

with Lord Robert Cecil that nothing should be done to injure the prestige of the League, or to prejudice its intervention. He feared, however, that it might lead to a breakdown of the present negotiations if there were an immediate prospect of concurrent negotiations taking place under the auspices of the League.

He suggested that the various proposals which had been brought forward should be submitted to a drafting committee with instructions to prepare a text for further consideration.

DR. NANSEN (Norway) said he accepted the proposal of Mr. Fisher. He noted that the committee was unanimously agreed in recognising that it was confronted with a question which interested the whole League, and in inviting the council to act if it should be requested to do so. It might be assumed that, if the resolution were adopted, the council, which included representatives of the three Great Powers at present engaged in the negotiations, would do nothing calculated to encounter their opposition.

M. HANOTAUX (France) congratulated the committee on the progress which had been made towards unanimous agreement. His chief concern had been to keep within the limits of a procedure which had already, as in the case of Upper Silesia and of Austria, shown excellent results.

THE MARQUIS IMPERIALI (Italy) and LORD ROBERT CECIL (South Africa) supported the proposal that a drafting committee should draw up a text for submission to the commission.

The committee decided that the drafting committee should be composed as follows: Lord Robert Cecil (South Africa), Mr. Fisher (British Empire), M. Hanotaux (France), the Marquis Imperiali (Italy), Viscount Ishii (Japan), Jonkheer Loudon (Netherlands) and Dr. Nansen (Norway).