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MINUTES
DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Friday, October 2nd, 1931 at 2.30 p.m.

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There were present:
International Council of Women
World's Y.W.C.A.
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
World Union of Women for International Concord
International Federation of University Women
World's Women's Christian Temperance Union

Proxies:
Miss L.C.A. van Eeghen
Miss Mary Dingman
Mrs. E.W. Fox
Miss van Asch van Wyck
Mme. A.E. Bertrand

Mme. Ramondt-Hirschman
Miss E.G. Balch
Mme. Clara Guthrie d'Arcis

Mme. N. Schreiber-Favre
Mlle. M. Schaezel

Mme. K. Jomini

Apologies for absence were received from Mlle. E. Gourd.

The minutes of the last meeting, held on September 21st, were read and signed as correct.

Miss van Eeghen, having stated that she would have to leave the meeting early and that she would soon leave Geneva, the Chairman urged her to find some other representative of the I.C.W. who could sit on the Committee, preferably a German woman. The Chairman was asked to write to the member organisations to draw their attention to the fact that the Committee was handicapped by the lack of representatives.

BUSINESS ARISING

The Chairman reported on the following questions:

Letter sent to member organisations.
This letter had been sent. Annexed to it were the minutes of the last two meetings of the Committee, the letter sent to the delegates of the League Assembly, and the four petitions.

Letter of thanks to President of League Assembly.
According to the Committee's decision of September 21st, a letter of thanks had been sent to H.E. M. Titulesco.

Alliance Appeal.
Miss van Eeghen stated that the International Council of Women would endorse the Appeal. Mme. Schreiber-Favre agreed to endorse the French text for the University Women, provided this would entail no expenses for her organisation.
List of Speakers suggested by University Women.

Study of the letter from Miss Bosanquet revealed that she did not wish the list sent to all organisations. The paragraph in the circular letter was changed accordingly.

Petition of Dutch Press.

The letter endorsing the action of the Dutch Press was sent to the Dutch representative but was not included in the material sent out, as it seemed wiser to urge the circulation of our own petitions and leave press petitions in other countries to be initiated by the press agencies.

"Disarmament" Review.

a) Information regarding this paper did not go out in the first letter to the organisations, as this letter already contained so much material. It will go out next time.
b) Mme. Ramondt-Hirschman was appointed the representative of the Disarmament Committee on the Review, in place of Miss Balch, who is leaving for the U.S.A.
c) Miss Balch reminded the Committee that the material for the "Disarmament" Review must be sent in by the 16th if already translated into French and German; if it existed in only one language, it ought to be sent in by the 12th.

Secretarial help.

No further person was needed at present. Miss Berg had been engaged as Secretary to the Committee for a trial period of one month. Several voluntary helpers were good enough to come and work occasionally.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Miss Dingman read a letter of Mr. Aghnides, of the Disarmament Section of the League, expressing interest in the formation of the Committee.

Mrs. Laura Puffer Morgan wrote asking that all the Committee's publicity material be sent to her for use in the News Bulletin of the National Council for the Prevention of War and in the clipsheet which they are sending fortnightly to 2,500 daily newspapers. She would send us regularly the clipsheet and the News Bulletin.

A letter of acknowledgement for the letter sent to delegates was received from Dame Edith Lyttleton.

PUBLICITY.

There was a discussion on the best ways of enlisting the support of the Press. Mme. d'Arcis suggested inviting the leading men to come to our headquarters and asking their support. Tea would be served. This was agreed to.

EDITING COMMITTEE.

The need of people with capacity for publicity work was keenly felt by the Committee.

Mme. Schreiber-Favre suggested asking some of the Geneva organisations if they knew anyone who would be willing to undertake this work. She agreed to draft a letter to that effect.

Several names of possible persons were suggested by those present.

CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS RE. ACTION AND MEETINGS DURING THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

A discussion took place on the need of co-ordinating the meetings and activities of the private organisations during the Disarmament Conference. The Chairman was empowered to discuss this question with the various groups in process of making their plans.

The need of the Disarmament Committee to have a Consultativo Group
of able representative women continuously in attendance at the Disarmament Conference was felt. A plan to meet the expenses of such a group could be the basis of a finance appeal and Mme. d'Arcis was asked to frame the plan and to use it in her letter. It was thought that this Women's Consultative Group could confer with similarly constituted groups of men and thus an orderly organised method of approach and communication between the private organisations and the Disarmament Conference could be arranged.

