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### CONFERENCE NOTES

*The Executive Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies* met as arranged on October 17th, with Judge Payne in the Chair, and discussed and approved the matters to be presented at the meeting of the Board of Governors of the League.

*The Board of Governors of the League* convened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 18th, and held meetings morning and afternoon. A further meeting was held on the morning of October 19th. The text of the resolutions adopted will be found below. The progress made by the Board of Governors with the questions figuring on its agenda have made it possible for the Board to adjourn until October 29th. The meeting of the Board scheduled to take place on the morning of October 25th will consequently not take place, and the extra time thus made available will enable Commissions to continue their work on that morning if they wish to do so.

*The Board of Delegates* met at 3.30 p.m. on October 19th and was welcomed by H.E. Prince Tokugawa, on whose proposal Colonel Favre, Vice-President of the International Red Cross Committee, was elected Chairman of the Board. Dr. Olano (Salvador) was elected Vice-Chairman, and Mr. de Gielgud and Mr. Sidney Brown were appointed to act as Secretaries.

The Board decided to recommend to the Conference that the officers of the Conference should be as follows:

President:

H.E. Prince Tokugawa (Japan)

Vice-Presidents:

Hon. John Barton Payne (L.O.R.C.S.)  
H.R.H. the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha  
(Germany)

H.E. Professor Nolf (Belgium)

Colonel Meinich (Norway)

Dr. Espinosa (Nicaragua)

Dr. Max Olano (Salvador)

Colonel Favre (I.R.C.C.)

Colonel Draudt (L.O.R.C.S.)

Mr. Yamanouchi (L.O.R.C.S.)

Prince K. Tokugawa (Japan)

Mme. Mayrisch de Saint-Hubert (Lux-  
emburg)

Mme. Moirova (U.S.S.R.)

Lt. Gen. Sir H. Fawcus (Great Britain)

Mr. E. J. Swift (L.O.R.C.S.)

Miss Boardman (United States)

Mr. Flûry-Hérard (France)

Miss Hill (India)

Colonel Davila (Peru)

Phya Rajanakul (Siam)

Baron de Stjernstedt (Sweden)

H.E. Mr. Giacinto Auriti (Italy)

H.E. Mr. Rakovsky (U.S.S.R.)

H.E. Hon. Herbert Marler (Canada)

Secretary-General:

Mr. Nakagawa (Japan)

Secretaries:

Mr. L. E. de Gielgud (L.O.R.C.S.)

Mr. Sidney Brown (C.I.C.R.)

*The Board of Delegates* approved the draft agenda published in the programme of the Conference, and agreed to propose:

that there should be four Commissions

that questions 1, 2, 3, 4 (a & b), 5, 6, 24 & 25 should be handled in plenary session

that Commission I should be a legal Commission, and should handle questions 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 17

that Commission II should be a general Commission, and should handle questions 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23

that questions 4 (c) and 19 should be allotted

to the Nursing Commission (III) and that question 20 be assigned to the Junior Red Cross Commission (IV).

The Secretaries were instructed to consult with the different delegations and present proposals to the Conference regarding the composition of the four Commissions.

Prince Tokugawa announced that the Red Cross Society of Japan has requested Mr. Ernest J. Swift, Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies, to make on its behalf the report provided for under Item 6 of the Agenda of the Conference.

## TEXTS VOTED

The following resolutions have been adopted by the Board of Governors of the League:

### Resolution 1

The Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies,

Being desirous that the League should incorporate all national Red Cross Societies duly recognized by the International Red Cross Committee;

And noting with satisfaction that its membership of 60 Societies already includes all recognized national Red Cross bodies, with the exception of that of the U.S.S.R.;

Requests its Chairman to approach the authorized representative of the Alliance of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the U.S.S.R., and to transmit through him to this body the invitation to become a member of the League.

### Resolution 2

The following are appointed to represent the

League at the Fifteenth International Red Cross Conference:

Hon. John Barton Payne—Chairman  
Lt.-Col. P. Draudt, and Mr. S. Yamanouchi—  
Vice-Chairmen  
Mr. Ninagawa  
Mr. Ernest J. Swift—Secretary-General

### Resolution 3

The general report of the Executive Committee for the period October 1932 to October 1934 is noted and approved.

### Resolution 4

The Board of Governors addresses its congratulations and good wishes to the Iraq Red Crescent Society and the Nicaraguan Red Cross on the occasion of their formal recognition by the International Red Cross Committee and their entry into the League.

**Resolution 5**

The Secretary-General is instructed to convey to Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, the deep interest with which the League of Red Cross Societies will follow the Foundation's work in providing nursing facilities for post graduate nursing education. The Board expresses the hope that national Red Cross Societies will co-operate closely with national nursing associations in the endeavour to place the Foundation upon a solid financial basis. The representatives of the League on the Grand Council and on the Committee of Management of the Foundation are instructed to give special attention, when co-operating in working out the policies of the Foundation, to the great benefit which national Red Cross Societies may derive from the facilities provided by the Foundation.

