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PEACE AND DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

HOTEL RITZ - PARIS.

CONFERENCE APRIL 3RD TO APRIL 4TH 1936.

BOARD MEETINGS

(1) APRIL 3RD 9-30 TO 12-30 AT 49, RUE ST. GEORGES, PARIS 9TH.

A MEETING OF THE BOARD WAS HELD ON THURSDAY MORNING APRIL
3RD FROM 9-30 TO 12-30 AT 49, RUE ST. GEORGES.

PRESENT: MISS M.A. KINGMAN, PRESIDENT.

MISS K.D. COURTNEY, VICE-PRESIDENT.

MME. L. DREYFUS BARNEY, VICE-PRESIDENT.

MRS. ROSA MANUS, VICE-PRESIDENT.

MISS DOROTHY A. HENESER, HON. SECRETARY.

BUSINESS

1. CONFERENCE AGENDA. THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE WAS FIRST
   CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD, AND AFTER SEVERAL ALTERATIONS THE
   AMENDED AGENDA, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED, WAS APPROVED.

2. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING SPEECH. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE CHAIRMAN
   SHOULD MAKE A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE AIMS AND FUNCTIONS
   OF THE COMMITTEE, AND THAT THE PRINTED PAMPHLET DRAWN UP IN NEW
   YORK AND NOW AVAILABLE IN FRENCH SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH
   DELEGATE.

3. INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. IT WAS DECIDED THAT AS THE GERMAN
   PROPOSALS WERE EVEN THEN UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENTS
   ALL THAT COULD BE DONE AT THIS TIME WAS TO GIVE A RÉSUMÉ OF THE
   FACTS LEADING UP TO THE PRESENT POSITION. IT WAS DECIDED THAT
   MISS COURTNEY'S ARTICLE ('THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS') SHOULD BE
   USED BY HER FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THAT THE REFERENCE TO MR. EDEN
   IN THIS ARTICLE SHOULD BE OMITTED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT MISS
   COURTNEY SHOULD TAKE THE CHAIR DURING THIS DISCUSSION AND THAT
   DELEGATES SHOULD HEAR THE RESOLUTION ALREADY SENT TO THE COUNCIL.

4. MINUTES AND STENOGRAPHER. IT WAS DECIDED THAT AS ALL MINUTES
   HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND CIRCULATED TO MEMBER ORGANISATIONS,
   NO MINUTES SHOULD BE READ. DELEGATES SHOULD MERELY BE INFORMED
   THAT COPIES OF MINUTES WERE AT THEIR DISPOSAL FOR REFERENCE.

   MME. DREYFUS BARNEY ADVISED THE MEETING THAT A PUBLIC
   STENOGRAPHER HAD BEEN SECURED, AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT IN VIEW
   OF THE COST SHE SHOULD ONLY BE ASKED TO RECORD IMPORTANT SECTIONS
   OF THE COMING COURSES, AND THAT MISS MACLAGEN AND MISS
   HENESER SHOULD SUPPLEMENT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BY NOTES.

5. SUMMER STUDY COURSES. SOME DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON THIS PROPOSED
   SCHEME, AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE COMING COURSE SHOULD NOT BE
   CONFINED SOLELY TO AMERICAN LEADERS. IT WAS THOUGHT THE AIM
   OF THESE COURSES SHOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE NATIONAL GROUPS OF LEADERS
   TO STUDY THEIR NATIONAL PROBLEM IN RELATION TO THE GENEVA
   ANGLE.

6. INFORMAL TALKS. THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT
   AN INFORMAL TALK HAD BEEN ARRANGED AT THE FOYER INTERNATIONAL DES
   ETUDIANTS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 4TH, AT 4-30. THIS HAD
   BEEN ORGANISED BY MADAME DREYFUS BARNEY, AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT
   IT WAS THE ONLY MEANS OF GETTING CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC AT THE
   PRESENT MOMENT, IN ORDER TO INFORM THEM OF THE AIMS AND FUNCTIONS
   OF THIS COMMITTEE. A THOUSAND INVITATIONS HAD BEEN SENT OUT, AND
   THE WORD ''DISARMAMENT'' HAD BEEN OMITTED ON THE INVITATION CARDS.
   THIS HAD BEEN ORGANISED BY THE FRENCH NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.
   SOME DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE AS TO THE PROGRAMME AND THE FOLLOWING
Agenda was decided upon:

**Speaker**
1. Miss Dingman
2. Miss Heneker
3. Miss Manus
4. Madame Dreyfus Barney
5. Miss Courtney
6. Dr. Bakke Van Bosse

**Subject**
- Introduction and General Review of the work of the Committee.
- Type of Material issued - method of distribution - reference to the work of the Consultative Group.
- The work of the Committee in Geneva - Presentation of petitions - weekend Conferences - luncheons and evening discussions.
- Moral disarmament.
- Her trip to the United States and Canada including her attendance at the Conference for the Cause and Cure of War, Washington.
- Her trip to the East and the reactions of the Eastern women.

7. **Work in the Geneva Office**
   (a) Staff. Miss Dingman after giving a brief résumé of the financial position of the Committee spoke of the necessity of securing more help in the Geneva office, and also of raising Mlle. Cibaud's present salary, which she felt was quite inadequate to the work she was carrying on. Miss Dingman felt that the financial situation justifies the payment of another secretary at a salary of from 150 to 200 francs temporarily until the June meeting, when the situation could again be reviewed. It was decided that Mlle. Cibaud's salary should at once be raised by 25 francs per month, and that later an additional raise of 25 francs should be given her. It was also decided that another secretary should be engaged, especially to help Miss Dingman, the choice to be left to Miss Dingman herself.
   (b) Some discussion took place as to the possibility of finding an assistant honorary secretary, if possible, French speaking, as Miss Heneker advised the Board that it was impossible for her to give more than a very limited amount of time to the work of this Committee, as her own Organisation work was so heavy.

8. **Madame d'Arcis.** The Chairman advised the Board of the very grave operation which Madame d'Arcis had undergone in New York, and the great anxiety that was felt on her behalf. It was decided that the Conference be asked to send a telegram to her of sympathy and warm appreciation of the wonderful work she had already done which this unexpected illness had so suddenly interrupted.

(2) **April 4th, 2-30 to 4. at 49, rue St. Georges, Paris 9ème.**
A meeting of the Board was held on Saturday afternoon April 4th from 2-30 to 4, at 49, rue St. Georges.

Present: Miss M-A. Dingman, President,
Miss K.B. Courtney, Vice-President,
Mme. L. Dreyfus Barney, Vice-President,
Miss Rosa Manus, Vice-President,
Miss Dorothy A. Heneker, Hon. Secretary.

**Business**
1. Material to be sent out from Geneva Office. It was decided that a short letter should be sent out immediately to the International Organisations advising them that the Paris Conference had successfully been carried out, and that the Minutes of the Conference would be sent to them after the Easter holiday, the telegram sent to the Secretary-General of the League from the Conference to be attached to this letter for their information.
It was decided that the leaflet on the work of the Committee should be revised and brought up to date in French and English, and Board members were asked to read through this leaflet, and send in their observations.

It was also decided that in connection with all material sent out from the office the following should be observed, (a) that everything should go to the Board, (b) that all letters should have a note on the top advising Board members to whom these letters had been sent, (c) that material from such organisations as the Consultative Group and like organisations should be circulated to our members on a different coloured paper from our own.

2. Assembléenat Universal de la Paix  Dr. Bakkervan Bosse presented a letter to the Chairman from this organisation. The letter advised our Committee of its aims and functions, and invited the Committee to affiliate. After some discussion it was decided that a reply be sent saying that as this Committee represents a group of international organisations it has not undertaken affiliations with other organisations such as the above. Nevertheless, the Committee is interested in the work which the above Committee is undertaking and would like to be kept in touch.

