

1412. Free City of Danzig Polish Railway Direction in Danzig.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN read his report (Annex 721) and submitted the following resolution

“ (1) The Council invites its Rapporteur to appoint, in agreement with the Chairman of the Advisory and Technical Committee for Communications and Transit, a committee of three jurists, one of whom must have made a special study of State railways, to give the Council an opinion on the following question

“ Was the High Commissioner's Decision of December 12th, 1922, in conformity with the treaties, decisions and agreements in force ? ”

“ (2) The costs of this Committee shall be borne equally by both parties.

“ (3) Pending a final decision by the Council, the present position shall be maintained. ”

The resolution was adopted.

1413. Free City of Danzig Holm Ferry

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN informed the Council that an agreement had been reached between Poland and the Free City of Danzig with regard to this question. He read the text of this agreement (Annex 722) and proposed the following resolution

“ The Council congratulates Poland and the Free City of Danzig on the agreement which has been reached and of which it takes note. ”

M. HYMANS regretted that the Council should be compelled to concern itself with questions of such small importance.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN said that, as Rapporteur, he agreed with M. Hymans.

The resolution was adopted.

1414. Free City of Danzig Transfer of Certain Property of the former Prussian Administration of the Vistula.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN read his report (Annex 723).

M. STRASBURGER desired that this question should be settled as soon as possible.

The conclusions of the report were adopted.

1415. Free City of Danzig Harbour Police Execution of the Decision of the High Commissioner dated June 6th. 1923.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN read his report (Annex 721) and proposed the following resolution

“ The Council approves the present report and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures for the execution of the conclusions contained therein. ”

M. STRASBURGER noted that the report spoke of the “ respective requirements of the Harbour Police and the Police for the establishments where the jurisdiction of the Harbour Board is clearly delimited ” There was other property belonging to the Harbour Board which, instead of being administered by that body, had been leased to Danzig, Polish and foreign commercial firms. He thought that this property should also be taken into consideration when the question of police was being discussed. The report also stated that account should be taken, “ among other things ” of the requirements in question. This expression seemed therefore to cover the property which had been leased to Polish, Danzig and foreign firms.

M. SAHM asked that the text proposed by the Rapporteur should be maintained, for it was based on a proposal of the President of the Harbour Board, who had had four years' experience in the harbour of Danzig. According to the proposed text, the police control of leased property would be excluded for in the proposals both of the Rapporteur and the President of the Harbour Board, not the ownership but the use of the goods for economic purposes should be taken into account, for there was other property in the harbour in the hands of private people.

M. STRASBURGER explained that he did not wish to change the wording of the report, but merely to emphasise the fact that the expression “ among other things ” covered those establishments as well as the others. The President of the Harbour Board would certainly take account of this point of view.

M. QUIÑONES DE LEÓN suggested that the statements made should be included in the minutes and presented to the President of the Harbour Board.

The Council adopted this proposal and approved the conclusions of the report.