

Co-operation of Women and of the Press in the Organization of Peace

The co-operation of women and of the press in the organization of peace was discussed by the Third Committee on the basis of draft resolutions submitted by the delegations of Spain, Sweden and Poland. The sponsors of the resolutions explained that, in their opinion, an effort was required to ensure that the work of maintaining peace was carried out in a good moral atmosphere, and that two of the most important factors in the creation of this atmosphere were, in their view, the action of women and the action of the press.

As regards women, the Committee did not deal with the question of admitting women to positions either in the League or connected therewith, this question having already been settled by Article 7 of the Covenant. Nor did the Committee raise the question of the composition of delegations taking part in the various conferences and committees of the League of Nations, as this was a question within the competence of each individual Government. It was only concerned on this occasion with the unofficial co-operation of women in the maintenance of good understanding between nations. With these considerations in mind, the Committee adopted a resolution requesting the Council to examine the means whereby such co-operation could be promoted and intensified.

As regards the press, the Committee considered that the problem of the spread of false news presented only one aspect, although a very important one, of the general question of moral disarmament, which is dealt with in detail in a memorandum drawn up by the Polish Government for the use of the delegations to the Disarmament Conference. It accordingly confined itself for the time being to proposing that the Assembly should bring this problem to the notice of the Council which, if it thinks fit, will examine with the help of experts the possibility of ensuring that press information shall be as impartial and complete as possible.

The Committee noted with satisfaction a statement by the delegate of Denmark that his Government would welcome to Copenhagen the heads of official press bureaux and thus give them an opportunity of discussing means of establishing a regular liaison between them, which might, to some extent, promote the objects in question. It, nevertheless, expressed the view that the examination of this problem should not be confined to a meeting of representatives of official press bureaux, but should be supplemented by a consultation of those newspaper groups which could give valuable advice on the subject.

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Emergency*

The Third Committee noted that the information communicated by the Secretariat indicated that the regime which the Eleventh Assembly desired to apply to aircraft and motor vehicles effecting transport of importance to the working of the League at times of emergency could be put into operation immediately.

The Committee also noted with satisfaction that the wireless station was expected to be in operation at the latest by the beginning of 1932.

A technical report concerning the layout of an aerodrome near the seat of the League which would be of service to the League at times of emergency, had been submitted to the Third Committee. While the technical examination of the question appears to be concluded, some administrative problems affecting the Swiss Federal Government and the Secretariat of the League have not yet been settled. In these circumstances the Third Committee considered that the discussion of this question should be postponed until the next session of the Assembly, in order that the Assembly might be in possession of all the information required for its decision.