3. June Meeting, Geneva. Some discussion took place on the following details of this coming meeting. (a) Date. The dates of June 10th to 12th inclusive were tentatively decided upon. (b) Arrangement of Meetings. It was thought that the following arrangement might be the most convenient:—Board meetings Wednesday June 10th, morning and afternoon, Conference meetings Thursday and Friday June 11th and 12th morning and afternoon. (c) Subjects:

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It was felt that each of these sections should be definitely connected with building the structure of Peace. (d) Maxxum Speakers. Madame Dreyfus Barney undertook to see Mr. Jox and drew the attention of the Committee to the number of experts working on various aspects of the subject, who might be drawn upon as speakers both for this Conference and for future occasions in connection with the special institutes established in different countries. Miss Courtney mentioned the name of Mrs. Barbara Wootton as a possible speaker from Great Britain.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signature of Secretary ..........................
COMITÉ POUR LA PAIX ET LE DÉSARMEMENT
CRÉE PAR LES ORGANISATIONS FÉMININES INTERNATIONALES

REUNION À PARIS
les 3 et 4 Avril 1936.
49 rue St. Georges
Paris 9ème.

Ordre du jour.

1. Appel
2. Demande d'admission
   de la "British Women's Peace Crusade.
3. Procès-verbaux.
4. Aperçu de la situation internationale.
5. Rapports :
   a) de chaque organisation membre.
   b) de Miss Courtney et de Miss Dingman.
   c) Nouvelles provenant de Madame d'Arcis.
   d) Autres rapports.
6. Discussion sur les relations du Comité pour la Paix et le Désarmement
   avec les Sections internationales, nationales et locales.
7. Projets pour l'année :
   a) Documents à envoyer :
      1). Méthodes pour se procurer les nouvelles des
         différents pays et les répandre.
   b) Programme d'Étude et d'Action :
      -1). Date de la prochaine réunion et Conférence projetée.
      -2). Cours d'Études d'été.
      -3). Voyages dans certains pays.
8. Finance.
10. Autres questions, s'il y a lieu.
    a) Chant de la Paix.
    b) Statue de la Paix
       Jan McLeod
COMITÉ POUR LA PAIX ET LE DESARMEMENT
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REUNION DU COMITE
49 rue St. Georges - Paris 9ème.
3 et 4 avril 1936.

PROCÈS-VERBAL

SESSION D'OUVERTURE

La session d'ouverture de la réunion du Comité a lieu le vendredi 3 avril 1936 à 15 h. dans les locaux du Conseil International des Femmes, 49 rue St. Georges, Paris 9ème.

Le fauteuil présidentiel est occupé par Miss Mary A. Dingemans, Présidente du Comité.

Membres du Comité Exécutif présents :

Miss K. D. Courtney, Présidente par intérim
Madame Dreyfus-Barny, Vice-Présidente
Miss Rosa Manus, Vice-Présidente
Miss Dorothy A. Hensker, Secrétaire

Les organisations membres sont représentées par :

Madame Dreyfus-Barny (Cté. Exécutif) Conseil International des Femmes
Madame Lebrun-Nalco
Maj. E.J. van Veen (suppléant) Alliance Universelle des Unions Chrétiennes de Jeunes Filles
Fraulein G.M. Günther (suppléant)

Madame Fanner
Miss Maclagan
Madame Jud (suppléant)
Mrs Keen (suppléant)

Mrs Bakker van Bosse
Madame Brunschwieg
Miss Manus (Cté. Exécutif) Alliance Internationale pour le Suffrage et l'Action Civique et Politique des Femmes
Madame Bocha (suppléant)

Fraulein Baer
Madame Buchêne
Madame Devret

Mademoiselle Grace Brandt
Mademoiselle Hiedberger
Mademoiselle de Dr. Faillon (suppléant) Ligue Internationale des Femmes pour la Paix et la Liberté

Madame Eideschenk-Patin
Madame Frudhommeaux
Madame Raymond-Laguerre (suppléant)

Miss Dorothy A. Hensker (Cté. Exécutif) Union Mondiale de la Femme pour la Concordance Internationale
Madame N. Tissot (suppléant)
Madame J. Croixard (suppléant)

Madame Kramer-Bach
Madame Falista Kann

Madame Cotave Monod
Madame Puech

Dr. Hilda Clark

Croisade des Femmes pour la Paix (Membre Consultatif Associé)
1. **APPEL**

La présidente ouvre la séance en priant Miss Rosa Manus de procéder à l'apéll.
Elle exprime ensuite sa satisfaction de voir cette séance se tenir à Paris, soulignant la bienveillance des déléguées qui sont venues de différents pays et fait brièvement allusion à la situation politique critique de l'heure actuelle. Elle informe l'assemblée de la grave opération qui vient de subir à New York Madame d'Arcis et exprime sa vive consternation. Elle rappelle en quelques mots la campagne lancée par la Présidente du Comité et forme les vœux les meilleurs pour son prompt et complet rétablissement ainsi que pour le couronnement de ses innombrables efforts. Passant rapidement en revue les objectifs et le travail accomplis par le Comité, Miss Dingman avise l'assemblée de la récente demande d'admission – à titre de Membre Consultatif Associé – du Women's Peace Crusade de Grande-Bretagne.

2. **DÉCLENSER D'ADMISSION DU "WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE"**

À la requête de la Présidente, Miss Courtney expose les buts du Women's Peace Crusade et donne un compte-rendu de l'activité de cette organisation depuis sa fondation. Antérieurement présidée par Lady Cecil, le Women's Peace Crusade se compose de 18 à 20 sociétés féminines de Grande-Bretagne. Il a pour tâche de faciliter aux femmes l'étude des problèmes touchant à la paix et de s'assurer leur concours et leur appui. Il offre par ailleurs aux sociétés nationales féminines, la possibilité de s'entendre sur la politique à suivre pour assurer la paix et le désarmement au moyen d'un accord international. Après ce court exposé, la Présidente soumet à l'approbation de l'assemblée l'admission du Women's Peace Crusade au sein du Comité pour la Paix et le Désarmement. Cette proposition est acceptée à l'unanimité.

3. **PROJETS ET VERBAUX**

Les projets et verbaux ayant été acceptés par le Comité Exécutif et distribués à temps voulu aux organismes membres, la Présidente avise les déléguées qu'elles ne seront pas levées lors de l'assemblée. Toutefois le dossier que détient la Secrétaire, est à la disposition de qui le consulterait s'il y a intérêt.

4. **APÉCUEIL SUR LA SITUATION INTERNATIONALE**

Le fauteuil présidentiel est occupé en l'occurrence par Miss Kathleen Courtney.

En ouvrant la discussion sur la situation internationale actuelle, la Présidente attire l'attention de l'assemblée sur un article qu'elle a récemment rédigé sur la Crise Internationale (Communiqué No. 159). Cet article qui avait été tout d'abord écrit à l'intention de la Grande-Bretagne, s'est avéré par la suite d'ordre suffisamment général pour qu'il fût possible de le transmettre à l'usage d'autres pays. C'est un résumé des diverses mesures prises qui ont conduit le monde à la situation internationale actuelle. Procédant à la lecture dudit article, la Présidente informe l'assemblée que le temps a manqué pour étudier les propositions allemandes et que de ce fait il est impossible de les examiner en détail en ce moment. Elle prêse ensuite Madame Brunschwigg de lire la Déclaration qui fut envoyée un date du 27 mars 1930 par le Comité au Conseil de la Société des Nations.

Etant donné que la situation internationale actuelle rend difficile voire même impossible toute action qui pourrait être prise par un Comité tel que celui pour la Paix et le Désarmement, la Présidente pense qu'il serait des plus opportuns de profiter de cette réunion pour procéder à un échange de vues. Cette suggestion est acceptée d'emblée par l'assemblée et après avoir déclaré que la discussion est ouverte, des conversations s'engagent entre déléguées sur des questions telles que celles du Système Collectif, des sanctions, de l'inviolabilité des traités internationaux, du droit de les répudier par suite de certaines circonstances et sur la question épineuse de la neutralité.

Des points de vue sont échangés quant à l'efficacité des sanctions économiques et l'on s'accorde à reconnaître l'utilité d'étudier plus à fond la possibilité de sanctions sur le matériel destiné aux armées. Miss Courtney donne un intéressant aperçu de la Déclaration publique anglaise alors que le point de vue français est présenté par plusieurs déléguées. Madame Bakker von Rosè de Hollande soumet un intéressant point de vue concernant l'aspect légal des traités internationaux et leur régulation.