ARMAMENTS TRUCE.

Mme. Ramondt raised the question of the Armaments Truce. Before November 1st every country must give an answer as to whether it will co-operate in this armaments truce. It was agreed that a letter should be sent immediately to the international organisations asking them to approach their National Sections regarding this important question. Miss Balch agreed to frame this letter.

LETTERS TO NATIONAL MEETINGS OF WOMEN.

The Chairman asked that the representatives of all member organisations inform the Disarmament Committee of national meetings of their sections so that the Committee may be sure that Disarmament is on the programme.

ACTION RE. SPANISH RESOLUTION.

Mme. d'Arcis read a letter from Miss Radziwill to Mrs. Bigland. She had asked Mrs. Bigland to wait before answering as it was not clear whether this letter was official or informal.

Sir Eric Drummond was expected to write shortly to the Committee. There were two aspects to the Spanish resolution: the general study of co-operation and the special aspect of co-operation for Disarmament.

The Chairman was empowered to get in touch with Mrs. Archdale of the Equal Rights International to invite her to come to an informal gathering on Tuesday, October 6th at 3 p.m. to discuss this question.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The date fixed for the next meeting of the Committee was October 16th at 4 p.m.

(signed) Mary A. Dingman.
PEACE AND DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Palais Wilson - Geneva

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Position from December 1st 1939 - March 1st 1940.

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Budget adopted for the Period March 1st to December 31st 1940.

- Sum put at the disposal of the Executive Secretary and Salary of occasional assistant: 2,300.-
- Office expenses: 1,000.-
- Phone, Telegrams, Postage: 1,000.-
- Cleaning: 250.-
- Rent: 37.50 per month from the 1st of July 1940: 225.-
- Miscellaneous: 300.-

Total: 5,075.-

Balance on hand, March 1st 1940: 6,497.-
Balance available, December 31st 1940: 1,422.-

Remarks:
1) Nine Member Organisations have paid their full dues for the fiscal year 1939-1940 and two have contributed one half. We are most grateful to them. We take this opportunity to recall to those who are in arrears in regard to payment of dues the urgency of making an effort to send their contributions as soon as possible.

2) If our financial position is as satisfactory as it appears to be, we are indebted to the generosity of our Executive Secretary and her friend who are giving us their full time with unfailing devotion.

3) We hope our Member Organisations and our "Friends" will make every effort to continue to give us their financial support. Our financial position is in reality less good than appears at first sight. We have now exhausted our reserve fund and subscriptions and contributions will be more difficult to collect next winter than at present. If, therefore, our Committee is to continue to serve a useful purpose it is absolutely necessary to build up a reserve fund in order to permit of increased activity when the appropriate time shall have come.

4) The accounts for the fiscal year 1938-1939 have been verified by M. Reh, Chartered Accountant. We have received from him a complete statement certifying that our finances were in order. A bill for Fr. 150.- accompanied this statement which amount must be added to the items of expenditure in the above budget.

H. Thélin-Flournoy, Treasurer.
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- Miss Mary A. Dingman.
- Mrs. C. Beresford Fox.
- Mme. Remondt-Hirschman
  Proxy: Mme. C. Drevet.
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman reported on the following questions:

Representatives on the Disarmament Committee.
A letter asking for more adequate representation on the Committee had been sent to various organisations. Lady Aberdeen had asked Frankein Zellweger from Bâle, if in Miss van Zeghem's absence she could represent the I.C.W. on the Committee.

Better channels of communication with member organisations.
The telegram sent by Miss van Veen to the National Council of German Women meeting at Leipzig was read. A meeting of the Swiss Women's Christian Temperance Union was to be held at Lausanne on October 22nd, Mme. Jemini would speak on the work of the Disarmament Committee.

All the member organisations have reported that their National Sections are stressing the question of Disarmament.
Mrs. Ramondt suggested that organisations be asked to send literature and bibliographies on Disarmament.
Miss Braisquet in a letter had asked if communications for the Disarmament Committee could be sent out both in English and in French. The Committee felt that this was not necessary, since the Organisations concerned would probably not use the material in the form in which it was received, but would adapt it to their special needs.

Contact with organisations not members of the Committee.
The League of Jewish Women, represented by Mrs. Aberson, in Geneva, asked in writing to become a member of the Committee. The organisation was accepted.

