

Six applications for the appointment of arbitrators to decide on the disputes between the Roumanian, Hungarian and Yugoslav Governments and certain Railways were considered. The Council decided to make the appointments at its January 1931 Session, if the disputes were then unsettled.

The fifteen ordinary members and the corresponding members of the Economic Committee were appointed for the period September 1930 to September 1933. The countries which will for the first time have a national on the Committee are Sweden, Yugoslavia, the Argentine Republic and South Africa.

Since it has not been possible to summon the Economic Consultative Committee this year, the revision of its composition was postponed until next September so as to enable the Committee, as now constituted, to hold a session in 1931.

In the course of the survey of the economic work of the League, Sir Robert Borden moved an amendment to the preliminary draft Convention for the regulation of whaling. The text of this amendment will be circulated at the same time as the draft Convention for consideration by the Governments concerned.

The Council approved arrangements for a second session of the Conference for the Unification of Laws on Bills of Exchange. This second session will deal with cheques. It also decided that early next year the first Conference of Central Police Offices recommended by the Conference for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency should be convened.

The Financial Committee was authorized to undertake an inquiry concerning the manner in which the statistics on the industrial use of gold can be improved and to prepare drafts of the various documents, such as protocols, loans, contracts, etc., for the Convention on Financial Assistance.

The Greek Refugee Settlement Commission is to be dissolved on December 31, though it has the right, if unforeseen circumstances arise, to prolong its own existence. The settlement of Bulgarian Refugees is also about to enter upon its final stage. It is expected that it will be completed by the middle of 1931. The political and legal protection of Russian, Armenian, Assyrian, Assyro-Chaldean and Turkish Refugees will be entrusted to the League's regular organs, and an International Office for Refugees will be created to deal with the humanitarian work hitherto entrusted to the High Commissioner for Refugees.

As regards communications, a European Conference on Road Traffic was convened for March, 1931; and the procedure for the settlement of disputes laid down in the Agreement, signed on May 21, 1931, between the Swiss Federal Council and the Secretary-General of the League, concerning the establishment at Geneva of a wireless station, was found satisfactory and the Secretary's General's signature was confirmed.

Revision of the composition of the Permanent Court and of the salaries of the judges was proposed to the Assembly, and the examination of the Finnish proposal to confer on the Court jurisdiction as a tribunal of appeal in respect of arbitral tribunals established by States was placed upon its agenda.

The Council approved of the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry into the Traffic in Women and Children in the East respecting its investigations there.

On offer of the French Government to found in Paris, under the auspices of the League, an international school for advanced health studies was accepted. On the proposal of the Spanish Government a European Conference on Rural Hygiene was convened for April 23, 1931.

The Secretary-General was requested to communicate the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, drafted by the International Prison Commission, to all Governments for their observations.