. Titulesco asking that the questions relating to Hungary should be adjourned until the arrival of the Roumanian delegation.

*Questions relating to the Free City of Danzig.*

M. BOTELLA made the following statement

“ Eight questions relating to the Free City of Danzig were put on the provisional agenda of the present session of the Council. I have carefully examined them and was prepared to submit them to the Council. Happily it is not necessary to do so, because the Governments of Poland and the Free City have shown a keen desire to settle their disputes as far as possible by direct negotiation. They have succeeded in reaching an agreement, at least provisionally on all the questions put on our agenda, and the High Commissioner, in accordance with the wishes of the interested parties, has stated that it will not be necessary for the Council to deal during this session with a single question relating to Danzig.

“ I am sure my colleagues will be happy to note this situation and that they will wish to ask the Secretary-General to send our congratulations to the representatives of the two Governments and to the High Commissioner, who has helped the two parties to find solutions for their problems. ”

*This proposal was adopted.*

The PRESIDENT recalled the fact that at its last session the Council had instructed a Committee of Jurists, composed of M. Botella and M. Uden, to examine the question of the competence of the League of Nations to deal with certain cases submitted under the title of “ Protection of the interests in Poland of Danzig nationals and organisations ” The Committee had submitted a report, which the Council was not, at this moment, called upon to discuss. He desired, however, to ask the Secretary-General, in the name of the Council, to thank M. Botella and M. Uden for the help they had given in the examination of this question.

M. BOTELLA thanked the Secretariat for the valuable assistance it had given in the solution of these questions he also thanked the Secretariat, in his own name and that of M. Uden, for its assistance to the Committee of Jurists.

*Saar Basin Development of the Local Gendarmerie and the Presence of French Troops.*

The SECRETARY-GENERAL drew the attention of the Council to the note presented by the German Government, dated May 30th, 1924, concerning the presence of French troops in the Saar and the development of the local gendarmerie. This note had been received only a few days before the opening of the present session of the Council it had been communicated immediately to the Members of the Council and also to the Governing Commission for its observations. Did the Council desire to place this question on the agenda or to adjourn it to the next session ?

M. SALANDRA, as rapporteur for questions concerning the Saar Basin, proposed that the question should be adjourned to the next session, when the observations of the Governing Commission would be available, it had not yet had time to reply