Alors que plusieurs déléguées expriment le désir de voir établir une Déclaration de principe qui constituerait en quelque sorte une charte à laquelle elle pourrait se référer, la Présidente attire l'attention de l'assemblée sur le fait qu'une telle charte existe déjà en ce qui concerne la réduction et l'interdiction des armements. La Déclaration de 1932 exposant les bases sur lesquelles le programme de travail du Comité est établi, est encore applicable de nos jours. La Présidente. Il serait bon que d'autres questions – sécurité collective, règlement pacifique des conflits internationaux – soient l'objet d'une étude sérieuse et que l'on s'applique par ailleurs à l'élaboration de certains grands principes.

Miss Dingman relève qu'en considérant la situation présente, il n'est pas possible de dire que certains pays ont toujours fait ce qu'ils auraient du faire et que d'autres ont toujours failli. Elle pense surtout que l'humilité dans les questions internationales serait d'un très grand profit.
La Présidente clôt le débat en déclarant qu'elle pense être l'interprète de toute l'assemblée en disant que les conversations ont permis, sinon la possibilité d'une discussion sur les bases d'une Résolution définitive, du moins celle d'un litre et franc échange de rue.

5. RAPPORTS
a) De chaque organisation membre:-
Miss Dingman prie les organisations affiliées de faire un court exposé de leur activité depuis la dernière réunion du Comité. Cet exposé doit surtout porter sur ce qu'elles ont entrepris en faveur de la paix et du déarmement. Des rapports sont présentés par:
1. Le Conseil International des Femmes
2. L'Alliance Universelle des Unions Chrétiennes de Jeunes Filles
3. L'Alliance Internationale pour le Suffrage et l'Action Civique et Politique des Femmes
4. La Ligue Internationale de Femmes pour la Paix et la Liberté
5. L'Union Mondiale de la Femme pour la Concorde Internationale
6. La Ligue des Mères et des Educatrices pour la Paix
7. La Fédération Internationale des Femmes dans les Carrières Libérales et commerciales
8. La Fédération Européenne des Clubs Soroptimistes
9. La Fédération Internationale des Femmes diplômées des Universités
b) De Miss Dingman et de Miss Courtney:-
Miss Dingman donne un court compte-rendu de son voyage au Canada et cite le splendide exemple donné par les femmes de ce pays en réponse à l'appel qu'elle a fait pour des fonds. Dans plus de 25 villes elle a réussi à intéresser à la cause du Comité pour la Paix et le Déarmement des groupes qui se sont chargés de rassembler 50 dollars (Fr. suisses 150.-) dans leur propre communauté. Elle informe l’assemblée qu'une liste des différentes villes dans lesquelles de tels groupes se sont constitués et dont les contributions reçues jusqu'à ce jour s'élèvent à plus de 8 500 dollars (Fr. suisses 2 400.-) sera envoyée sur demande.
Miss Courtney entretient l'auditoire de son voyage aux États-Unis et tout particulièrement de la Conférence 'on the Cause and Cure of War' à laquelle elle a assisté à Washington. Elle donne un intéressant aperçu de l'opinion publique de ce pays sur des questions telles que celles de la neutralité et du système collectif.

c) Nouvelles de Madame d'Arcais:-
La Présidente informe l'assemblée que Madame d'Arcais est partie aux États-Unis sur la demande du Comité pour interviewer les grands industriels de ce pays et s'assurer leur appui en faveur d'une campagne pour la paix. Des raisons de santé l'ont malheureusement arrêtée dans son entreprise. Madame d'Arcais a subi récemment une très grave opération. Les dernières nouvelles reçues de New York nous informent que Madame d'Arcais est en bonne voie de guérison, mais qu'état de santé est encore très inquiétant. Le travail accompli par l'ingénieure Trésorière du Comité dépasse toute évaluation, déclare la Présidente, et nous voyons déjà quelques-uns de ses efforts se communiquer de succès. Miss Dingman pense satisfaisante au désir intime de chacun en suggérant qu'un télexgramme soit adressé à Madame d'Arcais pour lui exprimer la profonde gratitude et la sympathie émue de toute l'assemblée. Cette proposition est acceptée avec enthousiasme par l'assemblée.

d) Autres Rapports:-
C'est sous ce titre que s'engage une discussion quant à la date, au lieu et au sujet de la prochaine Conférence que doit organiser le Comité.
On s'entend sur la nécessité d'organiser une Conférence à Genève au début de juin.
La scène est adjournée au samedi 4 avril à 9 h. 30.

DEUXIÈME SESSION
La 2ème session du Comité a lieu le samedi 4 avril 1936 à 9 h. 30 dans les locaux du Conseil International des Femmes, 49 rue St. Georges, Paris 9ème.
Le fauteuil présidentiel est occupé par Miss Mary A. Dingman, Présidente du Comité.
Membres du Comité Exécutif présents:
Miss K.D. Courtney, Présidente par intérim
Madame Dreyfus-Barney, Vice-Présidente
Miss Rosa Manus, Vice Présidente
Miss Dorothy A. Heneker, Secrétaire

Les déléguées présentes sont:

Madame Dryfus-Barney (Cté. Exécutif)
Madame E. A. van Veen (suppléant)
Fraulein G. M. Gunther (suppléant)
Madame Panier
Miss Magallon
Madame Judith
Mrs Keen
Mrs Bakker van Bosse
Madame Brunswig
Miss Manus (Cté. Exécutif)
Madame Hobsah (suppléant)
Fraulein Bager
Madame Duchêne
Madame Devret

Madame Grace Brandt
Madame Riehberger
Madame Eidemachers-Patin
Madame Prudhommeaux
Madame Raynal-Laguerrre (suppléant)
Miss Dorothy A. Heneker (Cté. Exécutif)
Madame M. Tissot
Madame Kraemer-Bach
Madame Octave Monod
Madame Puech
Dr. Hilda Clark
Madame Niels (Union Mondiale Chrétienne des Femmes Abstinents)

6. DISCUSSION SUR LES RELATIONS DU COMITÉ AVEC LES SECTIONS INTERNATIONALES, NATIONALES ET LOCALES

En ouvrant la discussion, Miss Dingman souligne la nécessité d'une collaboration plus étroite se traduisant entre le travail du Comité et les organisations affiliées. Si l'on veut que le travail se poursuive d'une manière active, elle déclare que le Comité doit assumer une part de responsabilité. Miss Dingman propose à cet effet que l'on envisage attentivement la méthode la meilleure pour assurer ce contact non seulement avec les organisations internationales, mais aussi avec leurs sections nationales et locales respectives.

7. PROJETS POUR L'ANNÉE

a) Documents à envoyer :

L'on procède ensuite à l'examen des points suivants :

1/ Quel est le genre de publication qui doit être expédié ?

2/ Quelle est la meilleure méthode pour obtenir les nouvelles des organisations affiliées ?

3/ Comment obtenir le meilleur procédé de distribution ?

Une discussion s'engage sur le premier point et des suggestions sont faites pour que l'on envisage la possibilité de publier un Bulletin trimestriel à la place des Communiqués. Aucune décision définitive n'était prise à ce sujet, mais au Comité Exécutif le soin d'examiner la chose ultérieurement. La Présidente informe ensuite l'assemblée que des circulaires exposant les objectifs et l'activité du comité, ont été rédigées à l'intention de l'Amérique. Il serait utile que des circulaires analogues soient imprimées non seulement en anglais mais aussi en français, et l'on suggère que l'on demande aux organisations membres de les joindre de temps à autre à leur courrier. Ceci pourrait également se faire pour d'autres publications issues par le Comité. Par contre, le Comité se voit dans l'impossibilité d'assurer la distribution d'un autre matériel que le sien.

