

FOURTH PLENARY MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1952.

Mr. John MacAulay opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

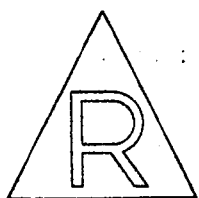
The Chairman proposed that the report of the Junior Commission be the first point on the agenda. As he wishes all delegates to have time to study the General Commission report which was put in the delegates boxes at 1:00 a.m. this morning, he suggests that the afternoon meeting begin with the report of the Standing Commission and present to the Conference the non controversial points of the General Report, i.e. items 1 - 12 of the Agenda of the General Commission.

JUNIOR COMMISSION REPORT:

After Mr. Nedim Abut, Chairman and Rapporteur, had presented the report of the Commission, Resolutions were unanimously accepted by the Conference with the exception of Resolution #7 "Contacts Between Junior Red Cross and International Youth Organizations" which was passed with one abstention.

Mr. Nedim Abut's report was unanimously adopted and the Chairman of the Conference thanked him and all the members of the Commission for the fine work they had done.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



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IVth Plenary Session (cont'd)

(AFTERNOON) REPORT

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. John MacAulay. Ambassador Andre Francois Poncet, Chairman of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross Conference, gave the report of that Commission covering the past four years, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. M. Pesmazoglu of the Greek Red Cross moved a minute of silence in memory of the late Count Folke Bernadotte, former chairman of the Standing Commission of the International Red Cross Conference.

Mr. Henrik Beer of the Swedish Red Cross gave the report of the General Commission calling attention to two corrections in the proposed resolutions of the General Commission as circulated:

1. Insertion in the English text of Resolution No. 17 approving the General Report of the League of Red Cross Societies and which had been omitted and
2. Correction of the second line of Resolution No. 6 to read as follows: "considering that bacteriological weapons constitute one of the greatest dangers to humanity" etc.

Mr. Beer read his report.

Resolution No. 15 - Reports by National Societies - was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 16 - Report of the International Committee of the Red Cross - was adopted by 65 votes for and 15 against.

Resolution No. 1 - International Committee of the Red Cross - was adopted by 65 votes for and 15 against.

Resolution No. 17 - Report of the League of Red Cross Societies - was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 18 - Augusta Trust Fund - was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 19 - Florence Nightingale Medal - was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 20 - Foundation for the International Committee of the Red Cross - was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 21 - Financing of the International Committee of the Red Cross - was adopted by 64 for and 13 against.

Resolution No. 22 - Financing of the League of Red Cross Societies - was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Pesmazoglu, Chairman of the Legal Sub-Commission, reviewed the proposed new statutes of the International Red Cross. Mr. Beer moved the adoption of the proposed statutes.

The delegate of the U.S.S.R. urged the adoption of amendments proposed by five National Societies but which previously had been rejected by the Legal Sub-Commission, the General Commission and the joint meeting of the Board of Delegates and Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies; these amendments dealt principally with the role of the International Committee of the Red Cross. The representative of the Swiss Government delegation reviewed the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross and its standing in the Red Cross world and in Switzerland.

Justice Emil Sandstrom, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies, stated that the ICRC represented the spirit of the Red Cross.

The delegate of the People's Republic of China made reservations with regard to the proposed statutes if the amendments proposed were not adopted.

The delegate of Chile opposed injecting politics in discussion of the proposed statutes and expressed the appreciation of his delegation for the ICRC.

The delegate of Roumania opposed the role of the ICRC as described in the proposed statutes and made reservations as concerned that role.

The proposed statutes were put to a vote and approved by 70 votes for and 17 against.

On proposal of Mr. Pesmazoglu, it was voted that the new statutes would become effective September 1, 1952.

Resolution No. 2 - Volunteer Services - was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 3 - Appreciation of Canadian Red Cross Society Volunteer Workers - was adopted with prolonged applause.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. to meet again at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 6, 1952.