Letters had been sent to leading Labour Women in different countries. Miss Radziwill hoped that she might be able to approach Catholic Women.

Contact with International Press.
Mrs. d'Arcis had planned to give a luncheon for some of the press men, but the present time seemed inopportune.
An article introducing the Committee had been sent to this Review.
Cheaper rates for group subscriptions will be accorded.

Disarmament folder or leaflet.
Two tentative Drafts were presented to the Committee. It was decided not to print these, but to combine them and send them, in stencilled form, to organisations for their approval.

Stimulating work in countries where little had been done.
   The Chairman reported that letters containing suggestions from the Disarmament Committee and enclosing copies of those petitions which had been approved by the Committee were sent to the Y.W.C.A.s in all parts of the world. The Associations were urged to co-operate in obtaining signatures for any one of the four petitions in circulation and, in cases where none was in circulation, to take the initiative in seeing that one was distributed.

Petitions.
   Thanks to the generosity of Mme. d'Arcis, a French translation of the English W.I.L. petition was now available in printed form and could be used by any of the organisations if they desired. Copies could be secured from the Disarmament Committee.

VARIOUS:

Paris Disarmament Conference.
   The Chairman was requested to ask Sir Christopher Robinson to send copies of the Provisional Programme of the Conference to all member organisations.

Action re Spanish Resolution.
   Miss Dingman and Mlle. Gourd reported on their interview with Miss Radziwill and Mr. Sweetser at the League Secretariat. Following this meeting, a letter had been received from Miss Radziwill and communicated the same day (October 12th) to member organisations. The memorandum in answer to this letter being very important, the Committee wished to take advantage of Miss Dingman's presence in London, to call a "Consultative Meeting" with representatives of member organisations there, in order to have the benefit of their advice and suggestions. It was understood that this group would take no decision which would bind the Disarmament Committee.

   The Chairman was asked to acknowledge receipt of Miss Radziwill's letter and to promise a memorandum for December 1st. The Chairman was authorized to arrange if possible an interview with Mr. Henderson to discuss the question of the relation of private organisations to the Conference.

Finance.
   The Committee had before it a budget statement drawn up by the Treasurer, showing that expenses had been met during October thanks to the contribution from the Union Mondiale. The Treasurer earnestly appealed to the other organisations to send in their share, or at least half of it, immediately so that the work might continue. The Chairman was asked to write to the Peace Committee of the International Alliance and to the International Council of Women.

Date of next meeting.
   In the absence of the Chairman, the Committee asked Mme. Ramondat, Mme. d'Arcis and Mlle. Gourd to consult together whenever it seemed necessary. This Bureau would meet with the Chairman on Thursday, October 22nd at 10.30 a.m.

   The next Meeting of the Disarmament Committee will take place on November 28th, at 4 p.m.

Note:
These Minutes were approved by members who attended the meeting, but not signed by the Chairman.
MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE
OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.
October 29th at the University
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Present: Miss Dingman, Miss G.D. Courtney, Miss Rosa Manus,
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Miss Dingman reports that she has had an interview with Dr. Frees in the Disarmament section of the League, to which she has told about the action, taken by the different women organisations and the circulating petitions. She then put forward that she hoped it would be possible that the presentation of the women's petitions could be done in one group separately to all the other petitions being circulated by men. Dr. Frees himself had no objection and saw no reason why this could not be done and expressed the hope that Mr. Henderson would allow the Disarmament Committee of the International Women's organisations to make the presentation to the Disarmament Conference.

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in England, and they would report later his views.

The question then was put WHEN to present the petitions and how. It was agreed that perhaps the 2nd week of February would be the most suitable one for the Women's presentation.

Miss Dingman then asked Miss Manus in the name of the Committee if she would take further steps for the collection of the petitions and would draw up a plan for the presentation and take this whole matter in hand, which could easily be done from her office in Amsterdam and which would relieve the Geneva office work to a certain extent. Miss Manus accepted.

Then Miss Manus explained how she thought the procession could be arranged. A letter from Mrs. Chapman-Catt had arrived saying that from each of the 11 organisations of the United States one woman of each organisation would come to represent her organisation at the presentation if possible. The committee thought this way might be a good idea also for the other countries, as it had been decided previously that the presentation would be done by countries, not by organisations. In that way each organisation of the country could be shown and as it were present her own petitions. Four petitions had been officially accepted by the Disarmament committee and this might be put in clear letters on posters, heading the procession. Then some kind of posters, showing the names of the organisations and the number of signatures of the country, Thus passing by the platform and putting the petitions of the country down. If f.i. 60 organisations of one country had collected signatures, 60 women would pass by which would of course make all the more effect.