La discussion est ensuite suspendue à la demande de Madame Dryfus-Barney qui propose que l'on adresse un télégramme au Secrétaire Général de la Société des Nations pour assurer de l'appui fidèle du Comité. Cette proposition est acceptée à l'unanimité par l'assemblée et après délibération le texte suivant est adopté:

"Le Comité pour la Paix et le Désarmement créé par les Organisations Féminines internationales, réuni à Paris, tient à exprimer à nouveau sa profonde conviction qu'une Paix durable ne peut être négociée et obtenue que dans le cadre de la Société des Nations et que tout système d'ordre international et de sécurité collective doit être basé sur la foi des traités. En ces heures difficiles le Comité envoie au Secrétaire Général de la Société des Nations, l'assurance de sa collaboration fidèle."

Miss Dingman demande à ce que des suggestions soient faites en ce qui concerne les points 2 et 3. Elle informe à cet effet l'assemblée que Miss Lovell, correspondante de 'Christian Science Monitor' à Londres a offert d'insérer dans la lettre d'informations qu'elle envoie chaque mois à Boston, des comptes-rendus sur l'activité du Comité. Cette offre réjouit l'assemblée qui propose que le concours de journalistes de différents pays qui pourraient travailler dans le même sens. La Présidente demande par ailleurs si les publications issues par le Comité devront être...
expédiées aux sections nationales des organisations internationales, directement par le Secrétariat de Genève ? Cette question devra être réglée avec chaque organisation. En outre, pour permettre aux femmes de tous les pays d'être informées et de suivre le travail international qui se fait en faveur de la paix, on assurera la traduction des publications dans les pays où l'anglais et le français ne sont pas en usage. En clôture de la discussion la Présidente demande aux déléguées qu'une fois de retour dans leur pays et après avoir discuté les points soulevés au cours de cette réunion avec leurs organisations respectives, elles lui fassent part de leurs suggestions. Elle insiste également pour que les organisations membres donnent une large publicité aux publications issues par le Comité. Ceci pourrait se faire par l'intermédiaire de leur Bulletin, Périodique ou autres.

b) Programme d'Étude et d'Action :
1/ Date de la prochaine réunion et Conférence projetée.
En l'occurrence, le fauteuil présidentiel est occupé par Miss Courtney. Miss Courtney rappelle que lors de la dernière réunion du Comité à Genève, en septembre 1935, il fut décidé que le Comité se réunirait au moins quatre fois par an, que deux réunions se tiendraient à Genève, l'une en juin lors de la Conférence Internationale du Travail, l'autre en septembre lors de l'Assemblée de la Société des Nations. Quant aux deux autres réunions, il fut décidé qu'elles se tiendraient dans d'autres villes lorsque les membres du Comité Exécutif le jugeraient utile. La prochaine réunion du Comité aura donc lieu en juin à Genève. Miss Courtney propose qu'une Conférence d'Étude coïncide avec cette réunion. Cette Conférence traitera quelques-unes des questions fondamentales pour la paix du monde, à savoir :

a) Le Développement de la Sécurité internationale.

b) La Réduction et la Limitation des Armements avec un Système de Contrôle et de Surveillance international.

c) Les Problèmes économiques et la Modification de certaines Conditions qui compromettent la Paix du Monde.

2/ Cours d'Étude d'État.
Le fauteuil présidentiel est occupé par Miss Dingman. La Présidente informe l'assemblée qu'une proposition a été faite aux organisations affiliées en vue d'organiser un Cours de Vacances à Genève pour des américaines. De toutes parts on a estimé que le Comité devrait envisager d'organiser chaque année un Groupe d'Étude pour les personnes versées dans le travail en faveur de la paix. Ce Groupe d'Étude pourrait être ouvert à toutes les nationalités. Les participantes auraient ainsi la possibilité d'étudier leurs problèmes nationaux respectifs au sein des trois conférences. Pour cet été, on projette d'organiser un Cours de Vacances en anglais. Ce cours serait ouvert à toutes les nationalités. Les déléguées sont invitées à nommer les membres de leur pays qui seraient désireux de suivre ce cours. Après délibération, cette proposition est acceptée par l'assemblée.

3/ Voyages dans certains pays et visites à Genève.
Miss Dingman rappelle l'arrangement qui avait été prévu afin de mettre les étrangères de passage à Genève en contact avec de personnes susceptibles de leur donner des informations sur différents aspects du problème touchant à la paix. L'assemblée estime que les visites que le Comité a déjà rendu à ce sujet ces années passées, ont été très appréciables et qu'il serait bon qu'il poursuive son activité dans ce sens.

La Présidente demande si les déléguées des organisations affiliées qui doivent voyager pour leur propre organisation seraient disposées à profiter de leur déplacement pour exposer les objectifs et l'activité du Comité. Les déléguées présentes donnent leur approbation à cette suggestion et informent la Présidente qu'elles la tiendront au courant des personnes qui doivent voyager.

8. FINANCE
En l'absence de la Trésorière, la Présidente donne connaissance de la situation financière du Comité. Les dons et cotisations du 1er janvier au 31 mars 1936 se sont élevés à Fr. suisses 3,474.20 et les dépenses ont atteint un total de Fr. suisses 1,697.57, laissant un solde créditeur de Fr. suisses 1,776.63. Toutefois, le budget annuel n'étant pas encore assuré, il est difficile de fixer le programme de travail du Comité. Miss Dingman souligne l'effort exceptionnel de Madame d'Ardis afin de s'assurer le concours de l'appui financier des grandes firmes des États-Unis. Ce projet qui avait déjà rencontré l'appui de beaucoup d'entreprises était en très bonne voie de réalisation a malheureusement du être abandonné en raison de la maladie de la Trésorière. Après discussion, il est proposé par Miss Kams et approuvé avec enthousiasme par l'assemblée qui l'a pour sa part et celui du Comité, et il a été acclamé au cours de ces dernières années, pour l'heureux couronnement de la campagne qu'il a menée avec la plus grande courage et détermination et pour lui exprimer la cordiale et sincère sympathie de toute l'assemblée.
Miss Manus lit un message reçu de Mrs Catt où elle exprime ses vifs regrets de ne pouvoir participer à la réunion du Comité et où elle formule les vœux les meilleurs pour sa complète réussite. Miss Manus informe également l'assemblée que l'on a envoyé à Mrs Catt une invitation pour la prochaine réunion du Comité qui doit se tenir en juin. Bien contre son désir, Mrs Catt ne pense pas qu'il lui sera possible de venir à Genève à cette époque. L'assemblée exprime son regret et propose qu'un message soit envoyé à Mrs Catt pour la remercier du travail qu'elle a accompli en faveur du Comité. L'assemblée propose également un vote de remerciements pour le Conseil International des Femmes qui a mis ses locaux et son personnel à la disposition du Comité. Au nom du Conseil International des Femmes, Madame Dray fuse-Barney exprime le regret de leur Présidente et de Madame Avril de Sainte Croix de n'avoir pu assister à cette réunion et recevoir les déléguées de plusieurs pays.

Madame Tissot propose un vote de remerciements pour Miss Dingman. Le vote est accepté avec enthousiasme par l'assemblée. Miss Dingman remercie les déléguées d'être venues à Paris et leur exprime sa gratitude pour leur coopération. Elle espère que dans l'avenir une collaboration plus étroite s'établira non seulement avec leurs organisations respectives, mais aussi avec leurs membres. Au nom du Comité, Miss Dingman remercie ensuite le Conseil International des Femmes pour l'hospitalité de ses locaux et l'aide qu'il a apporté en organisant le thé qui doit avoir lieu l'après-midi au Poyer International des Étudiantes. Ce thé offrira l'avantage d'un contact avec le public, déclare la Présidente, contact que nous estimons des plus nécessaire à l'heure actuelle.

Aucune autre question n'étant soulevée, la Présidente informe l'assemblée que la séance est levée.

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*Les documents mentionnés dans ce procès-verbal seront envoyés sur demande.*
MINUTES

A meeting of the above Committee was held on Tuesday, June 9th 1936 at 2.45 p.m., at 6 rue Adnémard Fabri, Geneva.

