

M. COMNÈNE announced that, in accordance with the usual practice in this matter, the Advisory Committee for Bulgarian refugees had met at Geneva on December 2nd. That meeting had been attended by the representatives of Greece, of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, and of Roumania and by M. Charron. The Committee had expressed the hope that M. Charron and the Bulgarian Government would bear in mind the discussions which had taken place at that meeting.

*The conclusion of the report was adopted.*

M. Molloff and M. Charron withdrew.

2091. Danzig Municipal Loan of 1925 Request from the Danzig Senate.

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

M. VOIONMAA read the following report and draft resolution<sup>1</sup>.

The Danzig Senate asked, in its letters of November 17th and 22nd (Annex 1008 and 1008 a), that the Council should make certain changes in the programme of expenditure for the municipal loan of 1925.

Under the loan contract the Council has the right to make such changes.

"The Financial Committee has examined the request of the Senate and recommends the Council to grant it (Annex 1006).

I therefore propose the following resolution:

The Council changes the programme of expenditure for the Danzig Municipal Loan of 1925 in the manner indicated below: the proceeds of the loan may be employed for the following purposes and up to the following amounts:

	£	s.	d.
(a) Construction of the main road from Danzig to the suburb of Neufahrwasser	40,000	0	0
(b) Linking up of the sewerage of Danzig-Neufahrwasser with the sewage filter-bed at Saspe	20,000	0	0
(c) Enlargement of the municipal slaughterhouse.	20,000	0	0
(d) The building of dwelling-houses	79,701	3	2 "

Sir Otto NIEMEYER said that he had nothing to add to the report, which related to a simple change within the limits of the original purposes of the loan.

*The draft resolution was adopted.*

(The Council went into private session.)

2092. Appointment of a Substitute Member of the Supervisory Commission.

M. DE AGÜERO Y BETHANCOURT read the following report and draft resolution<sup>2</sup>.

"At the first meeting of this session, the Council appointed Dr. J. A. Nederbragt and M. Parra-Perez as members of the Supervisory Commission for the three-year period ending December 31st, 1930. As I pointed out in the note which I submitted to the Council on that occasion, a substitute member should now be appointed to replace M. Parra-Perez, who has acted as substitute member for the last three years.

If, as I expect, my colleagues agree with me that it would be desirable that M. Parra-Perez should be replaced by a Latin American, I shall venture to suggest to them to appoint, as substitute member of the Commission, the very distinguished Minister of Haiti in Paris, His Excellency M. Alfred NEMOURS.

"I have therefore the honour to propose the following draft resolution:

"The Council appoints for the three-year period ending December 31st, 1930, His Excellency M. Alfred NEMOURS, as substitute member of the Supervisory Commission."

Sir Austen CHAMBERLAIN did not wish in any way to oppose the resolution submitted by the Cuban representative. The latter, however, invoked certain geographical considerations and Sir Austen Chamberlain wished, in this connection, to urge a matter of general principle. When nominating members of Committees, the Council was bound to look first and foremost for the best qualified men for the duties to be entrusted to them. It was much more important to have a competent man than a man who was a national of one country or another or of one part of the world or another. Nevertheless, Sir Austen Chamberlain wished to repeat that he had no intention of opposing the choice which had just been recommended by the Rapporteur.

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<sup>2</sup> Document C.625.1927.X.