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Miss Dingam then asked Miss Numis in the name of the Committee if she would take further steps for the collection of the petitions and would draw up a plan for the presentation and take this whole matter in hand, which could easily be done from her office in Amsterdam and which would relieve the Geneva office work to a certain extent. Miss Numis accepted.

Then Miss Numis explained how she thought the procession could be arranged. A letter from Mrs. Chapman-Catt had arrived saying that from each of the 11 organizations of the United States one woman of each organization would come to represent her organization at the presentation if possible. The committee thought this way might be a good idea also for the other countries, as it had been decided previously that the presentation would be done by countries, not by organizations. In that way each organization of the country could be shown and as it were present her own petitions. Four petitions had been officially accepted by the Disarmament committee and this might be put in clear letters on posters, heading the procession. Then some kind of posters, showing the names of the organizations and the number of signatures of the country, thus passing by the platform and putting the petitions of the country down. If f.i. 60 organizations of one country had collected signatures, 60 women would pass by which would of course make all the more effect.

It was proposed to have young girls in a very simple costume parading in front with the flags of the countries taking part. Not too large flags, but all of the same size, which are already in possession of the International Alliance, and would of course make some kind of a display to begin with. Others proposed that national costumes should be worn. A discussion followed, in which different suggestions were made, but the meeting took no definite decision, but asked Miss Numis to work out a definite plan after hearing all the wishes. Some proposed to have a band, possibly of women. It was suggested to have a program printed with the names of the countries, societies, and numbers, which would be given out beforehand, so that the members of the Disarmament Conference could follow the procession. At any rate we must think of the advertisement and although everybody was in favour of having it simple and dignified, something symbolic might
prove useful, if it was well arranged.

The question then rose how it would be possible to bring in all the petitions, and it was said that of course, as many women, who were willing to come over from the different countries, could afterwards help to bring in petitions, and especially Miss Courtney suggested that we should ask the countries to give us some young women, who worked for the petitions.

Miss Namus was also asked to work out an estimate for such a plan. It was decided that only one woman should make the speech in offering the petitions and that another woman should be on the platform as caller to the names of the countries and the numbers of the petitions. The difficulty would be to call for that woman. The names of Miss Addams and Miss Hoydon were put forward. It was decided to ask the organisations, if Miss Addams would be accepted by all the other organisations, or if they had someone else to propose.

Miss Dingman would write this herself to the organisations, and ask their advice.

Miss Dingman then told about the happenings of the Spanish resolutions, which had been accepted by the Twelfth Assembly. Miss Radiswil had asked for an interview with herself and Mr. Gould and she had been asked to come into contact with the women's organisations. It is no good of asking official observers in the delegations, but to increase the women in the delegations, that is to say again ask each Government to put competent women in that delegation. Miss Dingman then suggests to appoint an advisory council to represent the international women's organisations to keep contact and which would be recognised officially by the League. This advisory council must not only have women representatives, but also representatives f.i. from the League of Nations Union, the Students Groups, The Young Women's Christian Association, etc. etc. A memorandum should be drawn up and we should try to get some times to get the hearing and also the hearing in the press. If a central office of that consultative group could be established it might relieve the League in many ways. Of course we must have an advisory group in Geneva, in order to do real splendid work.

Miss Courtney thinks we need a group of responsible people and then form 3 or 4 committees. It is certainly one of the ways of interesting collaboration with the League. It should also facilitate important people to get
sheets and documents from the Assembly in order that those people who are really needed to be present, could get in and that not only names were given out to the tourists.

It was decided to draw up a preamble and ask each organisation to say in about 300 words what the organisations stands for.

Publicity. The Disarmament committee wishes to give out more material and interesting stuff in 4 languages, but the organisations must then send to the office of the Disarmament Committee, 2 Rue Daniel Colladon, names and addresses in their countries, which would like to receive such material so that a well-ordered card-file may be at hand in the office. It was hoped that a meeting of the Disarmament Committee could take place in Paris during the Lord Cecil Meeting, when perhaps many women of the international Disarmament Committee would be in Paris.

Miss Manus would draw up the minutes as soon as possible and send them round to the members.