The following officers were present:

Miss Mary A. Dingman, President (in the chair)
Miss K.D. Courtney, Vice-President
Madame Drayfus-Barney, Vice-President
Miss Rosa Manus, Vice-President

The following organisations were represented:

International Council of Women
International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship
World Young Women's Christian Association
World Union of Women for International Concord
League of Jewish Women
International Federation of University Women

Opening

Miss Dingman welcomed the members of the Committee and gave news of those who were not able to be present. Madame d’Arcois had arrived from the United States and was slowly making progress back to health. The Committee wished to send a message and it was conveyed to her over the telephone. Mrs. Morgan sails July 4th from the United States and after some vacation will be at her office August lst. Miss Hanover was too busy with preparations for the International Conference of Business and Professional Women to be held at Paris in July to come to Geneva. It was suggested that a telegram be sent to Madame Brummesvieg, who has been appointed Under-Secretary of State/Minister in France. It was noted with regret that a smaller number of member organisations than usual were represented.

I. MINUTES — PARIS, APRIL 3rd and 4th 1936.

The Minutes of the Paris meetings had been sent to every one/attended and as no corrections had been received, they were taken as read.

II. AFFILIATION OF THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN WOMEN’S CLUBS OVERSEAS.

Miss Dingman gave an account of the conversations which Madame d’Arcois and herself had had with Officers of the Federation of American Clubs regarding the possibility of affiliation to the Committee as an Associated Consultative Member. She was very happy to announce that at the meeting of the Federation held recently in Copenhagen they had voted unanimously to affiliate. There are 10 Clubs in 9 countries in the Federation; while the majority of the members are American born women, many are of the nationality of the country where the Club is located, married to American men. There is a very genuine effort to bring these American Women’s Clubs into closer contact with the activities of the women of the country. It is hoped that each club will contribute the equivalent of 30 francs Swiss yearly to the Committee. If this
hope is realized the Federation will be giving 300,- francs each year. It was proposed by Miss van Eeghen and seconded by Mlle. Nobs to give a warm welcome to the Federation of the American Women's Clubs Overseas as an Associated Consultative Member.

III. REPORTS.

a) The President gave a brief report of some of the activities of the Committee since the last meeting. A list of all the material sent out in recent months was distributed. The President has visited Bern and Montreux to speak on behalf of the Committee. Groups have been entertained in the office and the work explained. Invitations were sent by the Committee in collaboration with the International Consultative Group for the lecture by Dr. Goode about one hundred came. A luncheon was given in honour of the members of the World's Y.W.C.A. Executive Committee. A service of Prayer and Intercession arranged May 6th was attended by more than 70 people. A talk was given by Miss Dingsman to the Women's Guild of the American Church in Geneva. The interest aroused has resulted in the Guild giving 370 Swiss francs with which to buy an addressing machine, thus saving an immense amount of labour in the office. Great appreciation was expressed for this generous gift. Letters from all parts of the world are received frequently and the contact between the Peace and Disarmament Committee and the Member Organizations grows increasingly close.

b) Progress of the International Economic Plebiscite.

Madame Dreyfus-Harnay reported on the wonderful progress made by Madame d’Arcis in the United States; the masterly report, which has been drawn up, gives evidence of an amazing amount of work undertaken. Declarations and contributions have been received from 2 large firms and a Committee of influential women has been named to sponsor the work in the United States. Miss Irma Wolborn, who worked closely with Madame d’Arcis during her entire time in the U.S.A., will follow up the openings made and keep interest alive with the hope that Madame d’Arcis herself may return later to carry the project further. Letters from Mrs. Chapman Catt and Mrs. James Mooney of the General Motors gave evidence of the work done and recorded great approval. When it is realized how ill Madame d’Arcis was during those difficult months, the work done becomes even more precious.

Great affection and approval was expressed for Madame d’Arcis and her work.

c) Arrangements for Study Conference and Luncheon.

Plans for these events were discussed. Mlle. Nobs found the registration fee of 5 Swiss francs for the Study Conference too high and said that some German refugees were detained from coming by expense. Miss Courtney suggested that they be admitted at the student rate of 3 Swiss francs at Miss Nobs’ discretion. The Round Table was explained. The question of reporting the sessions of the Study Conference was raised by Mrs. Fox. Mlle. Gourd agreed to prepare a Communiqué for the newspapers. Speakers were to be asked for their notes. Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Miss Schneider and Miss van Eeghen agreed to be responsible for one session each.

IV. INTERNATIONAL PEACE CAMPAIGN (Rassemblement Universel pour la Paix)

Miss Manus, General Secretary of the International Secretariat, (La Résidence) gave a short report. She distributed in French and English a short Exposé of the Rassemblement Universel pour la Paix or International Peace Campaign, as it is called in English. There is widespread interest and the International Secretariat is in touch with more than 30 countries. In most countries the support comes from many sections of society. In some it is more to the right and in others more to the left, but increasingly there is a broad general basis of support. The Congress will be held from September 3 to 6 in Geneva. There will be two plenary sessions and many other smaller group meetings. There will be close contact with the World Congress of Youth held at the same time. Some of the young representatives will be asked to present their point of view.

After discussion the Committee agreed upon the following Resolution:-

"The Peace and Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organizations, founded for the purpose of promoting Point 2 of the objectives of the Rassemblement Universel pour la Paix (International Peace Campaign) and being in general sympathy with the other 3 objectives, gladly undertakes to cooperate in the International Congress to be organised by the Rassemblement in September 1938."

It was understood that our cooperation should take the form of spreading news about the Congress to Member Organizations and individuals and in cooperating in arrangements for the Congress.

In the discussion it was brought out that in the National Rassemblements, the Women's Organisations were taking an active part and that the Peace and Disarmament Committee should make an effort to get in touch with these various national groupings...
of Women's Organisations.

Miss Dingman reported that she had been invited to attend the Committee meeting in Paris June 12th and 13th, and it was agreed to authorise her to go with expenses paid by the Committee.

In the discussion as to the division of the members of the Congress into Commissions studying special topics, it was agreed that the women should not be segregated but should take part in all the group meetings, with the reservation that undoubtedly it would be valuable to have one meeting of the representatives of the feminine organisations in order to discuss the methods by which, through the channels of these organisations, the projects of the Congress could best be furthered. Miss Manus asked for suggestions of names of women speakers for the two plenary sessions to be sent to her.

V. QUESTION OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION.

Miss Dingman introduced the Draft Constitution saying that in the light of the more permanent basis of organisation of the Committee since September 1935 and the hope of more gifts of money, a simple constitution or statutes became necessary. Miss Hancher's legal training has been most helpful and she kindly drew up the first draft. At Paris the Bureau discussed some of the points and a second draft was made. This draft was considered by the Bureau and as a result there was put in the hands of each member present a copy of a Draft Constitution. This was read paragraph by paragraph, certain changes incorporated and the enclosed draft is the result of the deliberations up to this date. This draft will be presented to the Committee at its meeting in September for final adoption.

Second Session held on Wednesday, June 10th at 9.45 a.m.

The following officers were present:

Miss Mary A. Dingman, President (in the chair)
Miss K.D. Courtney, Vice-President
Madame Dreyfus-Barnay, Vice-President

The organisations were represented by:

Miss L.C.A. van Eeghen
Mrs. Corbett Ashby
Mademoiselle E. Gourd
Madame A. Schreiber-Krieger
Mademoiselle D. Grütter
Miss Ruth Woodsall
Mrs. E.W. Fox
Miss T. MacGleag
Miss Bille (Denmark)

Madame la Contesse de Hermit Quares
Mademoiselle M. Nobs
Madame Rosa Aberson
Mademoiselle le Dr. Schaeznel

The following telegram was sent to Madame Brunschwig, newly appointed as Under-Secretary of State for Education:

"Cordiales félicitations à notre vaillante et éminente collègue dans la lutte pour la Paix et le Droit de la femme."

VI. FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

a) Summer Study Course.

The idea of a group of American women coming to Geneva to study the foreign policies of the U.S.A. in the light of the world view which one can get here in Geneva, was explained. This was a project very greatly favoured by Mrs. Morgan, who, in her visit to the U.S.A., is finding those who want to undertake such a study. At Paris it was suggested that other nationalities might also like to form such groups under competent leadership. The Committee members had in their hands a letter and a list of courses and conferences to be held in Geneva August 15th to September 15th. During the discussion it was suggested in the French version of the letter, the possibility of forming both national and international groups, should be made clearer. Miss Woodsall suggested the idea of having small intimate groups of women drawn from countries which have difficulty in understanding each other's point of view, where, without fear of publicity there would be the opportunity of frankly and freely discussing their problems. It was suggested that this suggestion be incorporated in the next letter.

b) September Committee Meeting and accompanying events.

