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Expéditeur: L. N.

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Sujet: Weekly Conferences in S.98 Room.

Münch 2nd Meeting Aug 20

Subjects dealt with:
- Germany Labor Conference
- Mandates Commission

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Meeting held in the SECRETARY-GENERAL's room on Wednesday,
August 30th, at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Secretary-General.
Mr. Roach.
Dr. Mitobe.
Mr. Colban.
Mr. Comert.
Dr. Van Hamel.
Mr. Salter.
Captain Walters.

The SECRETARY-GENERAL said that the situation had undergone no special development since last week. With regard to the Labour Conference, he had heard from a private source that the probability was that Germany would not be invited to attend as a member, but that it might possibly be suggested that some German representatives should attend as the guests of the Conference. If she were not invited, this would, of course, have some bearing on the problem of the submission to the Assembly of the question of Germany's admission to the League.

He was more and more convinced that the move to Geneva ought to be made this year. Under the present circumstances, people did not realise the existence of the League, and existence in a big, national Capital resulted in isolation.

The Mandates Commission would probably meet soon to discuss the terms of "A" mandates - i.e. those under which territories formerly part of the Turkish Empire were to be governed.

The meetings of representatives from the Institutes
of Agriculture and Statistics had been of great use. The question of the taking over by the League of the International Institute of Agriculture was now under consideration, and was one which should be proceeded with with great care and deliberation, since it was the first case of its kind, and would, to some extent, be a precedent for the future.

MR. SALTER said that he was proposing to circulate a full report of the meeting in question. No binding conclusion had, of course, been reached, but some agreements had been arrived at, which would appear in the Report. After some discussion, it was agreed that the situation in America would necessitate delay in forming the committee which was called for by the above-mentioned agreements.

As regarded the International Economic Council, it had been intended that it should hold its first full meeting in Washington not later than 15th September, but as no invitations had yet been sent out by the United States Government, it was hardly possible for it to meet so soon. There were good reasons for hoping the meeting would be held as soon as possible, not only because particular questions required discussion, but from the League of Nations point of view; because the I.E.C. represented a continuation of the new form, which had sprung up during the war, of international consultations of points where the action of a national government vitally affected other countries. If such consultations were dropped for a period of six or eight months, it would not be easy to restart them. The question had not been decided what ought to be done if the United States did not issue invitations for a considerable period. He thought there should be a meeting of those who were willing to meet at once, which should, however,
avoid discussing questions of a dangerous nature, e.g., purchase of wheat.

MR. FOSDICK said that he had arranged for news to reach the Public Information Section by wireless from the United States, beginning on August 21st.

MR. COLEMAN remarked that it was a pity that the Press seemed often not to realise the difference between the duties of the League and those of the Allied and Associated Powers, particularly as regarded the responsibility for keeping order, etc., in plebiscite territories; this was not the duty of the League; but, seeing that the League was frequently attacked in the Press for not carrying it out, the inhabitants of the territories in question might feel that the League had failed to do its duty towards them. It was decided that he should consult H. Comert as to the steps to be taken to correct this impression.

DR. NITSCHE said he was going to Brussels on Sunday, August 24th, with Mr. Lloyd and M. Kaackenbeeck, to visit the Union des Associations Nationales. At Dr. Van Hamel's suggestion it was agreed that the party should try and visit the Hague on the way back, in order to get into touch with the International Intermediary Institute there.