**Resolution 6**

The Board of Governors notes with approval the intention of the Secretary-General to extend and develop the activities of the League Secretariat in the nursing field, and instructs him to present a programme of proposed work in this field for approval by the Executive Committee at a forthcoming meeting.

**Resolution 7**

The Board of Governors congratulates Senator Ciruolo, President of the Executive Committee of the International Relief Union, on the formation of the Union and on his election to the presidency. The action taken on behalf of the League in defining the limits of the responsibility under-

taken by the League jointly with the International Red Cross Committee so as to provide the permanent and central services of the Union, is endorsed and approved.

**Resolution 8**

The Board notes with satisfaction the action taken by the Secretariat with a view to keeping the national Red Cross Societies advised of developments in connection with air ambulance services. The arrangements made to establish a co-operative relationship with the International Air Federation and the Permanent Committee of the International Air Ambulance Congress for this purpose are endorsed and approved.

**Resolution 9**

The Board expresses its deep appreciation to the President of the French Republic and H.M. the King of Norway, for their action in graciously according their patronage to the Health Manual for Merchant Seamen recently published by the League of Red Cross Societies.

The gratitude of the Board is also due to Mr. T. E. Steen and those who, in association with him, have made possible the publication of the French edition of this Manual.

**Resolution 10**

The Board of Governors, being desirous to commemorate the happy initiative taken in 1919 by the late Mr. Henry P. Davison and those associated with him in the foundation of the League of Red Cross Societies, resolves that, until further

notice, all regular meetings of the Board of Governors which are held at the headquarters of the League shall be called for May 5th, the anniversary of the League's foundation.

In particular, the fifteenth regular meeting of the Board shall be called for May 5th, 1936.

### **Resolution 11**

The Board of Governors approves the arrangements made for holding the Third Pan-American Red Cross Conference at Rio de Janeiro in September 1935, and expresses its cordial appreciation of the action taken to this end by the Brazilian Red Cross and the Brazilian Government. Approval is also given to the proposal to organize a Near Eastern Red Cross Conference if possible at Cairo in 1936, with the participation of the three Red Crescent Societies, the Persian Red Lion and Sun, and such other national Societies as may desire to participate.

### **Resolution 12**

The Board of Governors desires to express its gratitude to the American Red Cross for its continued support of the League's work through the generous yearly contribution which continues to represent so important a part of the League budget. Thanks are also due to the other National Societies which, in spite of difficult financial conditions, have made special efforts either by increasing their contributions or by guaranteeing their amount over a number of years.

Having regard more especially to the efforts made by the Secretariat to reduce the expenses

of the League to the minimum compatible with efficiency, the Board expresses the hope that all Societies will make a corresponding effort to place their contributions upon a basis representative of the appreciation they have expressed of the services placed at their disposal by the League.

The Board of Governors expresses the hope that determined efforts will be made by the Secretary General to secure contributions to the League for the special purposes mentioned in the Secretary General's report, and urges that National Societies and members of the Board of Governors co-operate in these efforts.

### **Resolution 13**

The report of the Secretary-General is approved.

### **Resolution 14**

The Board of Governors, recognizing the great value of regional conferences in enabling the Red Cross Societies of adjacent countries with similar problems to compare experiences and ideas, authorizes the League Secretariat, besides proceeding with the regional conferences now scheduled, to prepare carefully matured plans for further regional conferences as and when occasion presents itself. It will be advantageous if the groups of countries participating in such conferences varies from time to time.

The Board desires to express warm thanks to Dr. Masarykova, President of the Czechoslovak Red Cross, for her excellent report.

**Resolution 15**

The Board of Governors, having taken cognizance of the report of Mr. de Gielgud, Under-Secretary-General, notes the constructive suggestions contained in the conclusion of this report, and instructs the Secretariat to take such action as may seem advisable and possible in order to promote the extension of Red Cross organization and activity in those sections of the Far East in which Red Cross work has not yet been fully developed.

**Resolution 16**

The Board of Governors,  
Approves the Treasurer-General's report on

the financial position of the League on June 30, 1934, and endorses in particular the action taken to safeguard the funds of the League against exchange depreciation;

Approves the expenditure of 70,000 French Francs for the expenses of removal to the new headquarters;

And authorizes the Secretary-General to undertake commitments for 1935 on the basis of the budget presented, to the total amount of 2,500,000 francs.

Should the amount of the contributions received for 1935, owing to exchange fluctuations or for other reasons, fall short of the sum estimated, the Secretary-General is authorized to meet the deficit so created by drawing upon the reserve.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On Saturday, October 20th, *lunch will be served* for members of the Conference in the dining room on the first floor of the headquarters building of the Red Cross Society of Japan.

The next issue of the Bulletin containing the

lists of the Commissions, as agreed to at to-day's session, will be published on the morning of Monday, October 22nd.

A corrected list of delegates will be published early next week.



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