The dates of the September meetings of the Committee were fixed for the evenings of September 7 and 9, at 6.30 p.m. at 6 rue Adhémar Fabri. It was suggested that the luncheon, in honour of the woman delegates, usually held during the Assembly, should take place on Tuesday, September 15th.
Material for distribution.

Miss Dingman asked for suggestions and criticisms on the material sent out from the Office to groups and individuals. The following suggestions emerged from the discussion:

1. That suggestions for dramatics for young people and for discussion groups, book reviews, etc., should be obtained from different countries, where they have been successfully used and sent out to other countries, thus making possible an exchange of information.
2. That French material should follow the English more promptly.
3. That résumés should be made of the longer articles.
4. That short news items especially useful for the peace and pacifist press should be prepared.

It was recognised that to carry out these suggestions more help would be needed in writing and translating.

VII. INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT PARIS 1937.

Madame Dreyfus-Barney gave a report of what was being planned by the Committee on Intellectual Cooperation and the Women's Organisations in regard to this Exhibition. She has already asked for space for the Peace and Disarmament Committee and is in communication with Madame Pichon Laundry who is organizing a 'Somme Féminine'. The Committee was greatly interested, expressed thanks to Madame Dreyfus-Barney for all she had done and asked her to follow up the question and guard the interests of the Committee.

IX. FINANCE.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the President gave a short financial report. During the first 4 months of the year 1936 the receipts exceeded the expenditures due to the contributions from the Women of Canada, the U.S.A. and the Nobel Committee. In May the expenditures greatly exceeded the receipts. There remained in the treasury a balance of approximately Swiss Fr. 6,000. – 3,000. – of which belongs to the special fund connected with the International Economic Plebiscite. A tentative budget was discussed and it was agreed that the Committee needs as a minimum Swiss Fr. 15,000. – annually or Swiss Fr. 1,250. – monthly divided in the following manner:

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**TOTAL** Swiss Fr. 15,000.

It was seen that the amount given to propaganda was much too small, but it was all that was left after the other absolutely necessary expenses were met. After accepting in principle this budget, a discussion as to how to raise it followed. Gifts came from three sources: Organisations, Countries and Individuals. A list of the amounts which might be asked from each organisation was circulated and it was agreed to present it as it was to the consideration of the Member Organisations. A similar list will be made apportioning amounts hoped for from the countries. If these two groups could meet their quotas, it was believed that the balance could be raised from individuals. Mrs. Corbett Ashby proposed that this tentative partition be accepted as indicating what the Member Organisations should try to do.

Madame Aberson explained the financial difficulty for the League of Jewish Women in the present situation. The need for visitation was emphasized in relation to finance, for gifts always follow the visits of those who can present vividly the importance and significance of the work of the Committee. Miss Dingman reported that Swiss Fr. 30. – had just been received from a collect in a church in Anvers and expressed the wish that this good example might be imitated. She gave more details as to how the money had been raised in Canada emphasizing success attained when many groups gave small amounts; it was noted that Miss Dingman's expenses in Canada had been paid by the World's Y.W.C.A. and that in the future the Committee must face the necessary expense for visitations to be made. This shows clearly the need of more money for propaganda.

PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION - Miss Courtney, Chairman. The Chairman briefly reviewed and analyzed the present situation stressing the Italian Abyssinian conflict with the victory of Italy and the situation in Europe resulting from the reoccupation of the Rheneland. The question of the maintenance of Sanctions against Italy or their abatement was discussed. Each member of the Committee was asked to give her point of view and there was an interesting and valuable exchange of opinions. There was general agreement on the principle of Sanctions and though the majority were in favour of maintaining Sanctions, until Italy would be willing to recognize the authority of the League in making a settlement, some felt that nothing could be gained in doing this. As there was a desire to have a statement expressing the views of the present. Mrs. Corbett Ashby had already formulated several points, she was asked to submit a draft. This draft was later discussed at two short meetings and the enclosed Statement was adopted. -- The Committee adjourned at 12.30 p.m.
PEACE AND DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

DRAFT CONSTITUTION

Name: The name of this Committee shall be the “Peace and Disarmament Committee of the Women’s International Organisations.”

Objects:
1. To spread knowledge and understanding of the great issues underlying the organisation of peace.
2. To enlist the support of women in all parts of the world in the service of peace.
3. To give expression in Geneva to the world wide desire for peace and disarmament.

Headquarters: The headquarters of the Committee shall be in Geneva, Switzerland.

Membership
1. Constituent Membership: Any international women’s organisation which has been in existence for not less than two years, with national branches, or in exceptional cases with individual members in not less than six countries and which desires to promote the objects of the Committee, may apply for membership and shall be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. Constituent Member Organisations alone have the right to vote.

2. Consultative Membership:
   a) Associate. Any national group of women’s organisations which has been in existence for not less than two years and which include not less than four national organisations, and which desires to promote the objects of the Committee may apply for membership and shall be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.
   b) Observer. Any international women’s organisation which has been in existence for not less than two years, with national branches in not less than four countries and which desires to promote the objects of the Committee may become affiliated to the Committee as an “Observer” for the period of one year at the discretion of the Committee, which shall have the power to extend this affiliation from year to year. Associates and observers have the right to speak, but not to vote.

Application for Membership: Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary of the Committee in writing accompanied by two copies of the Constitution or Regulations of the applicant organisation.

Representation at Meetings:
Constituent Members: Each Constituent Member shall be entitled to (a) two delegates and (b) two proxies, and shall have 2 votes which may be cast by one representative.

Associated Consultative Members and Observers shall each be entitled to (a) two delegates with the right to speak but not to vote and (b) two proxies.

Management: The Management of the organisation shall be vested in:
1) The Committee
2) The Board
The Committee.

Powers: The Committee at its general meetings shall constitute the Governing Body of this organisation and shall have the control and management of its affairs and funds.

Meetings: As a rule there shall be four meetings of the Committee each year; if possible two to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, and two at other places and dates as shall be decided upon by the Committee. Emergency meetings may be called from time to time by the Board or upon request made to the President by not less than three constituent member organisations.

Resolutions to be proposed at the general meetings must be submitted to the Board not less than three weeks before the date of each meeting, except in the case of the Annual Meeting when not less than six weeks notice must be given. Urgency resolutions may also be taken with the consent of the meeting. Urgency resolutions dealing with events which have occurred in the three weeks (or in the case of the Annual Meeting in the six weeks) immediately preceding the date of the meeting may also be taken with the consent of the Committee.

Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting of the Committee shall be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in the month of September of each year unless otherwise decided upon by the Committee.

Not less than two months notice shall be given of the date of this Annual Meeting, and the business transacted at such meeting shall include:

1. The election of officers and members of the Bureau
2. Consideration of the Annual Report and of the accounts and Balance Sheet, together with the appointment of Auditors for the ensuing year.

Quorum:
The quorum for all general meetings of the Committee shall be four Constituent Member Organisations.

The Board:
The Board shall consist of the Officers of the Committee and shall conduct the business of the Committee in all respects between the general meetings.

Meetings: The Board shall meet at such times and places as shall be decided upon by the President. Three members shall form a quorum. Meetings may be called by the President at the request of two members.

The Committee at its Annual Meeting shall elect not more than seven Officers to include the following: President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. If desired, technical advisers may also be appointed. The officers shall be representative of as many nationalities as possible.

Nominations for officers must be sent in writing to the Secretary not less than six weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

Finance:
The funds of the Committee shall consist of subscriptions, fees, donations and monies volunteered or otherwise raised, and shall be applied in carrying out the objects of the Committee.

Annual Fees:
Each member organisation shall pay an annual fee of not less than Swiss Francs: 100.-

Fees for the first year are payable to the Treasurer upon notification of election to membership, and thereafter annual fees are due and payable at times most convenient for each organisation.

