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Special Meeting of the Executive Board of Managers

A special meeting of the Executive Board of Managers was held at 4:30 P.M., Eastern Standard Time at the American Museum of Natural History on November 4, 1946, pursuant to notice.

Present:

Messrs. Bell
Carroll
Davison
Rickenbacker
Sullivan

Present by Invitation:

Messrs. Frazer
Kerlin
Smart

Absent:

Messrs. Wilson
Weatherhead

Mr. Davison presided and Mr. Frazer acted as Secretary. The Chairman stated that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly organized.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held September 18, 1946 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Smart reported on the plans for a forum, which was being sponsored by the League at the National Aircraft Show on November 18, 1946. He stated that all speakers had now been chosen for the two sessions of the forum and that Mr. Weatherhead had arranged with the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce for the joint sponsorship of a dinner on November 18th

Mr. Frazer reported that funds had been advanced by the League to the Library of Congress, as authorized by the Board, for a series of lectures to be sponsored jointly by the League and the Library of Congress. It was considered that the lecture series should begin in the month of January and the names of several possible speakers were discussed by the Board.

The Chairman reported on the League's membership drive in Detroit and stressed particularly the difficulty of obtaining members due to the number of air organizations many of which have interests which overlap those of the League and which are now seeking members and financial support. It was the sense of the meeting that the membership campaign in behalf of the League, aside from mail solicitations, should be deferred for the present until some clarification could be obtained as to the programs and activities of the existing air organizations. Mr. Frazer then reported on the results of the October mail campaign to obtain new League members. He also presented a financial report of the League as of October 31, 1946, which report was accepted and ordered filed with the minutes of this meeting.

The Chairman then stated that the League had offered its assistance to the Army-Navy Munitions Board in publicizing the requirements for air industrial preparedness. After discussion, it was concluded that the Chairman should talk with officials of the Munitions Board and with Army-Navy and Air Force personnel who are

directly interested in the air industrial preparedness problem, and make a further report at the next meeting of the Board.

The Chairman called attention to the fact that the League has been contemplating the establishment of a magazine and stated that although the League had issued a bulletin during 1945, and was presently sponsoring other publications, it was considered that further study should be made of the possibility and advisability of publishing a monthly magazine relating to air power. The Chairman asked for an appropriation of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) for the exploration of a format and preparation of a "dummy" of a magazine, on Air Power. Thereupon, it was on motion duly made and seconded

RESOLVED, that the President of the League be, and he hereby is, authorized to expend a sum not in excess of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) for the exploration of a format and preparation of a "dummy" of a magazine on Air Power.

The Chairman then presented to the Board the resignations of Jacob E. Smart, as Executive Vice President and William Faversham, Jr., as Director of Field Organization. These resignations were accepted with regret.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Chairman that Mr. Frazer henceforth, in his capacity as Secretary of the League, manage the affairs of the League, subject to the direction of this Board.

C. D. Frazer
Secretary.