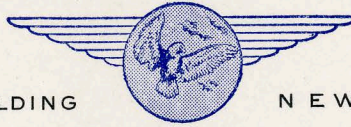


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Mr. Amon G. Carter, President
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400 West Seventh St.
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

Enclosed you will please find a completely new set of minutes for the executive committee meeting of November 20, 1945. Also herewith are minutes for the executive committee meeting of January 7th, 1946. As you can see from the latter, it was not felt that the minutes you received expressed the action taken in the previous meeting.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Frazer
Charles D. Frazer
Secretary

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Encs.

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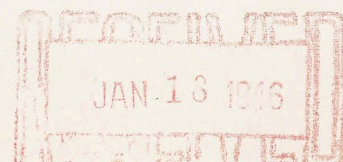
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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
of the Air Power League, held on 48th floor
of the General Electric Building, 570
Lexington Avenue, New York City, Monday
January 7, 1946

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| <u>Present:</u> Messrs. Wilson
Bell
Bierwirth
Carroll
Damon
Hunsaker
Kettering
Meigs
Parks
Parrish
Sewall | <u>Present by Invitation:</u>
Messrs. Angus
Frazer
Jones, T. W.
O'Rourke
Sheldon
Snure |
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The Chairman stated that a quorum not being present the meeting would convene as a meeting of the executive committee with a cordial invitation to other directors present to take full part.

The Chairman stated that questions had been raised about the minutes of the last meeting of the executive committee and, at his direction, the Secretary read the minutes as circulated to the Members.

Several Members stated that these minutes were not in accordance with their understanding of the action taken and Mr. Carroll then read proposed minutes setting forth his recollection of the action which had been taken.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed by the Members of the Committee that the proposed minutes as read by Mr. Carroll accurately reported the action taken at the last meeting and, on motion, the same were approved and ordered substituted for the minutes reported by the Secretary.

A discussion as to the form of the first resolution included in said minutes of the last meeting thereupon ensued and, on motion, said resolution was amended by the Committee to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that The Air Power League endorse the establishment of a department of national defense with co-equal status for Army, Navy and Air.

The Chairman stated that even though this was a legal meeting of the Executive Committee only, the Committee would welcome expressions of opinion by the whole meeting and would be glad, in the light of such expressions, to reconsider action which it had theretofore taken.

Dr. Hunsaker thereupon moved to amend the resolution above quoted so as to substitute the word "plan" for the word "department". The motion was seconded by Mr. Meigs and, after discussion, was put to a vote. There being only two affirmative votes, the motion was not carried. Thereafter, on motion, the meeting approved said resolution as above quoted.

The last two resolutions set forth in the minutes of the preceding meeting were then moved for approval by the meeting. Said motion was amended to approve said resolutions with the words "regarding the position of the Air Forces" in the second of said resolutions changed to read "for the promotion of air power," so as to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Executive Vice President be and hereby is authorized to confer with any committees having for their purpose support of the position of the League.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that an amount not exceeding \$50,000 be appropriated for the conduct of a campaign of education for the promotion of Air Power, both land and seaborne, in the plan for national defense, provided, however, that all expenditures should be subject to approval of the President and Treasurer of the League in consultation with its counsel.

As so amended, said motion was carried.

It was the sense of the meeting that expenditures pursuant to the last quoted resolution should be made directly by the League and not indirectly by turning funds over to other organizations for expenditures by them, but it was felt that the requisite approval of the President and Treasurer would ensure that this policy be followed.

The Executive Vice President submitted a statement of condition as of December 31, 1945 and a statement of receipts and expenditures up to that date. The same was accepted and ordered filed.

The Executive Vice President also presented a proposed budget for 1946. The same was discussed and he was directed to have prepared and have submitted to the next meeting a budget for the first six months of the year, with recommendations as to items therein which would be susceptible to change without interfering with the general program of the League.

Consideration of a recommendation of the Executive Vice President for the establishment of a West Coast office was deferred pending further action on the budget.

Consideration of recommendations by Dr. Kettering, as chairman of the scholarship committee, relative to preliminary work looking to the establishment of scholarships, was deferred pending clarification of the financial prospects and because of Dr. Kettering's enforced departure from the meeting prior to the presentation of his recommendations.

Mr. O'Rourke reported on the progress of the local club organization program and Mr. Bell, chairman of the committee, recommended that his committee be given authority to expand its activities to not less than five additional states. On motion, authority for such expansion to five additional states was granted.

Expenditure of not more than \$10,000 for the preparation of the annual report and printing of related matter for public distribution was authorized.

The Chairman announced that Mr. Springs had tendered his resignation as a director, explaining that he found it impossible to give what he considered adequate attention to League affairs. On motion, Mr. Springs' resignation was accepted with regret.

C. D. Fragn
Secretary