The fiscal year shall end on August 31st of each year.

Amendments to this Constitution must be brought forward in the first instance at the meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting and can only be adopted at the Annual Meeting if carried by a two thirds majority of the Constituent Member Organisations present and voting.
My dear Colleague:-

Yes, I know you are very busy, but I beg you to devote time and thought to the contents of this envelope before vacations begin.

Minutes.

I have tried to make them as brief as possible. They contain important actions and information on

1/ The International Peace Campaign.
2/ New Members.
3/ Finance.
4/ The International Situation - Statement.
5/ Future plans, etc.

Draft Constitution.

Enclosed is the result of deliberations up to date. We hope this Draft can be adopted in September. Any changes or amendments must be received in time to be sent out from this Office not later than July 27th.

Dates of Next Meeting.

The evenings of September 7th and 9th have been chosen as the dates of the next meeting which is the Annual Meeting.

Nominations for Officers.

Each Constituent Member Organisation has the right to send in nominations for Officers, but these must be received in the Office by the 27th of July, that is six weeks before the Annual Meeting.

Resolutions.

All resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting must be received at the Office not later than July 27th except urgency resolutions as defined in the Constitution.

Finance.

Will you carefully consider the enclosed list of Estimated Receipts from Member Organisations and inform the Board in writing whether your Organisation will endeavour to contribute the amount indicated for the fiscal year September 1st 1936 to August 31st 1937.

Statement.

Please give this Statement as much publicity as possible in all branches of your organisation.

Assuring you of genuine appreciation for a prompt and complete reply to all these points, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mary A. Dingman

President.
PEACE AND DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
6 rue Adhémar Fabri 6
Geneva
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At a meeting of the Peace and Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations, June 9th and 10th at Geneva, after a general discussion of the present international situation, the following Statement was formulated and adopted:—

The Peace and Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisations believes that the organisation of the world peace can best be assured by the League of Nations and that the Articles of the Covenant are sufficient to ensure collective security if their provisions are energetically carried out by the States Members of the League. The Committee urges therefore that in view of the present grave international situation the Covenant of the League be applied in its entirety.

Profoundly convinced that the present race in armaments is gravely increasing national suspicion and that a great increase of national armaments can only give an illusion of security, the Peace and Disarmament Committee welcomes the French initiative in proposing to make a fresh attempt to secure an international agreement for the reduction and limitation of armaments combined with the elaboration of measures for mutual assistance.

Recognising that economic grievances are contributory causes of war, the Peace and Disarmament Committee urges the immediate summoning of a world conference to discuss economic and financial problems and to endeavour to elaborate such economic treaties as will remedy grievances.

Geneva, June 1936.

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MINUTES

A meeting of the above Committee was held on Monday, September 21, 1936 at 8.30 p.m., at 6 rue Adhémar Fabri, Geneva.

The following officers were present:—

Miss Mary A. Dingman, President (in the chair)
Miss K.D. Courtney, Vice-President
Miss Rosa Manus, Vice-President
Miss Dorothy A. Heneker, Secretary
Mrs. Laura Puffer Morgan, Technical Adviser

The following organisations were represented:—

International Council of Women
World's Young Women's Christian Association
International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
World Union of Women for International Concord
International Federation of Business and Professional Women
League of Jewish Women
European Federation of Soroptimist Clubs
National Committee on the Cause and Cure of War
International Federation of University Women
Women's Polish Organisations

Mlle. le Dr. Renée Girod
Mlle. le Dr. Therese Girod
Miss Ruth Woodsmaiil
Mrs. E.W. Fox
Mrs. M. Beer
Mrs. Una Saunders
Miss Corbett Ashby
Mlle. E. Court
Mme. Adelaide Schreiber
Mme. Spiller
Fraulein G. Baer
Fru Thora Daugaard
Mme. Marie Lobe-Mohr
Mme. Hellesm-Lund
Mme. M. Nobe
Mme. H. Gomitsch
Mme. Jeannin-Rouillet
Mme. Troco
Miss Dorothy A. Heneker
Mme. A. Szczegolowska
Mme. Aberson
Mme. le Dr. Courpois-Walt
Miss Josephine Schain
Miss Henriette Roelofs

1. Roll Call
Miss Dingman opens the meeting at 8.45 p.m. and welcome the members and visitors present.

Apologies for absence have been received from Miss Holmes and Mme. M. Schaetzl (University Women); Lady Aberdeen (International Council of Women) and Frau Freundlich (International Cooperative Women's Guild).

Miss Dingman introduces the members of the Committee who are present as well as several visitors.

Mme. Spiller kindly accepts to give a French translation of the reports and discussions as the meeting goes on.
II. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN GENEVA, JUNE 9TH AND 10TH 1936.
The Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated, are adopted unanimously.

III. REPORTS.
a) Activity of the Committee since June 1936.
Miss Dingman reviews the various activities of the Committee. There
has been an unusually large number of visitors from many countries: India, China,
Japan, Mexico, Argentina and the Philippines amongst others.

Two study-courses have been held most successfully, one in June, the
other in September.

The first one, was attended by more than 50 people. "Collective
security and disarmament" was the topic of the first session, and with Miss
Courtney as Chairman, the method of panel discussion proved very satisfactory.

Mr. P.W. Martin (Great Britain) spoke on "World Peace and Social
Justice"; Mr. Belaisi (France) on "The Economic Aspect of International Problems"
and Dr. Posthumus-van der Soot (Holland) on "Women as Consumers".

(For the September course, see under 3 c)

In July, Miss Dingman took the initiative of forming a delegation
of some twenty international workers who were received by the Emperor of Abyssinia;
the members of the delegation expressed to the Emperor, in an entirely unofficial
capacity and simply as individuals, their heartfelt sympathy in his great trial,
and were received very cordially.

Several luncheons have been organised on the occasion of the visits
to Geneva of outstanding personalities such as Miss Perkins, the U.S.A. Minister,
Mr. Labonte and Lady Aberdeen. One of them was arranged after the
International Peace Congress held in Brussels for those who had been unable to attend it
in Brussels but who were anxious to hear reports. The attendance was very encouraging.

Another luncheon will take place on Wednesday, September 23rd, at the Hotel
Bellevue, at 1 p.m. (Later: 70 attended, among them several women delegates to
the Assembly)

A small and quite informal meeting was also held at the Office of
the Committee when the present situation in Spain was discussed. Following this,
a message was sent in the name of the Committee to all the Spanish belligerents,
asking them in particular "to observe strictly the fundamental distinction between
combatants and non-combatants". This message, or a similar one, was also sent
by various other societies. The Women's Peace Crusade in Great Britain responded
at once to this appeal and informed all its Member Organisations.

Miss Dingman has represented the Committee at various international
gatherings such as the Paris Congress of the International Federation of Business
and Professional Women (July 26-30), the Chezy meeting of the Christian Council
for Life and Work, the International Peace Congress in Brussels and a camp in
France. Such meetings provide valuable opportunities of interesting wider circles in
the activities of the Committee.

b) International Peace Congress, Brussels, 3-6 September 1936.
Miss Rosa Manus, Secretary of this Congress, is greeted by applause.

Miss Josephine Schain, President of the National Committee on the
Cause and Cure of War in the U.S.A., and Chairman of the Women's Commission at the
I.F.C. Congress, Miss Rodofa, Vice-President of the National Committee on the Cause
and Cure of War in the U.S.A, Miss Rosa Manus, Franklin Gertrud Beal, of the
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Mrs. Sorbett-Askby, President of
the International Alliance for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship, Miss Courtney,
President of the Women's Peace Crusade and Miss Thora Naagraard, President of
the Danish Women's League for Peace and Freedom briefly tell the meeting of some of
their impressions and experiences at the Congress. On the whole, these reports
are decidedly encouraging. The Resolution adopted by the Congress and a more
detailed report of the meetings will be sent.

c) The American Study-Group, August 16 - Sept. 12, 1936.
Mrs. Morgan gives a report on the second Study-Group of the Summer.
It was organised to give to a group of American women interested in international
problems, most of them leaders in various societies - an opportunity for a
thorough and methodical discussion of these problems. This experience was so
successful that it is hoped to have next year, two groups of about 18 people each,
meeting simultaneously.
d) Miscellaneous.

