

" I do not think it necessary for me to go over the facts set forth in the note on the transfers suggested which was communicated to us by the Secretary-General (Annex 935). I shall therefore propose to my colleagues the adoption of the following resolution:

" The Council:

" Approves the following transfers in the Budget for 1927:

" I. 40,000 francs from sub-head 1 (General Conference and preparatory work) of Item 19 (Economic and Financial Organisation) to sub-head C (Publications, printing and documentation of all kinds for the Conference) of Item 20 (General Economic Conference).

" 20,000 francs from sub-head 4 (Miscellaneous and unforeseen expenses) of Item 19 (Economic and Financial Organisation) to sub-head C (Publications, printing and documentation of all kinds for the Conference) of Item 20 (General Economic Conference).

" II. 10,000 francs from sub-head 1 (Salaries) of Item 18 (Administrative Commissions and Minorities Questions) to sub-head 4 (ii) (a) (Printing and documentation) of Item 24 (Social Questions).

" III. 20,000 francs from sub-head 1 (General Conference and preparatory work) of Item 19 (Economic and Financial Organisation) to Item 32 (Committee of Press Experts). "

The resolution was adopted.

1869. Board of Management of the Staff Provident Fund Resignation of Professor Attolico and Appointment of his Successor.

M. TITULESCO read the following report and draft resolution ¹.

" In a letter dated February 9th, Professor Attolico requested the Secretary-General to ask the Council to accept his resignation as a member of the Board of Management of the Staff Provident Fund.

" My colleagues will doubtless wish to take this opportunity for thanking Professor Attolico for the interest which he has constantly shown, first in the establishment and subsequently in the administration of the Provident Fund, and for the great services he has rendered.

" Article I of the Regulations of the Fund provides that 'the League guarantees payment of all sums falling due under the present regulations. In these circumstances, it seems to me necessary that a high official of the Secretariat should continue to be a member of the Board of Management of the Fund, I therefore think that it would be wise that Professor Attolico's successor at the head of the central administration of the Secretariat (Marquis Paulucci de Calboli) should fill the vacancy on the Board left by Professor Attolico's departure.

" If my colleagues are in agreement, I shall propose the adoption of the following resolution:

" The Council:

" Accepts Professor Attolico's resignation as a member of the Board of Management of the Staff Provident Fund and thanks him for the services which he has thus rendered to the League;

" Appoints, until December 31st, 1929, Marquis Paulucci de Calboli to replace Professor Attolico. "

The resolution was adopted.

1870. Appointments to and Promotions in the Secretariat.

The Council approved the list of appointments to and promotions in the Secretariat since the last session (Annex 936).

The Council went into public session.

1871. Free City of Danzig Payment by the League of Nations of the Expenses in connection with the Post of High Commissioner.

Dr. Sahm, President of the Senate of the Free City of Danzig, and Dr. van Hamel, High Commissioner of the League at Danzig, came to the Council table.

M. VILLEGAS read the following report and draft resolution ².

" At its meeting on December 7th, 1926³ the Council considered a proposal by the High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig to the effect that the expenses in connection with his post should be paid by the League of Nations and not, as hitherto, in equal shares by the

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Governments of Danzig and Poland. Before giving a ruling on the question, the Council decided to request the Supervisory Commission to prepare a report on the principles which have been followed up to the present with regard to the salaries and expenses of the permanent Commissioners appointed by the Council.

" At its meeting on February 16th, 1927 the Supervisory Commission examined the question submitted to it and found.

" (1) That the Assembly has, on several occasions, laid down the principle that expenses incurred on behalf of a limited number of States should be charged to those States.

" (2) That the expenses of all League of Nations Commissioners appointed for a fixed period are charged to the States concerned.

" The difference between the High Commissioner's post at Danzig and the duties of most other League of Nations Commissioners does not appear sufficient to justify an exception to the general principle applied in the matter.

" The Commission was therefore of opinion that it was not desirable to modify the system hitherto applied as regards the payment of the expenses in connection with the post of the League's High Commissioner at Danzig.

" The Supervisory Commission's report, with an annex containing a statement of the principles followed with regard to the salaries and expenses of the permanent Commissioners appointed by the League, was communicated to the Members of the Council.

" After examining this document, I venture to submit to the Council the following draft resolution.

" The Council, having considered the letter from the High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig dated November 11th, 1926, and the Supervisory Commission's report of February 17th, 1927 decides that it is not desirable to modify the system hitherto applied to the payment of the expenses in connection with the High Commissioner's post. "

Dr. van HAMEL, High Commissioner of the League at Danzig, thought that it was impossible not to adopt the advice of the Supervisory Commission in view of the imperative reasons given. The suggestion which he had made to the Council had originally been put forward by his predecessor, who had desired that the post of High Commissioner of Danzig should be made independent. He had himself raised it once more because of the difficult financial situation of the Free City of Danzig. It would have been a good thing if, by means of a material contribution, the League could have relieved the finances of the Free City. He hoped, however, that the quite general and administrative regulations which the Rapporteur had laid down on the advice of the Supervisory Commission would be understood in Danzig.

The resolution was adopted.

1872. Free City of Danzig Storage and Transport of War Material in the Territory of the Free City

M. VILLEGAS read the following report and draft resolution ¹.

" In a letter dated January 14th, 1927 which has been communicated to the Council, the High Commissioner of the League of Nations at Danzig asks the Council for certain explanations regarding the following paragraph in the Council's resolution of June 23rd, 1921, concerning the manufacture, sale, storage and transport of war material in the Free City of Danzig:

" 2. The transport and temporary storage of the above-mentioned (war) material should be prohibited unless the consent of the Council of the League of Nations has previously been obtained.

" The High Commissioner states that from time to time commercial firms apply to him for permission to convey through the territory of Danzig, war material consigned to a country other than Poland, the transit of consignments to the latter country having in a general manner been authorised by the Council. He adds that on his arrival at Danzig (*i.e.* at the beginning of 1926) he found that it had become customary for the High Commissioner to judge of the expediency of granting such permission, acting in this as the Council's representative, and submits to us a list of the permits granted or refused by his predecessor for the transport of war material. Being uncertain whether he may regard this tacitly recognised procedure as in conformity with the Council's intentions, he asks us to give him instructions on the subject.

" The above resolution of June 23rd, 1921, was adopted on a report from the Permanent Advisory Commission for Military Naval and Air Questions. In those circumstances it would, I think, be expedient to obtain an opinion from the Permanent Advisory Commission on the question raised by the High Commissioner.

" If the Permanent Advisory Commission is unable to give an opinion soon enough for the Council to take a decision during its present session, the High Commissioner might be authorised to issue provisionally the requisite permits on behalf of the Council.

¹ Document C.64.1927.I.