Miss Dingeman and Miss Courtney thank all those present who have come to the meeting, especially Miss Manus, who had taken the trouble to come from Holland, which was much appreciated by the Committee.

Rosa Manus,
Secretary of the Disarmament Committee.
DRAFT MINUTES
of the
"CONSULTATIVE GROUP" OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS,
held on October 29th, at the Women's University Club,
London

There were present:
For the Bureau:
President, Miss Mary A. Dingman
Vice-President, Miss K.D. Courtney
Hon. Secretary, Miss Rosa Mamsa.
Miss A. Christitch.
Lady Layton
Miss F.M. Sterling
Mrs. K. Bompas.
Miss Honora A. Enfield.
Mrs. Mary Ormerod.
Dr. Hilda Clark.
Mrs. Ethel Luxmoore.
Miss E.M. Zimmerm.

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International Co-operative
Women's Guild
International Federation of
University Women
Women's International League
for Peace and Freedom
World's Y.W.C.A.
Liaison Committee

Miss Dingman opened the meeting, explaining that it was not a regular
meeting, as not all the members could be present in London and she would
therefore call it a "consultative" meeting. She asked Miss Courtney to take
the chair.

The two special points to be discussed to-day were:

1. When and how shall we present the Disarmament petitions to the
   Disarmament Conference in Geneva?

2. What must be the nature of our report to the League of Nations Secretariat
   in regard to the Spanish Resolution?

1. Miss Dingman reported an interview with Dr. Friis of the Disarmament
   Section of the League. She had put forward the hope that it would be possible
to have women's petitions presented as a group and separately from other
petitions. She was led to believe that this could be done.

It was suggested that Miss Dingman and Miss Courtney try to get an
interview with Mr. Henderson while Miss Dingman was still in England.

It was agreed that perhaps the second week of February would be
the most suitable time for the Women's presentation of petitions.

Miss Dingman then asked Miss Mamsa, in the name of the Committee,
if she would take further steps for the collection of the petitions and draw
up a plan for their presentation to the Conference, working from her office
in Amsterdam, thus relieving the Geneva office. Miss Mamsa accepted and
promised to send the ideas and suggestions already on hand to each member
organisation.
Miss Manus was also asked to work out an estimate of cost for such a plan. It was decided that only one woman should make a speech in offering the petitions and that another woman should announce the names of the countries and the number of signatures of the petitions.

Miss Dingman was asked to write to the member organisations, submitting suggestions made as to the woman for the presentation speech, and to ask for advice.

2. Miss Dingman then reported the progress made in gathering suggestions to be incorporated in the memorandum which is to be sent to the Secretariat of the League of Nations regarding the Spanish Resolution.

There had been interviews and a letter from Miss Radziwill, which was immediately communicated to all member organisations.

Miss Courtney undertook to draw up a tentative memorandum incorporating the suggestions thus far received. This will be studied by the Administrative Committee in Geneva and submitted to the Member Organisations. It is hoped to send it to the Secretariat in December.

The main ideas thus far developed, in addition to the basic one that women should have larger official representation in delegations and at conferences, are as follows:

1. Representatives of our member organisations should have some recognized status, such as is given to the press, in regard to seating facilities and documents.
2. Some recognized method of communication should be established between the Disarmament Committee and the Conference.
3. As a women's group we should, whenever possible, co-operate with representatives of other organisations working to the same end.

The possibility of having an Advisory Council of Women following closely the Disarmament Conference and guiding any action and dissemination of news was discussed. This Council would be made up of the most able women and be an international in representation as possible; its membership should be as continuous and stable as can be arranged.

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DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
Tuesday, December 15th, 1931 at 3 p.m.

A meeting of the Administrative Committee was held on Tuesday, December 15th, at 3 p.m. at the headquarters of the Disarmament Committee, 2, rue Daniel Colladon, Geneva, with Miss Dingman in the chair.

The Organisations were represented by:
- International Council of Women
- World's Y.W.C.A.
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- World Union of Women for International Concord
- International Federation of University Women
- World's Women's Christian Temperance Union
- European Federation of Soroptimist Clubs
- International Federation of Business and Professional Women
- League of Jewish Women

Apologies for absence were received from Milie Gourd.

The Committee was glad to learn that the International Council of Women had appointed Frau Dr. Lüders as Proxy-delegate to the Disarmament Committee.

1. Minutes.

Because of the changing personnel of the Disarmament Committee it is difficult to submit minutes for approval at the next meeting. It was therefore decided that if no corrections were sent in, in writing, within a fortnight, the minutes would be considered as having been adopted.