Fraulein Baer extends an invitation to a meeting on Friday evening the 28th September when Madame de Palencia will speak on the Mission of Women in Spain. In case the Federal authorities - from whom a final answer has not yet been received - do not authorize the holding of this meeting in a public hall, it will take place privately at the headquarters of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. A notification to that effect and invitations will be sent on request.

Both Fraulein Baer and Mademoiselle Gourd deeply regret that it has not been possible to avoid a clash of date between this meeting and an invitation of the Geneva Suffrage Committee to meet the members of the Board of the International Alliance for the Suffrage of Women.

Miss Dingman announces that Mme. de Palencia will also speak quite privately and informally to a small group of friends at the Peace and Disarmament Committee on Saturday the 28th September, at 6.30 p.m.

It is decided to postpone to the meeting of the following evening, items 4 and 5 of the agenda, namely "The Present International Situation" and "The Draft Constitution".

III. FINANCE.

Miss Dingman reports on the financial situation of the Committee and suggests that the fiscal year should start on the 1st September of each year and/or the 31st August of the following year.

A list of expenses is circulated as well as one of estimated receipts both from the member organisations and from the country. Miss Dingman invites comments on these various lists and a discussion follows. It is felt that Committee members might take a more active interest in the financial aspect of the work and in particular in the raising of funds.

Miss Courtney suggests a warm vote of thanks to Miss Dingman; financial preoccupations have been added these last months to her numerous and great responsibilities, owing to the illness of the Treasurer, Mme. d'Arscia.

The meeting is adjourned at 11 p.m.

Second Session held on Tuesday, September 28th, 1936, at 8.30 p.m.

The following officers were present:

Miss Mary A. Dingman, President (in the chair)
Miss K.D. Courtney, Vice-President
Miss Rosa Manus, Vice-President
Miss Dorothy A. Heneker, Secretary
Mrs. Laura Morgan, Technical Adviser

The organizations were represented by:

Miss Eth Woodsmall
Mrs. E.W. Fox
Miss Maclagan
Mrs. M. Baer (Proxy)
Miss Una Saunders (Proxy)
Mrs. Corbett Ashby
Mademoiselle E. Gourd
Madame Malatorde Sellier
Madame Spiller
Madame Adele Schreiber
Fraulein Baer
Frau Daugard
Miss Josephine Schain (Proxy)
Miss Rhoda Mclulloch (Proxy)
Mrs. Georgia Bell (Visitor U.S.A.)

Mademoiselle M. Nobs
Mrs. Bigland (Liaison Committee)
Madame H. Granitsch
Dr. Rosa Peri
Miss Dorothy A. Heneker
Madame Rosa Aberson
Dr. Goufein-Welt
Madame Ewy (Proxy)
Miss P.M. Downie (Proxy)
Mlle. Dora Moustacoeva (Visitor)
Miss Else Taft (Visitor)

Madame Adamowitz
Mrs. M. Serrall Armstrong (National Council of Jewish Women - U.S.A.)
IV. DRAFT CONSTITUTION.
(This question, which was item 5 of the agenda, is taken next)
A draft constitution has been sent out to all members. As Miss Hanekar had helped in drafting it, she is asked to report on this subject on behalf of the Bureau.

This being quite an important question, Miss Hanekar suggests that no decision should be taken at this meeting in the absence of Mme. d’Arcis and Mme. Dreyfus-Barnney, two members of the Bureau particularly interested in it.

Both Mme. d’Arcis and Mme. Dreyfus-Barnney have sent messages to express their regrets at not being able to be present.

Miss Courtney feels that this question of change of Constitution has not yet received sufficient attention from most of the Members and begs them to make a serious study of it.

It is agreed to postpone a final decision of this question to the June meeting.

V. ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS.
Miss Dingman apologises for having forgotten to put this on the agenda. She regrets that only one organisation, the I.W.A.S.E.C., has replied to her circular letter on this subject.

Miss Hanekar suggests that this election should also be postponed to a later meeting and that organisations should be requested to send in suggestions 6 weeks in advance.

A discussion follows as to whether this matter should be taken up again at the June or the September meeting of next year. A vote shows that the majority is in favour of September.

Mlle. Mmus, seconded by Miss Courtney, suggests that, as the Bureau is left in charge for another whole year, it might be authorized to elect one or two members by co-optation. Miss Nobs seconded by Mademoiselle Gourd asks that in this case a French-speaking person should be appointed.

Pruelein Baez says she is entirely in agreement with Mademoiselle Mmus' proposal on condition that the new member or members will remain in charge only until the time of the new election, which must remain quite free.

VI. FUTURE PLANS.
a) Relationship to the International Peace Campaign.
Miss Dingman gives a few details as to how the work of the International Peace Campaign will be continued. An international office will probably be opened shortly in Geneva under the leadership of Pasteur Jässel, assisted by Mr. Dolivet and Miss Allen. Owing to the three reserves for women's international organisations in the Council, has been offered to the Peace and Disarmament Committee, should it decide to continue to cooperate. (In June the Committee had decided to collaborate to the I.P.C.C. until the Congress.)

Various points are raised, such as the financing of the Campaign, the number of organisations willing to continue their participation, etc.

Mademoiselle Nobs points out that cooperation with the I.P.C.C., if duplication of efforts is to be avoided, implies for the Peace and Disarmament Committee the necessity of being informed of the individual activities of the various pacifist societies members of the Committee.

Miss Courtney moves that the Peace and Disarmament Committee should affiliate provisionally for six months to the I.P.C.C. This resolution, seconded by Mrs. Higland, is carried.

b) Date and place of next Committee meeting.
It has already been suggested that some meetings of the Committee might be held in other cities, except the June and September ones which must always take place in Geneva. So far, however, no invitations or suggestions have been received.

Miss Dingman mentions the possibility of having two instead of one meeting between the present one and that of June 1937. Mrs. Fox suggests that there should be at least one meeting, and a second one only if circumstances call for it. This proposal is seconded by Mademoiselle Gourd, and carried, after a long discussion.

c) Visit of President to Sweden.
Miss Dingman has received an invitation from the Swedish Y.W.C.A.
to go to Sweden probably at the end of February 1937. She hopes to be able to arrange visits to other countries in this connection.

VII. THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

Miss Courtney is invited to speak on this subject. As this subject, however, is too wide and complex for the short time at her disposal, she says that she will simply examine the consequences of the decision taken by the Assembly last July to abandon the sanctions against Italy and briefly summarize the communications from the various Governments regarding the "Application of the Principles of the Covenant of the League of Nations."

The failure to put the Covenant into practice has had such a disastrous effect, psychological as well as political, that there has been a great deal of thinking and discussion about the Reform of the League. The Secretary General of the League of Nations has asked the State Members to send him their views on this matter. Miss Courtney summarizes the replies received by the League and analyzes the general tendencies which they reflect. The majority of States want a strengthening, not a weakening of the League authority and think that the Parties to a dispute should have no right of vote on the disputed point. A communiqué by Miss Courtney on this subject is being prepared.

Madame Halaterre-Sellier, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Corbett-Ashby each add a few words to Miss Courtney's most interesting report. It is agreed that:

- a) the Committee will not give its support to any proposal tending to weaken and diminish in any way the power and authority of the League;
- b) a small Committee will formulate a Draft Statement which summarizes the views of the meeting on the main points of the discussion, the Statement when accepted to be sent to the Members of the Assembly. Mademoiselle Gourd, seconded by Miss Mansu, suggests that it should consist of Mrs. Corbett-Ashby, Madame Halaterre-Sellier, Miss Courtney and Mrs. Morgan.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

Miss Dingman introduces the four young women who are for a few weeks the guests of the Geneva University Women as the winners of their competition on "How to apply the teaching of history to promote the cause of Peace?".

It is decided that there will be a short meeting of the Peace and Disarmament Committee immediately after that of the Liaison Committee on Friday 25th at 3:15 p.m. to examine the text prepared by the Drafting Committee (see above).

The meeting is adjourned at 11 p.m.