

“(3) Takes note with satisfaction of the readiness of the Governments of the United Kingdom and Iraq to contribute their proportionate share of the cost of the scheme of reorganization ;

“(4) Refers to the Supervisory Commission the Committee’s report and an extract from the Council’s minutes relating to the discussion on the present question, with a view to obtaining the agreement of the Supervisory Commission, as contemplated in its report No. A./IV/14, 1936 ;

“(5) Decides in view of the changed circumstances to terminate such functions as the Committee possesses, by virtue of the Council’s resolution of 14th October, 1935, in respect of the Assyrians in Iraq ;

“(6) Takes note of the declaration of the Iraqi Minister for Foreign Affairs that the Assyrian community in Iraq will now resume its position as an ordinary national minority, which, while enjoying the benefits of the declaration on the protection of minorities, signed by the Iraqi Government at the time of its admission to the League of Nations and approved by the Council on 19th May, 1932, will itself continue to be bound by obligations of loyalty to the Iraqi State ;

“(7) Invites the Iraqi Government to take all necessary and practicable steps, in the spirit of the Council’s resolution of 15th December, 1932, to ensure that the Assyrians remaining in Iraq are given every assistance to settle down within that country as a prosperous and contented section of the Iraqi people.”

FREE CITY OF DANZIG : STATE AND MUNICIPALITY LOANS.

The Council gave its approval to a reduction in the rate of interest of two loans negotiated by the Free City under the auspices of the League. Full information is given in the report of the Rapporteur, the representative of Sweden, (Document C. 436, 1937, II A ; see also Document C. 437, 1937, II, A).

ECONOMIC COMMITTEE : REPORTS ON THE WORK OF ITS FORTY-FIFTH AND FORTY-SIXTH SESSIONS ; AND COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF THE PROBLEM OF RAW MATERIALS.

As the Second Committee of the Assembly was considering these matters, they were reserved for further discussion. Here it is only necessary to observe :—

- (1) That it is not considered advisable to convene in the near future a diplomatic conference for the purpose of adopting the new Customs nomenclature, although Governments are recommended to make the fullest possible use of it in any revision of their tariffs ;
- (2) The preliminary draft for a convention to facilitate commercial propaganda has made some progress ; and
- (3) A meeting of experts will be convened to draw up a definite text for a Sanitary Convention on the International Trade in Meat and Meat Preparations.

(Documents C. 280, M. 181, 1937, II, B ; C. 358, M. 242, 1937, II, B ; C. 394, 1937, II, B ; and Documents C. 182, M. 128, 1937, II, B ; C. 286, M. 187, 1937, II, B ; A. 27, 1937, II, B ; C. 393, 1937, II, B.)

REQUEST FROM THE ZELTWEG-WOLFSBERG AND UNTER-DRAUBURG WOELLAN RAILWAY COMPANY, VIENNA.

This is a matter which had been referred to the Council under the Treaty with Austria signed at St. Germain. Two States members of the League—Austria and Yugoslavia—as well as the railway company, are concerned. There is no need to go into the circumstances, which are not of international concern. It suffices to quote the following resolution which was passed by the Council :—

“The Council—

“Having regard to the requests dated 8th July, 1935, and 14th September, 1936, under Article 320 of the Treaty of St-Germain-en-Laye by the Zeltweg-Wolfsberg and Unterdrauburg-Woellan Railway Company, of Vienna :

“Decides to call once more upon the arbitrators appointed by its resolutions of 26th and 30th May, 1933, to give an award on all matters in dispute which might still prevent an agreement between the petitioner company and the States whose territory is concerned. These arbitrators shall decide all the matters still in dispute between the petitioner company and the States whose territory is concerned and which they shall regard themselves as competent to consider. They shall, if necessary, and to the extent desirable, give an authentic interpretation of their award of 12th May, 1934, or supplement it, or adapt it to the new circumstances having arisen since the award.

“The amount of the emoluments to be received by the arbitrators shall be fixed by the President of the Council after consulting the parties. The allocation of the advances of funds necessary to enable the Arbitral Tribunal to come into operation and the final allocation of all costs shall be settled by decision of the arbitrators.”

(Documents C. 388, 1937, VIII, and C. 433, 1937, VIII.)

The Council met again on the 1st October, at first in private and then in public. The agenda contained four items, as follows :—

APPOINTMENT OF RAPPOREURS FOR THE YEAR 1937-38.

This is a matter of procedure, and no comment is called for. The Rapporteurs remained the same, except those on two subjects : Social questions will be dealt with by the Peruvian representative, and Disarmament by the representative of Iran.