2. Finance Plans.

The Chairman explained the difference between the campaign budget submitted, which is to serve as the basis of an appeal for funds, to show people who might give money, what these funds could be used for, and a real budget (not yet made), which would show how one proposed to spend money already in hand. This draft or campaign budget is not a budget that organisations must guarantee to raise.

It was suggested that every individual start a subscription list to raise money for the Disarmament Committee. The Committee decided to have lists printed which people would sign when they gave their donation. The Committee also agreed to have the slogans printed on the back of the "Cost of War" leaflet and to have this done in French, English and German.

The Treasurer explained that far from depleting the treasuries of the national organisations this drive would be a help to them, as they were to keep 20% of the money collected.

Miss Zellweger thought that the National Councils could try to help in this collection, since it would in no wise interfere with the Councils' subscriptions to the International Council of Women.

The Chairman earnestly requested every delegate present to make the purpose and method of this financial drive clear to her organisation.
The money was to come from many private individuals and from institutions; 20 % of the amount thus raised was to be retained by the national or local groups in a proportion agreed upon between them.

Mme Jomini stated that she hoped that the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union would soon be able to contribute 1,000 Swiss francs toward the expenses of the office as some of the other organisations had done. Mme Jomini further proposed, and the Committee seconded, a vote of thanks to Miss Dingman, Mme d'Arcis, Miss Heneker and Miss Berg for the excellent work they had done.

3. Increased help in the Office.

The Chairman explained that Miss Agatha Harrison had taken a very interesting position in London and would therefore not be able to come to Geneva. She read a letter from Mrs. Atherton-Smith, who was warmly recommended by Miss Courtney, and who had had much experience in publicity and administrative work. Mrs. Atherton-Smith would be willing to come to Geneva for her expenses. The Committee authorized the President to secure her services.

4. Accommodations for our visiting delegates during the Conference.

Miss Dingman was glad to be able to inform the Committee that a Geneva H ospitality Committee was about to be formed which would help with securing accommodations for our visiting delegates. This Committee would also be most helpful in many other ways.

5. Cable to Jane Addams.

The Committee requested the Chairman to send a cable to Jane Addams congratulating her on receiving the Nobel Prize.

6. Presentation of Petitions or Declarations.

The Committee discussed the best time for presenting the petitions. It was felt that all petitions might not have reached Geneva by the beginning of February. Many persons had warned Mme d'Arcis against presenting the petitions too soon: they would be lost in the speeches of goodwill that always open a Conference. Later, when difficulties occurred they might be much more effective. On the other hand, delegates from distant countries must make their arrangements in advance. It was decided to consult Mr. Henderson or Mr. Noel-Baker on this point.

The Committee thought it would simplify the work in Geneva if all packages of Petitions or Declarations bore the same labels clearly marked, indicating number of signatures, etc. (We have since learnt that Post Office regulations do not allow such information outside the package and that they must therefore be placed on the inside wrapping).

7. Memorandum to be sent to the League Secretariat.

A first tentative draft of this memorandum had been sent to the various organisations for their comments. Several interesting comments had been received and would be forwarded to Miss Courtney and to Mrs. Corbett Ashby for revision. The new draft would then be examined again by a small committee in Geneva and put in its final form. Annexed to it would be the information concerning the work, etc., of those organisations which had sent in this information.

8. Publicity Plans.

It was hoped that Mrs. Atherton-Smith would take charge of this part of the work.

Mme d'Arcis stated that the press representatives had now returned from Paris and proposed inviting them to her home between five and seven on January 7th.

9. Next meeting of the Committee.

The next meeting of the full Disarmament Committee was fixed for Thursday January 14th., at 3 p.m.
NOTICE

To all Presidents and Secretaries of Member Organisations.

There will be a meeting of the Disarmament Committee on Thursday, January 14th., at 3 p.m. at 2, rue Daniel Colladon, Geneva.

Each organisation is asked to appoint 2 delegates and, if possible, 2 proxies. Please send us names of those who expect to attend.

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Minutes of Administration Committee, December 15.
2. Memorandum re Spanish Resolution.
3. Finance.
4. Publicity.
5. Office during Disarmament Conference.
6. Our Advisory Council during the Conference.
7. Presentation of Petitions.
8. Correspondence.
9. Other business.

Mary A. Drugeon