

THE AIR POWER LEAGUE

Special Meeting of the Executive Committee

A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 5 P.M. at the American Museum of Natural History on April 4, 1946 pursuant to notice.

Present

Messrs. Bell
Bierwirth
Carroll
Damon
Davison
Russell

Present by invitation

Messrs. Smart - entered meeting after election.
Frazer
Kerlin

Other Directors Present

Messrs. C. S. Jones
Vandeburg - entered meeting after election.

General Davison was appointed Chairman of the Meeting and Mr. Frazer acted as Secretary. The Chairman opened the meeting by announcing that Mr. J. H. Kindelberger, Mr. John D. Sullivan, and Mr. Clyde Vandeburg had been asked whether they were willing to become Directors of the League and that they had indicated their willingness to do so. After discussion it was on motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that Messrs. J. H. Kindelberger, John D. Sullivan and Clyde Vandeburg be and they hereby are elected to the Board of Directors of the League.

Mr. Vandeburg then joined the Meeting.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Howard W. Angus, Executive Vice President of the League and Mr. Lyle F. O'Rourke, Director of Field Organization of the League had submitted their resignations and suggested that they be accepted. After discussion it was on motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the resignation of Mr. Howard W. Angus as Executive Vice President and Mr. Lyle F. O'Rourke as Director of Field Organization of the League be accepted with the thanks of the League for their services.

The Chairman then suggested that there were certain vacancies on the executive staff of the League and that he had discussed with certain Directors individually persons to fill these vacancies. He recommended that consideration be given to the following appointments to the Administrative Staff of the League: Colonel Jacob E. Smart as Executive Vice President; William Faversham, Jr. as Director of Field Organization; and Miss Jeanne Swann as Executive Assistant.

After discussion of the qualifications of the above-named and of the salaries to be paid to them, it was on motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the following elections and appointments be made: Colonel Jacob E. Smart as Executive Vice President; William Faversham, Jr., as Director of Field Organization; and Miss Jeanne Swann as Executive Assistant.

Colonel Smart then joined the meeting.

Mr. Carroll and the Chairman then reported on their meeting with officers of the Air Force Association stating that affiliation had been offered on the basis of making an Officer of the Air Force Association a Director of the League and giving the Air Force Association representation in the Representative Group of Governors when that body was established.

After discussion of this affiliation and the matter of affiliation generally it was on motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that the offer of affiliation of the Air Force Association with the League be and the same hereby is approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the offer of affiliation of other groups and societies whose interests are at one with those of the League be and the same hereby are approved.

Mr. Carroll then stated that he had prepared a draft of the Constitution and By-laws of the League containing changes which were designed to give the League the benefit of the advice of the prominent men now making up the Board of Directors and at the same time provide a working group which could be more readily convened and which could assume the statutory responsibilities of the "legal board". Mr. Carroll stated the changes contemplate that (a) the present Executive Committee be converted into a body to be known as the Executive Board of Managers which would be legally chargeable with responsibility for the affairs and property of the League, (b) the present Board of Directors (excluding those who are on the Executive Committee) become National Governors, and (c) the Governors would be instituted as a body consisting of "National Governors" to be elected by the members, and "Representative Governors" to be elected by the Executive Board of Managers as representatives of affiliated organizations. Mr. Carroll stated that the Governors would have visitorial powers over all the affairs of the League and would be charged with the duty of advising the Executive Board of Managers and the Members on matters of policy and management. It was decided that a draft of the Constitution and By-laws of the League containing these proposed changes, in the form attached hereto, would be mailed to all members of the Executive Committee for their examination and study prior to the next meeting at which time further consideration would be given

to the proposed changes.

The Chairman raised the question of the over-all organization of the League and the manner in which it should function in the field. He suggested that Mr. Carlton Ketchum be employed to make a survey of the Air Power Club Program and present a report thereon containing recommendations with respect thereto. After discussion it was on motion duly made and seconded:

RESOLVED, that Mr. Carlton Ketchum be employed at a sum not in excess of \$1,500 to make a survey of the Air Power Club Program and field activities of the League and render a report containing recommendations with respect to his findings.

Colonel Smart made a report to the Committee on the present status of community Air Power Clubs, stating that a total of 28 Clubs have thus far been established. It was the opinion of the Committee that further discussion of the Club program should be deferred until the Ketchum survey is completed.

A report on the program of the educational campaign of the League in behalf of a single department of national defense with co-equal status for air was made by Mr. Frazer. The preparation and distribution of booklets, motion pictures, and radio material were described, as were numerous other phases of the campaign, such as the enlistment of support from women's groups, Chambers of Commerce, and other organizations. This report was unanimously approved.

The Chairman then set forth the League's need for a comprehensive public relations program. The President was

authorized to engage administrative personnel whose sole function would be that of planning and executing a public relations program. The President stated that Colonel Hans Adamson, who was experienced in the field of public relations had offered to serve in an advisory capacity to the League, without remuneration. The President was authorized to appoint Colonel Adamson as a special public relations consultant.

Colonel Smart described a proposal that The Air Power League sponsor a national aviation celebration in the form of a National Air Week. The administrative staff of the League was authorized to proceed with the planning of a celebration of this kind, with the understanding that the Committee members be advised by mail of further details and developments.

There being no further business, the meeting was on motion adjourned sine die.

C. D. Frazer
Secretary of the Meeting